

**Hinesville Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Minutes of the March Executive Board Meeting
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Chapter Vice President, Sarah C. Stevens called the March Executive Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. A quorum was not present.

Agenda

A motion was made by Soror I. Johnson to accept the agenda as printed. The motion was seconded by Soror Frasier. Motion passed 7 Yes 0 No.

Minutes

The minutes from the February Chapter meeting were reviewed. Soror Frasier noted a correction on page seven of the minutes under paragraph two. The second sentence should read reveal instead of revealed. Soror Frasier made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted correction. Soror Lockwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 12 Yes 0 No.

Correspondence:

There were no correspondences.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

President's Report - Soror P.Y. Gomillion (Absent)

Written report provided (See Exhibit 1), and the Chapter Vice President, Sarah C. Stevens discussed the following from the report:

- 1) In honor of Sisterhood Month and Reclamation, please call a Soror that you haven't seen in a while and check in on them. Invite a soror or sorors out to lunch or do a random act of kindness for a soror! Let's remember that we need to love on each other while we can, because tomorrow is never promised to anyone!
- 2) It is time to start paying on your dues for the upcoming sorority year. In order for you to attend the National Convention, you must be financial at the time of registration and then at the time of the convention. Please make sure that you pay your dues from now until March 2017, in order to be on time. Anything after March is considered late and will be subject to a late fee.
- 3) 2017 Billion Dollar Challenge- The Economic Development Committee chaired by Soror Simmons will provide an update.
- 4) Chapter Meeting Change- due to the MIT process the March chapter meeting will be changed to March 18, 2017. It is slated to be in Richmond Hill. More information will be forth coming regarding the location.
- 5) Service Area Documentation/MOU (no updates)- RD Sandra K. Horton reported that Soror Lawson, Chair of Scholarship and Standards Committee has met and presented their findings to National. Sorors it is imperative that we do activities in our service areas and document that work. If you snooze, you will lose those areas.
- 6) Membership Intake- After the second level review was conducted by the Regional Director, HAC will conduct MI on 13 candidates. More details to come from the Leader of the Minerva Circle. I received financial clearance from National HQ on Tuesday night (March 7th) and their items are in the mail, and we can officially proceed. Pyramid Induction night will be

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March 21, 2017 (Soror Stevens will provide more details regarding time, location and attire (which is in your ritual).

- 7) Social Media- After a request by Soror Lett, I have followed up regarding our chapter website to be added to the Southern Regional Website and after review by the National Technology Committee and minor verbiage addition, we have been approved. So our chapter will have a hyperlink to the Southern Regional website. The Southern Regional Website is now LIVE visit www.dstsouthernregion.com. The new password for sorors for the Southern Regional website is Username: SRmember; password: dSRsoror2017. Our chapter now has an Instagram account,; follow us at hinesvillealumnaechpater_DST; Twitter: @HACDST
- 8) Webinars- the sorority is moving in a direction of more informative trainings from members and understanding the cost associated with traveling to these training; so there will be webinars held to reduce the cost but increase the level of attendees. The following webinars are upcoming: Internal Audit Committee and Nomination/Election Committee.
- 9) Constitution and Bylaws webinar was conducted on 3/8/17. You can download the proposed amendments directly from the National website, go under Members Only and Click Constitution and Bylaws. The following changes of major concerns are Residency (intake purposes), Audit requirements, National President's responsibilities (broaden), National Standing Committees, Elections and Voting (National and Local level), dues and fee changes (Alumnae at large \$390 (\$190 National; \$200 MAL). Initiation fees increase to support local chapters (decrease to National level) from \$595 to \$575. Regular dues increase from \$125 (without per capita) to \$190 (without per capita).
- 10) Soror Horton encourages sorors to read the monthly message from our National President, Dr. Walker and encourage Presidents to share the information with members.

Treasurer – Soror C. Smith

Written report provided (See Exhibit 2). After a review of the report, there were no questions or concerns. The report also included an update on current balances within each budgeted line item.

Financial Secretary Report – Soror G. Lane

Written Financial report provided (See Exhibits 3 and 4). After a review of the report, there were no questions or concerns. Soror Lane will ensure that some minor changes and updates are made to the report to reflect those sorors who supported the GO RED Bowling event with an actual team.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Program Planning and Development – Soror S. Stevens

No written report provided, but Soror Stevens discussed the following:

Reminder provided to the board to support our remaining Project 13 initiatives which includes the American Heart Associate by donating funds, and the NAACP by becoming a member.

Membership Services Committee- Soror S. Stevens

No written report provided, but Soror Stevens discussed the following:

This is Sisterhood Month. Do something special for a soror!

Scholarship and Awards Committee- Soror S. Stevens

The 2017 Annie B. Givens Scholarship packet is available and posted on the Chapter's website. Members are asked to share this information with graduating seniors. All packets are due on or before April 10th.

Social Action – Soror I. Johnson/Soror D. Covington

No written report provided, but Soror I. Johnson discussed the following:

- 1) Delta Day with the County will be held on April 20th at 5. More details will be provided.
- 2) Delta Day with the City will be held on May 18th at 1. More details will be provided.

After a small discussion the board decided that the proclamation for the 30th Anniversary would be requested by the County Commission. Soror I. Johnson will discuss the 30th Anniversary celebration with Commissioner Lovette so that an official presentation can take place at the celebratory event on May 6th. The official proclamation for May Week will be requested from the City.

Arts and Letters Committee – Sorors Y. Woods/Debra Frazier

Written report (See Exhibit 5), and Soror Frazier discussed the following:

30th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for May 6, 2017. A Grand Celebration has been planned. The celebration will be held at Club Stewart. We are hoping that there will be 480 participants with our 30th Anniversary celebration. Tickets are \$40 for luncheon, \$10 for the Meet and Greet, \$60 for the Anniversary Package and \$400 to reserve a table. The registration form is ready! The Meet and Greet location is Bryant Commons. Our guest will be our 24th National President, Soror Cynthia M.A. Butler McIntyre. A souvenir gift will be included with the reserved tables and with the package offer. Tickets are available via Event Brite or from Soror D. Frazier or Soror Y. Woods. Each soror will be responsible for at least four tickets. Ticket money will be collected on April 22nd (Chapter meeting). The suggested menu is Sliced Roast Beef, Baked Chicken Marinated in light creamy sauce, mashed potatoes, Prince Edwards Vegetable Blend and Seasoned corn. The Meet and Greet Sub-Committee and the Decorating Sub-Committee will have an update at our next meeting.

Soror Woods will contact any financial sorors on the roster who haven't picked up tickets shortly after ticket distribution. Please Note: NO tickets can be returned.

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Audit – Soror Jacqueline Lett (Absent)

There were no new updates from the Audit Committee.

Public Relations Committee: Sorors Christie Ferrell/Jamika Johnson (Absent)

There were no new updates from the Public Relations Committee.

Budget and Finance- Soror C. Smith

There were no new updates from the Budget Committee.

Historian- Soror C. Martin (Absent)

There were no new updates from the Chapter Historian.

Delta GEMS – Sorors Gwen Starr/Jamesiha Patterson

Written report provided (See Exhibit 6), and Soror Starr discussed the following from her report:

On Saturday, March 4th, the GEMS held their monthly meeting at Mt. Zion. Participant participation was down due to extra-curricular activities, competitions and family plans. The participants present provided us with feedback on how they applied some of the suggested strategies into their decision making process. Again, they were given different scenarios to discuss and explain the steps they would apply to make a wise “choice”. Saturday night the young ladies came out to support the CASA Dancing with the Stars Event.

The GEMS are gearing up for the Annual HBCU College Tour. This year we are visiting North Carolina Central University, North Carolina A&T University, Benedict College and South Carolina State. If you know of a teen in grades 9-12 that might be interested please have them contact Soror Starr.

Imani Jessamy will be submitting her application for the Presidential Youth Award. If chosen the chapter is responsible for her travel. We will be coming forth with a Fundraising idea to support this event.

Upcoming Event: Keep Liberty Beautiful Day!

Finally Soror Starr informed the board that she would be working with Shantell Frasier with the Regency Housing area to ensure that a number of their residents are a part of the Annual HBCU Tour.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minerva Circle- Soror Sarah C. Stevens

No written report, but Soror Stevens informed the board that there 13 candidates for induction.

The Pyramid Induction Ceremony will take place on March 21st at Dorchester beginning at 6. Sorors are encouraged to arrive early and to review your rituals. The Chapter President will send

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the information concerning the attire. Financial and Non-Financial Sorors are invited to attend the induction. The next big event is the Initiation Ceremony which will take place on April 15th.

Economic Development Committee- Soror M. Simmons (Absent)

Soror Lane informed the board that the Economic Development Committee would meet via conference call, March 15th at 7 p.m.

International Awareness and Involvement- Sorors C. Moss/Jamika Johnson (Absent)

There were no new updates from the International Awareness and Involvement Committee.

Physical and Mental Health Awareness- Soror S. Frasier/Soror Covington

Written report provided (See Exhibit 7), and Soror Frasier discussed the following from the report.

- 1) GO RED Bowling Health Display was set up by the committee to include a tri-fold board, pamphlets and recipes.
- 2) Committee chairs met with Mr. Conyers to discuss the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Forum (Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi Initiatives). The event will be held May 9th at 6 p.m. at Connection Church, Patriots Trail, Hinesville, GA (Sanctuary). The theme is "A Champion for Mental Health" which covers Bullying, Depression, Stress, Stigma of mental health on men focusing on education and awareness. Panel will consist of the same as last year. Tables will be set up for participants to provide literature, etc. A letter will be sent to the participants inviting them to present their information.
- 3) Autism- April 1st- Light the Town Blue event. The chapter has been invited to a signing of Autism Day with Unique Puzzle Group lead by Mrs. Gale Dent at the Hinesville City Hall with the Mayor, March 16, 2017 at 11 a.m. and later the same day at the old courthouse with the County Commission Chair. Unique Puzzle Group is also asking everyone (Groups, clubs, churches, and sororities/fraternities) to wear blue on Sunday April 2nd in support of Autism.
- 4) Golf Tournament will be held on April 29th with a tee off time at 1:00 p.m. Flyers have been distributed. Please share with your friends. The committee is requesting door prizes with a goal of at least 25 door prizes and please give something that you'd like to receive. Letter of Sponsorship has been done and volunteers are needed. The following sponsorship levels are being offered: Corporate Sponsor (\$500)- one team entry fee, one hole sponsor sign and recognition at the tournament. Team Sponsor (\$200)- one team entry fee; Hole Sponsor (\$100)-Signage at a hole announcing you as a sponsor; Gift Card Store or Restaurant of your choice in any amount used as Mulligan prizes.
- 5) Relay for Life - May 19th, please like the Relay for Life Facebook page (if you have not done so already). The chapter has budgeted \$500, and we the sorors will need to raise the other \$500 to make a \$1000 sponsorship. Sponsorship will include our name on the back of the t-shirt and a listing on the track.

Hospitality- Soror D. Barrett (Absent)

Soror Covington informed the board that Soror Barrett would like sorors to sign up for refreshments. This month Soror Lett is the only person scheduled to provide refreshments.

P.A.S.S- Sorors B. Lockwood/S. Nelson

No written report provided, but Soror Lockwood discussed the following:

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The Sisterhood Zumba event held on Saturday, March 11th was a huge success. 6 sorors attended and it was a lot of fun. The instructor was energetic and refreshments were provided. The next and final activity is June.

Fundraising- Sorors D. Caesar/V. Walton/S. Nelson

Written report provided, (See Exhibit 7) and Soror Caesar discussed the following from her report. Fundraising Goal for 2016-2017 Sorority Year- \$5,191.30

Revenue achieved thus far:

\$2,176.64- Christmas Party

\$ 27.60- November Coin Toss

\$ 39.07- December Coin Toss

\$ 19.88- January Coin Toss\$

\$ 17.83- February Coin Toss

\$ 860.00 – Hidden Figures Red Carpet Event (\$2450 -840-750)

\$1,631.40- GO RED Bowling Event

\$4,772.42 – Total Revenue

Fundraising Amount remaining for 2016-2017 Sorority Year- \$418.88

GO RED Bowling Event - February 26, 2017 – Marne Lanes 3:30 to 7:30.

The GO RED Bowling event was a huge success. We had 34 teams attend which is an increase of 16 teams from the previous year. Sorors you did an amazing job, and I would like to sincerely thank you for inviting your family and friends out.

A very special thank you goes out to Sorors Stevens, Lane, Moss, Conyers, and Covington for their assistance and support on the day of the event with set-up. Another special thank you to Soror Lane for the beautiful flyer and application as well as the Physical and Mental Health Committee for the beautiful display and prizes for our guest.

A survey has been created to capture feedback from the teams that participated. If you participated in the event, please see the link below and provide your feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIiNML1O1v8OLg_vDOQfiTE445wfANsc1puZ2_uaZoNP0Q/viewform

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American Heart Association online Fundraising Campaign – Goal-\$250; Achieved \$196. Donors thus far: Sorors Gomillion, Stevens, Covington, John, Starr, Barrett, Martin, Lockwood and Caesar. We are \$54 away from our goal of \$250. Please donate today if you haven't already. See link below.

http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR?px=12796319&pg=personal&fr_id=2320&et=o9DEsgVYFR52UoQC5TpGQw

Budget for Bowling Event:

- **Revenue**
- **178 people x \$20 = \$3,560 (Exceeded our initial projection)**
- **Expense –**
- **Fee to Bowling Alley- \$1,513.00**
- **Trophies- \$215.60 (Budget- \$250)**
- **Advertising/Decorations- \$0**
- **Event Insurance- \$200.00**
- **Total Revenue to Chapter after expenses: \$ 1,631.40**

May Week – May 4-13, 2017; Theme “Educating the community”

- **May 4 (Thursday): Attend City Hall Event (Social Action)**
- **May 5 (Friday): Low Country Broil Event (Sorors only)**
- **May 6 (Saturday): 30th Chapter Anniversary**
- **May 7 (Sunday): Church Service at St. Peters AME**
- **May 8 (Monday):**
- **May 9 (Tuesday): Mental Health Forum**
- **May 10 (Wednesday):**
- **May 11 (Thursday): Financial Literacy Forum**

Pan-Hellenic Council- Soror C. Smith/Soror G. Lane

Written report provided (See Exhibit 8), and Soror Smith discussed the following from the report:

The Hinesville Area Pan-Hellenic Council (HAPHC) met on March 9th at 6 at Bldg 623 on Fort Stewart. The following activities were discussed:

March 21st- Zeta Phi Beta- March of Dimes/Zaxby's Event (10% proceeds) goes to the sorority.

April 23rd- Omega Psi Phi-Talent Hunt, 5 p.m. Woodruff Theatre; 1st place \$400, 2nd place \$200; 3rd place-\$100. From 9th and 12th graders (must have parent consent form).

May 6th- Alpha Phi Alpha-Golf Tournament/Taylor's Creek Golf Course/Shotgun at 11:30 a.m. /\$60 per person (4 person team).

June 3rd- HAPHC Greek Picnic/Liberty County Recreation Department, 11a.m.- 4p.m. \$10 person (children under 7 free). DST responsible for potato salad and mac and cheese.

Recommendations: HAPHC is requesting fraternities and sororities to come out and support the various activities monthly.

Items for discussion or voting items: Raffle Ticket status- HAC has a balance of \$115.

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Emergency Response Team – Soror Petula Y. Gomillion

There were no new updates from the Emergency Response Committee.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- 1) Soror Lockwood announced that she would be relocating to Atlanta on April 3rd. It is lateral move with her job but more money.
- 2) Soror Stevens informed the board that the March Chapter meeting will be held at the Mt. Zion Community Center. Email sent by the Chapter President.
- 3) Soror Lane encouraged sorors to support the Zeta event by purchasing from Zaxby on March 21st.
- 4) Soror Covington announced that her 30th Deltaversary is Sunday, March 19th.

A motion made by Soror Frasier to adjourn the meeting at 6:59p.m. The motion was seconded by Soror Covington. Motion passed **12**-Yes; **0**-No.

Dalmyra P. Caesar
Recording Secretary

Sarah C. Stevens
Chapter Vice-President