

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Inkster Alumnae Chapter • General Body Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 11:03 AM by Soror President Kennetha Mentor

Agenda and Minutes

- ▶ Soror J. Bell motioned to accept the October 2019 General Body meeting agenda; seconded by Soror Fowler Unanimous approval. Motion carried.
- ▶ Changes for the meeting minutes submitted by Soror Wiley. To remove the duplicate Policy & Procedures reports in the meeting minutes. Changes accepted minutes were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Soror Alisa Smith

- ▶ **National Mail:**
 - Chapter package
 - 2019 Convention Program book
- ▶ **Regional Mail: N/A**
- ▶ **General Mail:**
 - (3) Thank you Cards/acknowledgements
- ▶ **Committee Mail:**
- ▶ **Other Correspondences:**
- ▶ **Financial**
 - Membership dues payment
 - 60th Anniversary payments
 - Deluxe check mailing for chapter Treasurer
- ▶ **Events: N/A**

TREASURER'S REPORT / FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Soror Wenonah Handschu and Larissa Barclay-Abrams:

- ▶ 2018 – 2019 Sorority Year Financial Recap
 - General Checking Balance (as of 9/31/2019) \$43, 929.65
 - Total Receipts (September) \$11,178.97
 - Total Expenses September) \$19,760.27
 - Total Difference (all accounts) \$129.51
- ▶ Total Financial Members (as of 10/8/2019) 109

Notes:

Committees that didn't submit the budget received \$100 – chairs must submit an amended budget at least 30 days prior to an event requiring funds

Proposed Budget Changes

2019-20 Local Dues	\$895.52
Reallocation	\$400.00
Total To Be Allocated	= \$1,295.52

Total Budget

=\$24,073.69

Amended Requests Received:

- Δ Political Awareness: \$175.00
- Δ NPHC: \$50.00
- Δ ICT (Website): \$114.00
- Δ Care & Concern: \$50
- Δ Liability Insurance: \$400.00
- Δ May Week: \$355.52
- Δ Dues Overpayment to Scholarship: \$25.00
- Δ Dues Transfer to Southfield: \$126.00
- Δ Reallocation of Unconsumed Funds:
- Δ 2019 National Convention: \$150
- Δ Chapter Picture: \$250

ADMINISTRATION: Soror President Kennetha Mentor

▶ **LOCAL UPDATES**

- ▶ October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Deltas wear Pink for a Cause.
- ▶ Committee Chairs-there will be NO incomplete events on the Sorority Calendar. Please include: event, date, time, location, and audience.
- ▶ Thank you to Sorors Treva Smith, Delmeer Oliver, Alisa Smith, Carolyn Kimbrough Gwen Powell (SAC), and Nora Martin (AAAC) who assisted with the Omega Omega for Soror Geri Johnson.
- ▶ Congratulations! Soror Alicia Shivers is the Chair for Economic Development
- ▶ We're looking for a few good Sorors!!!- Co-Chairs are needed for Economic Development, ERT, and NPHC
- ▶ Financial-Check requests will only be available at Eboard and General Body Meeting per Policies and Procedures, or any time or place designated by the President and fiscal officers.
- ▶ Time Keeper: Soror Michelle Glenn. 2 minute Committee Reports per Policy and Procedures. Color Code: Green-Go, Yellow-1 Minute Warning, Red-Stop
- ▶ Limited Liability Insurance

NATIONAL

- Congratulations to Soror Lois Bingham who is the new Executive Director for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Spring and Summer 2020 Internships available for students with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Arts and Letters-Pride in Our Heritage Merchandise available on the National website!
- Delta Authors Directory-Vol 5. available on the National website!
- Sorority Pin is now 10k gold and will be available to purchase on the National website soon!

REGIONAL

- Approval from Regional Director received to proceed with Chapter MIT and MC Training.
- Cluster Update-Attended the Social Action Workshop, Financial Workshop, and President & Vice President Workshop
- Regional Day of Service-Huge Success!
- Midwest Missile Deadlines:
 - Fall 2019-Oct 27
 - Spring 2020-March 29
 - Regional conference edition-June 7

PROGRAM PLANNING: Soror Juanita Bell

▶ **PAST EVENTS**

- ▶ Committee Check Up 10/6/2019
- ▶ Items covered:
- ▶ Committee Calendar updates
- ▶ Monthly committee reports -Effective ways to meet the 2-minute guidelines
- ▶ Demographic reports

- ▶ Email access
- ▶ **CLUSTER FINDINGS:**
- ▶ Understand Program Priorities and align them with the National Initiatives
- ▶ Economic Development: DFREE (Money Smart & Savvy) Delta Red Page Directory; Financial Fraud & exploitation
- ▶ Educational Development: Human Trafficking; Racial Profiling; Gender Equality
- ▶ Political Awareness: Census 2020 / 2020 Elections
- ▶ International Awareness: IAI Sustainability Plan (Africa and Haiti Partnerships) World Aids day
- ▶ Physical /Mental Health: Delta Self-Care Inventory: Mental Health across the Life Span & Maternal & Infant Mortality

CLUSTER FINDINGS:

- ▶ ERT: Partner with RED CROSS, Blood Drive, Pillow Case Project, Home Safety Initiative (Free installation of smoke alarms)
- ▶ Our Current Strategic Partners: NCNW Commitment/Unity/Self Reliance; St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; American Heart Association; DREFT: Delta Research & Educational Foundation; March of Dimes, SISTERS Network; UNICEF USA; American Cancer Society; American Diabetes Association
- ▶ Know your target audience
- ▶ Collaborate with community partners
- ▶ Ask for funding assistance
- ▶ Measure your success
- ▶ Send thank you letters
- ▶ **THIS IS WHAT HELPS WIN AWARDS!!!**
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- ▶ Risk Management Training: Sunday October 27, 2019: Sorors/ IAC Youth Volunteers / Parents and Participants. Caroline Kennedy Library 24590 George St. Dearborn Heights, MI 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- ▶ Risk Management Training: Conference call: Wednesday October 30, 2019 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
- ▶ Conference # listed below – Sign in sheet is available today.
- ▶ Committee Check Up (CCU):
- ▶ These meetings will be held the Sunday prior to the Executive board meeting each month unless otherwise noted:
- ▶ November 3rd, December 8th
- ▶ Recommended duration: 1 hour: Time: 8:00 pm
- ▶ Conference Access Number: 1-218-895-2338
- ▶ Conference Passcode: 491249
- ▶ **Reminders:**
- ▶ Committee Chairs, please submit all Demographic Reports electronically to: 1stvp@inksterdeltas.org after your event, prior to the E-board or Chapter meeting immediately following your event.
- ▶ Please submit all calendar events electronically to: 1stvp@inksterdeltas.org Include your committee meeting dates/time and event locations, dates and times when they are finalized so the Calendar can be updated.
- ▶ The calendar has been updated and can be found on the IAC website in the crimson cabinet. The password is: **TrueGrit59**

MEMBERSHIP: Soror Jami Umstead

- ▶ **PAST EVENTS**
- ▶ **MIT was passed at last chapter meeting. Currently searching for venues to hold meetings and activities as well as securing potential dates for training. Once solidified a calendar will be provided to chapter.**
- ▶ A special thanks to my awesome Sorors who were a part of the Round Up committee. The beautiful decorations, informative slide shows, good food, tasty cake, vendors, games..... I could not have done this with out any of you and I appreciate you for all of your hard work.

CARE & CONCERN

- ▶ Please keep the following Sorors in your thoughts and prayers:
- ▶ Soror Elizabeth Gilreath in the loss of her brother
- ▶ The family of Soror Geri Johnson, Soror Kathryn Adams (1st IAC chapter president) daughter in law.
- ▶ All of the Sorors of IAC.....we all stand in the need of prayer!!!
- ▶ Presentations:
- ▶ 25 years – Soror Tracee Davie Patterson
- ▶ 2017-2019 Bieniumm awards
- ▶ Thanks for your Service Sorors!!!!!! To all of our Sorors in IAC and across the globe your service is appreciated!!!!

- ▶ **October Birthdays:**
- ▶ Elizabeth Gilreath Oct 1
- ▶ Jennifer Marie Howard Oct 2
- ▶ Renita Roulhac Oct 2
- ▶ Lisa Harston-LeDoux Oct 4
- ▶ Soraya Farver Oct 5
- ▶ Carlene Bills Oct 6
- ▶ Shai James Oct 6
- ▶ Tamara Hunter Oct 13
- ▶ Eunice Willis Oct 19
- ▶ Deronda Dinkins Oct 20
- ▶ Arlice Nobles Oct 25
- ▶ Julia Pitts Oct 31

October Anniversaries

- ▶ **EXPRESS 34**
- ▶ Devora Cooper IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Corell Jones IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Theola Jones IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Justine Hughes IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Carolyn Kimbrough IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Phyliss Martin IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Kym Maynor Legreair IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Peggye Rankin IAC 10/26/1991
- ▶ Sheron Williams IAC 10/26/1991

▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS (within 30 days)**

- ▶ Membership committee meetings will be held the first Tuesday each month unless otherwise noted:
 - ▶ **November 5th December 3rd**
 - ▶ Recommended duration: 1 hour: Time: 8:00 pm
 - ▶ **Conference Access Number:** 1-218-895-2338
 - ▶ **Conference Passcode:** 421679
- ▶ **October 26, 2019 Fellowship Hostesses:**
 - ▶ Kennetha Mentor, Tyara Montgomery, Jenita Moore, Tiffany Moore, Eboni Murray, Kenyatta Myricks, Michele Nelms, Arlice Nobles
- ▶ **October 26, 2019 Check-In Hostesses:**
 - ▶ Community Service Committee
- ▶ **Chapter Visitors**
- ▶ **IN BEFORE WE BEGIN RAFFLE**

DELTA ACADEMY: Soror Shareia Carter

Past Events:

- ▶ We held our Induction on October 5 with 12 girls and a room full of family and sorors as support. Soror D'Angela Pitts was fabulous as our keynote and shared many nuggets. It was wonderful. See photos
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS (within 30 days):**
- ▶ Committee Conference Call, Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9pm (605-468-8003, 169951#)
- ▶ Saturday, November 2, 2019, we will be at Gleaners Food Bank for our community service project from 9am-11:30am, 25670 Northline, Taylor, MI 48180

DELTA GEMS: Soror Danita Tucker

PAST EVENTS

10/4/19 - GEMS Kick Off Meeting held at the Caroline Kennedy Library, 6:30pm-8:00pm, there were 18 GEMS in attendance. The GEMS Membership Guide was reviewed. We had a "Let's Get to Know Each Other" activity, that included the girls introducing themselves and their interests (singers, youtubers, dancers, swimmers, etc). Workshop topics were discussed. GEMS usually choose their topics, some ideas presented by the girls were a natural hair care seminar, fashion/talent show to support self-esteem, a career day and tips on how to start your own YouTube and/or Blog channel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/19/19 – Community Service Activity 2019 Detroit Sista Strut Breast Cancer Walk. 10 GEMS, 4 Advisors and 4 parents walked to support and bring awareness to breast cancer. Additional pictures are on our IAC Facebook page

Upcoming Events

- ▶ 11/7/19, GEMS Meeting, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Caroline Kennedy Library. GEMS will elect their executive board (**President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplin**), each candidate will give a 1-2 minute speech. Candidates with the majority vote will win the position.
- ▶ 11/16/19, Community Service Activity-Gleaners Taylor Distribution Center, 1:00pm-3:30pm, 25678 Northline Rd., Taylor, MI.
- ▶ Next Committee Call: Monday, 11/4/19, 8:30pm-9:30pm, #(218)895-2338, Passcode #640689

SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING: Soror Vivian Kirkland

- ▶ **PAST EVENTS**
 - 9/28/19 Kicked-off for Bi-Annual IAC \$100 Scholarship Donations
 - Goal: 100% participation from IAC Sorors!
 - Monies due by March 1, 2020
 - 10/8/19 1st Committee Conference Call
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
 - 10/10/19 Submitted Check Requests for Farcia Zawu, Crystal Bragg
 - 11/7/19 Scholarship presentation to Delta GEMS
- ▶ **COMMITTEE NOTES:**
 - Scholarship Recipient Mercedes Neal requested delayed receipt of funds until the winter semester (January 2020)
- ▶ **COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION:**
 - 2nd Tuesdays, 7p, Phone: 218- 895-2338, Passcode: 685214

ADS & Publicity: Soror Paula Wiley

The full page ad for Tau Chapter for their annual scholarship event was not submitted in time for them to publish the ad. No payment was made to Tau Chapter.

Arts & Letters: Soror Tyara Montgomery

- ▶ Upcoming Events
- ▶ What: The Movie “**Harriet**”
- ▶ Where: **Emagine Canton** 39535 Ford Rd Canton MI.
- ▶ When: **Friday November 1, 2019 7:00p.m.**
- ▶ Tickets are **\$25 (movie ticket & drink)**

Policy & Procedure - Soror Paula Wiley

- ▶ Sorors that submitted policy change forms prior to September, the committee has received them and will review them. The committee encourages sorors that would like to make further changes to please do so.

AUDIT: Soror Melissa Crumbley

- ▶ **No Report**

COLLEGIATE TRANSITION TASK FORCE – Soror D'Angela Pitts

- ▶ **ACTION ITEMS:**
- ▶ The collegiate chapter is currently on a Cease and Desist, activities are on hold for now.
- ▶ If still on C&D in November, will open community service to the chapter
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - Dec 21st- Feed the Homeless community service –Gleaners Food Bank in Taylor 9am-11:30am
 - January 18th Career Fair– New Hope Church in Taylor, MI at the gymnasium 10am-1pm

INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY: Soror Karisha Springer-Floyd

- ▶ **COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION: *This information is for e-Board only, not the General Membership Meeting.***
- ▶ The ICT Committee has submitted a checklist to the President and 1st VP for review and approval. We recommend that the checklist be submitted by committee chairs to ICT@inksterdeltas.org when a request is being made of the committee.
- ▶ ICT is requesting **five** days to receive, acknowledge, assign and process requests.
- ▶ All requests should be sent to the ICT mailbox.
- ▶ Remember to have all flyers approved by the President before asking ICT to post publicly (on the IAC web site or social media).

- ▶ Any committee chairs needing hands-on assistance with accessing email or conference lines are asked to submit a request to ICT@inksterdeltas.org and a member of the committee will schedule a time to meet with you.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Soror Debra Dixon

- ▶ **PAST EVENTS**
- ▶ IAC Highway Cleanup the Highway was a great success. Sorors came out on October 5, 2019 at 9:00am to support the event. Thanks you Sorors.
- ▶ Midwest Regional Day of Services
- ▶ IAC and Samaritas Family Center hosted a diapher/disposable training pants drive on October 19, 2019 from 9:00am – 12noon. This event was held at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center (Parking Lot) 2025 Middlebelt RD. Inkster, MI 48141. The event was a huge success. Thanks to all that came out to support.
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- ▶ Thanksgiving Turkey Giveraway is scheduled for November 26, 2019 at 10:00am. The event will take place at River Rouge High School located at 1460 Coolidge Hwy, River Rouge. (Open to the public).
- ▶ **COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION:** Committee next conference call on Wednesday November 6, 2019 at at 8:00pm the number to call is 218 895-2338 and pass code 643159.

DELTA DEARS: Soror Martin

- ▶ **NO REPORT**

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM: Soror Lucinda James-Smith

ACTION ITEMS:

- ▶ Ongoing education and training opportunities for IAC members to maintain a level of emergency preparedness in current service areas
- ▶ Maintain Red Envelope ERT Collection/Binder – ongoing collection.

October 2019

- ▶ Fire Safety Awareness 2019 – Educational Sheet
- ▶ Committee Member recruitment for the Sorority Year 2019-2020, interested members reach out to 1stVP@inksterdeltas.org
- ▶ Continue to work closely with Wayne County Community College designated security team (chapter meeting) and provide educational materials on emergency preparedness.
- ▶ DST Disaster Relief Fund is assist DST Members impacted by disaster some examples:
 - Loss or primary Residence
 - Displacement from primary residence
 - Loss of primary form of transportation
 - Displaced fro academic setting/apartment

REMEMBER TO CHANGE BATTERIES IN SMOKE DETECTOR AND INSTALL CARBON MINIXOID DETECTORS

SMOKE ALARMS

IN ALL ROOMS INCLUDING YOUR GARAGE WITH FLASHLIGHTS

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

ALL BEDROOMS, HALLWAYS, LIVING ROOMS AND BASEMENT AREA.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

KITCHEN, BASEMENT, GARAGE AND EACH LEVEL OF YOUR HOME.

FOLD UP LADDERS TO EXIT UPPER LEVEL HOMES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- ▶ **NO REPORT**

HOUSING & PROPERTIES: Soror Latanya Beanum

- ▶ No Report

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS & INVOLVMENT: Felicea Shumate

- ▶ Upcoming Events:
 - AIDS Day Event - December 1st
 - Conference Call – 2nd Thursday

PHYSICAL MENTAL & HEALTH: Soror Antoinette Byrd-Carr

Past Event:

- ▶ Domestic Violence Awareness Program

- Oct 22, 2019
- Western Wayne Family Health Center
- Inkster MI
- 6-8pm Speaker: Darice Ray
- ▶ UPCOMING EVENT
- ▶ Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Program
 - Womens Health Day
 - Oct 29, 2019
 - Western Wayne Family Health Centers
 - Inkster MI
 - 9am-6pm
 - Volunteers needed to greet patients, assist with craft table, provide information of Breast and Cervical Cancer

POLITICAL AWARENESS: Soror Tammy Prince

- ▶ PAST EVENT
 - Voters Registration during the Midwest Regional Day of Service 10/19/2019 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreational Center. 2025 Middlebelt Rd Inkster, MI 48141.
- ▶ UPCOMING EVENT
 - ▶ November 5, 2019 Inkster needs Sorors to work the Polls if available. The location is TBD.

Soror Jenita Moore Asking for Sorors to sign up for Redistriction Process for the State. Please go to redistrictingMichigan.org to find out more.

NOMINATING: Soror Carlene Bills:

These Sorors have been verified to run for the positions listed below

Position

Danita Tucker	Jewels
Kim Maynor-Lagreair	Jewels
Larissa Barclay Abrams	Jewels
Faith Ivey	Jewels
Rosalyn Bilberry	Jewels
Lisa Harston-LeDeux	Jewels
Sheron Williams	Jewels
TBD	Jewels
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Juanita Bell	Muses
Tamara Hunter	Odyseeey

The following Sorors do not meet the requirements per Policy and Procedures

D'Angela Pitts
 Antoinette Byrd-Carr
 Michelle Glenn

Election Results

Vote 54 Ballots 1 Spoiled

Tamara Hunter	48 Votes
Juanita Bell	53 Votes
Danita Tucker	53 Votes
Kim Maynor-Lagreair	53 Votes
Larissa Barclay-Abrams	53 Votes
Faith Ivey	52 Votes
Rosalyn Billberry	54 Votes
Sheron Williams	52 Votes

Motion – To accept the voting results of the Minerva Circle. Moved by Soror Farber and second by Soror Kimbrough

The remaining two Jewel positions will be appointed by Soror President

NPHC - Soror Laurecia Smith-Witherspoon

- ▶ PAST EVENTS:
- ▶ The first Greek Sip was held Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Kola Lounge in Southfield, MI. This will be an event held once a quarter, all proceeds from door sales go to fund scholarships. Thanks to those IAC Sorors who attended!
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- ▶ Next NPHC Meeting will be:
- ▶ Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 3pm
- ▶ There is still a need for a Co-Chair for NPHC, so if you are interested please see me directly!
- ▶ All updated NPHC events/fliers are posted regularly on the IAC Internal Facebook Page!

60th Anniversary – Soror Helena Williams

- ▶ **PAST EVENTS:** Hustle Night, Thursday, October 17, 2019: We partnered with the Physical and Mental Health Committee and had a wonderful "Hustle for a Cure". We had an AWESOME turnout! We had 102 people in attendance! We were also able to partner with The Michigan ACE for Women Foundation and Henry Ford College. It was a great event and fun was had by all for a worthy cause!
- ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- ▶ "60th Anniversary Gala: Saturday, December 14, 2019 at The Dearborn Inn located at 20301 Oakwood Blvd Dearborn, MI We are asking that IAC sorors wear red semi-formal or formal attire and Charter Members wear gold. Please make sure to buy your tickets. They are going fast. We have almost reached our limit. Please also make sure that you email Helena at 60thanniversary@inksterdeltas.org to place your selection for dinner: Chicken Piccata, Grilled Salmon or Wild Mushroom Ravioli. Please also make note that the information for the ad book has gone out. If you have anyone you know of that would like to purchase an ad or if you would like to purchase an ad, please make sure to do so by the end of November. We really need sorors to push ads.
- ▶ Next Conference Call:
- ▶ Tuesday, November 5, 2019
- ▶ Recommended duration: 1 hour: Time: 7:30 pm
- ▶ **Conference Access Number:** 1-218-895-2338
- ▶ **Conference Passcode:** 956397

Soror P. Wiley: Ads for the 60th Anniversary are available. Please contact the AdsPublicly@inksterdeltas.org if you would like an AD, the deadline is Friday, November 15th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion: Approve Proposed Budget Changes as presented. Move by Soror Barclay-Abrams and Second by Soror Handschu. Unanimously approved and motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Soror V. Kirkland shared that scholarship donations are accepted now via the IAC website

Announcements:

Soror Angela Jack: Thanking Sorors for October Prayer Day. Reminded Sorors about November Prayer Day from 6am-6pm. IAC prayer day occur every 1st Friday of the month.

Soror L. Hurst- Sharing to keep Soror Cheryl Shockley in your prayer she is in hospice.

Soror LeDoux- Sorors who are interested in purchasing the Mardi Gras's masks from Round Up please see her.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting, Soror S. Carter seconded by Soror Sheron Williams. Motion carried unanimously Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Soror Delmeer Oliver