**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Inkster Alumnae Chapter ∙ General Body Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 11:18 AM by Soror Vivian Kirkland

**Location:** Zoom

**Agenda and Minutes**

* Soror L. Grace moves to edit the November 13, 2021, agenda to reflect that the committees that did not report at EBoard would not be on General Body agenda, those committees would be Delta Gems, Audit, Scholarship Economic Development, Housing and Properties, NPHC, Nominating, Policies and Procedures, and Grow with Google.

Motion was seconded by Soror Linda Sims, vote with 100% approval.

* October 9th General Body Meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**COMMUNICATIONS: Soror Faith Ivey**

* I. National Mail:
* II. Regional Mail:
* III. General Mail:
* IV. Committee Mail:
* V. Other Correspondences:
* A. (1) Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter (dues transfer)
  + (2)
  + (3) Events N/A

**TREASURER’S REPORT / FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Soror Tanisha Hester and Soror Joi Miller**

**2021 – 2022 Sorority Year Financial Recap (*as of 9/30/2021)***

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| * Ending Book Balance (all accounts) * Total Credits (September: all accounts) * Total Debits (September: all accounts) * Total Difference (September: all accounts) * Total Financial Members *(as of 9/30/2021)* | | **$86,260.16**  **$6,143.31**  **$9,638.64**  **$0.00**  **117** |

* Please check the Crimson Cabinet to download updated financial forms.
* All forms are now 100% fillable and located in the Crimson Cabinet under IAC Chair/Committee Resources. You must download the form and open as a PDF.
* Requests on old forms will be returned for resubmission using the current form.
* Chairs are required to submit a completed Event Budget Form within 30 days of the event. This is required for events that incur expenses and/or receive receipts.

**ADMINISTRATION**: **Soror Vivian Kirkland**

* **LOCAL:**
* **Committees Elevating, Enhancing, Empowering**
* **10/2 Rituals and Ceremonies (Omega Omega Ceremony)**
* **10/2 Delta Academy (Induction)**
* **10/10 PP&D (Risk Management Training)**
* **10/13 Physical & Mental Health (Social Media Blast: “I Wear Pink Today Because…”)**
* **10/16 Economic Development (MIDS)**
* **10/17 Scholarship/Arts & Letters (Virtual College Tour: Michigan Edition)**
* **10/17 Community Service (DST IAC Highway Cleanup)**
* **10/18 Scholarship (App on-line)**
* **10/23 Delta Academy (Contactless Packet Pickup, “Dream Catchers”)**
* **10/24 Physical & Mental Health (Mental Overload in the Black Woman)**
* **10/24 PP&D (Committee Update)**
* **10/31 Journalist (Midwest Missile Submission)**
* **All month: ICT, Publicity/Ads**
* **Chapter News**
* **Chapter News**
* Soror Tracy Causey-Bryant and Soror Tiffany Crayton for shared your respective breast cancer journey
* Soror Regina Thomas for shared your feelings regarding the news of our line sister having breast cancer
* Please add Jene Baldwin to your prayers
* Sharing IAC’s social media posts
* Need Economic Development Chair
* 2021-22 Chapter Awards: Take Notes
* Committee of the Year
* Dear of the Year
* Soror of the Year
* Chapter Bulk Order for Ritual
* Inkster Hosting Statewide Founders Day Discussion
* Upcoming Executive Board Meetings
* No 4th Thursday November Executive Board Meeting
* Meeting will be 1st Thursday in December (12/2)
* No 4th Thursday December Executive Board Meeting
* Meeting will be 1st Thursday in January (1/6)
* 4th Thursday January Executive Board Meeting (1/27)
* 11/17 Ritual Pick-up
* Discussion: Statewide Founders Day
* Chapter entertained discussion of hosting event
* State Coordinator would need to submit our proposal to host in 2024. It is a heavy financial lift, but the chapter has not hosted in a long time. IAC has hosted a cluster. This would require a special committee if the chapter was selected. This opportunity will allow IAC to remain prevalent. If a proposal is submitted, chapter would not know if we were selected util next summer.

**REGIONAL**

* 10/1 Midwest Region Awards
* **Congratulations to Arts and Letters for 3rd Place Small Chapter Award!!!!**
* 10/4 Membership Intake Updates
* “Must have attended at least two of the last three National Conventions AND two of the last three Regional Conferences held prior to her nomination (to the Minerva Circle)”
* 2021 National Convention - Atlanta
* 2019 National Convention - New Orleans
* 2017 National Convention - Houston
* 2020 Regional Conference - Virtual
* 2018 Regional Conference - Cincinnati
* 2016 Regional Conference - Indianapolis
* Midwest Missile Submission October 31 at 11:59pm CST
* 10/27 Midwest Missile Submission
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**NATIONAL**

* 10/1 National Headquarters Virtual Tour
* 10/2 Grand Chapter Quarterly Financial Report & Financial Statements
* Reminder: 55th National Convention Early Bird Workshop
* Began 9/12 and runs until 11/12
* 10/15 Delta Red Pages Business Directory
* Registration is open until 12/17
* 10/24 Delta Red Carpet & DSTv Fall Edition
* “King Richard” 11/19
* 10/27 Netflix Virtual Screening of The Harder They Fall
* 10/30 Countdown to the 55th National Convention
* Delta joy, power, and service through its Our Voices, Our Story video tribute project
* **Due November 14th at 11:59p**

**PROGRAM PLANNING:**  **Soror Larissa Barclay Abrams:**

* **Past Events:**
* Risk Management Training October 10th
* Midwest Impact Day of Service October 16th
* Committee Update Meeting October 24th
* Delta GEMS Officer Orientation October 25th
* 1st Quarter Activity Snapshot
* > 100 committee meetings
* 14 programs/events
* **Master Calendar**
* **Programming**
* **-**National initiatives
* **Planning**
* **-**Approval Process
* Remember: Chapter events and meetings may be virtual or face to face, no hybrid events. Virtual only youth programming until further notice.
* Development
* -Collaboration?
* -Community partners?
* -Community benefit?
* **Demographic forms**
* Converted to Google Form
* Link available in the Crimson Cabinet
* <http://forms.gle/hDotzhoLwQFZyAkw7>
* **Program Evaluation Form**
* Converted to Google Form and QR Code
* Link available in the Crimson Cabinet
* <https://forms.gle/dbhCZkzQqRCw7z3c7>
* **Strategic Planning for Award Winning Programs**
* **How Do We Win awards??**
* Creative programs
* Programs with community value
* Collaborative opportunities
* Record Keeping
* Photos
* Flyers
* Program summarization
* Awards Submission Template
* Converting to Google Form
* Proactive Completion
* Program summarization
* **Regional Updates**
* Midwest Impact Day of Service (MIDS) 2021 Saturday, October 16th
* Economic Development (Financial Wellness)
* Theme: Secure the Bag, Buy Black
* MIDS#2021
* Goal: Encourage financial wellness within the black business community
* Increase in sales amongst participating black-owned businesses
* Who? How? Impact??
* **Midwest Impact Day of Service**
* 7k Customz Apparel and Printing
* Black Lit Matters
* Iconic Booths
* Dazzled Divas
* Gabrielle Nicole Makeup Artistry
* Janna Kay Charcuterie Boxes and Boards
* Kays Kisses
* Marie’s Memories Bakery
* Rajaevu Clothing Company
* Tables Tents and Things
* The Wise Decision
* Unique Greek Boutique
* **National Updates**
* The National PPD Committee’s Economic Development Subcommittee is releasing the 2nd volume of the *Delta Red Pages*.
* Interactive, online directory that allows Delta business owners to participate for a non-refundable fee.
* Enhances awareness of your Delta-owned businesses and nonprofits, allowing you the opportunity to reach sorors across the globe.
* The criteria to be listed in the *Delta Red Pages* are as follows:
* Participation will be subscription-based with an introductory non-refundable annual fee of $50.
* Active subscriptions will follow the Sorority’s fiscal year period from July 1st to June 30th, 2022.
* Registration will be open until December 17, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST.
* Soror business owners must be a financial member to register. Must be financial for the 2021-2022 Sorority year.
* Businesses must be actively registered in the state of operation to participate in this initiative. A state licensing document is required as proof.
* Sorors may be co-owners of businesses with a non-soror, but the soror must be the primary contact for the directory.
* Important update sorors! Due to the overwhelming interest, the Delta Red Pages registration drawing has been extended! Those who register for the Red Pages by October 31, 2021 at 11:59 pm EST will be entered to receive a $1,000 cash prize from one of our strategic partners, the dfree Global Foundation.
* To register for the Delta Red Tank Competition, log in to your member profile here: <https://delta.dstonline.org/DSTMember/Events/Red_Pages/Event_Display.aspx>
* November is Prematurity Awareness Month. The March of Dimes invites Alumnae and Collegiate chapters to collect books for parents to read to their babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and/or books for big brother and big sister to enjoy while visiting their sibling.
* **WW is the Official Wellness Partner of DeltaCare!**
* Holistic wellness for sorors
* WW enhances current Physical & Mental Health initiatives by give sorors access to personalized resources and tools to achieve their wellness goals.
* **The Wellness Partnership Includes:**
* 25% discount on all memberships through December 31, 2021
* A chance to win free tickets to Oprah's 2020 Vision Tour
* Curated wellness experiences at the 2020 regional conferences and the 2021 national convention
* Information and resources via email blasts and social content
* Scholarship donations
* Nutrition and fitness education to build healthier lifestyles
* Private digital DST Connect Group in the WW App
* Partnership with the Physical and Mental Health Subcommittee to inspire programing to encourage the wellness journey
* And more!
* Chapter events and meetings may be virtual or face to face, no hybrid events. Virtual only youth programming until further notice.
* **Reminders**
* Calendar Updates
* Demographic Forms
* Evaluation Forms
* Committee Update Meetings: Monthly, 4th Sunday, 8pm Next meeting – November 28th via Google Meet
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**MEMBERSHIP:** **Soror Melissa Crumbey**

* **PAST EVENT: N/A**
* **UPCOMING EVENT: IAC Holiday Party**
* Who: Calling all IAC Sorors
* What: Painting w/a Virtual Twist, Secret Soror Gift Exchange and More
* When: Saturday, December 11th @5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
* Where: Virtual
* Why: Because every moment of fellowship with our sisters is a moment to laugh, live, and love

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

* Monique Williams November 1
* Adrena Crowder November 5
* Kym Maynor-Legreair November 7
* Roslyn Fluker November 10
* Vivian Flounory November 10
* Ashley Hardison November 11
* Jazmyn Bradford November 14
* Gabrielle Thomas November 25
* Rolanda Davis November 2

**NOVEMBER DELTA ANNIVERSARIES**

***Congratulations on another year in Delta***

* Lyn Roberts 11/09/1991
* Sharon Brooks-Jackson
* 11/16/1969
* Michele Nelms 11/12/1970
* Roslyn Oliver 11/18/1978
* Vivian Kirkland 11/19/1989
* Regina Thomas 11/19/1989
* Jenita Moore 11/23/1991
* D’Amrique Thompson-Simmons 11/22/2008
* **Care and Concern**
* In the loss of our own IAC initiated Soror Sharon E. May, of the Express 34 Line of 1991 -- Condolences can be sent to: Benjamin Hodge III at 17228 Shervilla Place, Southfield, MI 48075.
* With the loss of her grandmother, Shahidah Ahmed, please keep Soror Angela Jack in your prayers.
* Visiting Sorors:
* Breanna Alexander
* Carmen Williams
* Tanya Carter

**DELTA ACADEMY:**  Soror Kennetha Thompson presented by Tiffany Abrams

**Chair: Dr. Kennetha S. Thompson**

* **PAST EVENTS :**
  + - Self Esteem Workshop on Nov 6, 2021. Ten participants present.
    - Contactless Packet Pickup on Saturday, Oct. 23 (see attached pictures)
* UPCOMING EVENTS:
  + Leadership Workshop on Saturday, December 4, 2021 (virtual) at 12 noon

**GEMS: Soror Jazmyn Bradford**

* **NO REPORT**

**SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING: Soror Courtney Townsel**

* **NO REPORT**

**ADS & Publicity: Soror Paula Wiley**

* **Welcome Soror Kristen Reed to the committee!**
* Projects we created this month:
* MIDS video/flyer
* Crimson Conversation: Virtual Book Club Flyer & Slides
* Wow! Am I Stuffed flyer and photos
* CROWN Act video/flyer
* IAC Annual Holiday Party
* Chairs, please remember to submit your requests for Ads and ICT 30 days prior to the date you want your event posted to any social media or distributed to the chapter.
* **Arts & Letters: Soror Faith Ivey**

**Dr. Faith Ivey: Chair  
Soror Johanna Kinsey: Co-Chair**

* **Events: Virtual College Fair, Michigan Edition in collaboration with the Scholarship Committee. October 17, 2021.**
* **Upcoming Events:**

1. **Crimson Conversations Virtual Book Club, featuring the book “When the Seatbelt Sign Goes Off” by Nichole L.**

* Date: November 14, 2021 Time: 2-4pm Must Register by November 12, 2021

1. **Delta Red Carpet Movie** v. King Richard, is released in movies on November 19, 2021. This film takes a look at the lives of tennis superstars, Venus and Serena Williams, and how they became who they are after the coaching from their father, Mr. Richard Williams. IAC will not gather for this event.

* 3**. IAC Community Literacy** Campaign: As we enter the holiday season, please purchase new books for school aged students in grades K-12. We will collect new books to donate to Inkster local students, as well as participate in the Giving Tree campaign sponsored through the Leona Hicks Library, located in Inkster, MI.
* We would also like sorors to volunteer to take one of our collection bins to your place of employment to collect new books.
* 4. **We will work collaboratively with local Inkster schools and the LH Library to help families sign-up for a library card virtually**. All of these efforts will go towards our goal of donating age-appropriate innovative books for Reading Awareness Month in March of 2022.

**AUDIT: Soror Adrena Crowder**

* **No Report**

**COLLEGIATE CONNECTION– Soror TaQuinda Johnson**

**TaQuinda Johnson, Chair**

**Paula Wiley, Co-Chair**

* **Past Events**
* **The launch of the Delta Beta and IAC Mentorship program**
* **Upcoming Events:**
* Sexual Assault Programming with Delta Beta Chapter
* November 15th at 7:13 pm at Eastern Michigan University Halle Library Auditorium (G03)
* A conversation addressing the elephant in the room. This would cater to "Prevention" within our 3-part sexual assault programming series (Prevention, Problem Solving, and Protection) and will start at 7:13 p.m.
* Showering Sorors With Love
* We are asking Sorors to donate “vintage paraphernalia” as a “time capsule” piece to the new Delta Beta sorors with a special message from the soror gifting the item. The items can range from old T-Shirts to lanyards.
* Please contact Collegiate Connection via e-mail to arrange to drop off your time prior to the event.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** **Soror Gabrielle Thomas**

**Chair: Gabrielle Thomas CO-Chair: Breana Lewis**

**► PAST EVENTS:**

**► IAC Highway Cleanup**

► Collected 13 bags of trash

► 22 Sorors in attendance

**► UPCOMING EVENTS :**

**► Thanksgiving Basket Donation**

► THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

**DELTA DEARS: Soror R. Lorraine Hurst**

* **PAST EVENTS:**
* **Meeting October 10,2021**
* **Dear Captains: se**t up to allow closer contact with Dears and availability

to address concerns and direct line for assistance.

Delta Buddies: set up to foster Sisterhood, A Dear is paired with Soror to develop

a new relationship.

* **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
* **Next Meeting of all Delta Dears November 14, 2021**
* **COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION:**
  + Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 7:00 pm
  + On Google Meet
  + Please email Delta Dears if interested in being on Committee

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

* **NO REPORT**

**EMERGENCY RESPOSE TEAM**: **Soror Lisa Harrington Shorter**

* **PAST EVENTS: N/A**
* **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
* Sorors to carry and update your RED Envelops as necessary. If you did not complete one last sorority year, please consider doing so this year.
  + If you are going to National Convention, please carry it with you. A fillable form will be in the Crimson Cabinet.
  + Please carry your proof of Covid-19 Vaccination to convention with you as well.
  + For in-person meetings and activities, National is encouraging the use of a COVID-19 questionnaire/screening. This can be conducted electronically. There is also a Meeting Assessment for available if you need to get feedback from the chapter on Soror’s concerns for in-person activities
* For Sorors that experience a hardship, the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) has developed a new application form. The link for the new submission form will be available in the Crimson Cabinet.
* If the chapter or individual Sorors want to support Relief efforts, you may do so through the following ways: Tax deductible on-line donations at DREF Mobile Cause site [https://app.mobilecause.com/form/ObylTw?vid=luyqi] OR mail contributions to: The Delta Research and Educational Foundation 1702 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009.
* Benton Harbor Alumnae Sorors are in a water alert area. They are in desperate need of bottled water. Sorors, you can help our neighboring Sorors by donating to DREF. Their ERT chair will be able to request funds to purchase water*.*
* Continue to follow Covid-19 protocols.

**HERITAGE AND ARCHIVES: Soror Shareia Carter**

**Heritage & Archives 2021-2023**

**Inkster Alumnae Chapter**

* **PAST EVENTS:**
* **No past events**
* **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
* **The links are ready to receive submissions!!!!** Feel free to submit multiple forms!
* To submit your photos and description to the Inkster V.A.U.L.T., please use this link:
* <https://forms.gle/CqUZUg825eN7hVFa7>
* To submit your Dear “Inkster Alumnae Chapter” Letter, please use this link:
* <https://forms.gle/E6HxExJWkmcDaJxh8>
* **Be creative**
* **We all have a story to share!**

**INFORMATION, COMMUICATION & TECHNOLOGY: Soror Ashley Hardison**

Ict provided chapter on preventing Phishing and email scams

* Social Media Insights
* September 27- October 24
* Facebook
* Reach: 3.5 K
* # of Post: 20
* People: 3, 389
* Best Times: 11 am- 4 pm
* Best Days: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday
* # of Followers 3,627
* # of Engagements: 880
* Rate of Engagement 291%
* New Followers: 9 People
* Instagram
* Reach: 1, 066
* # of Post: 15
* People: 1,682
* Best Times: 6 am- 6 pm
* Best Days: Sunday- Saturday
* # of Followers 1,682
* # of Engagements 170
* Rate of Engagement 86.8%
* Facebook Top Post
* 10/13 Midwest Impact Day
* -726 People Reached
* -144 Engagements
* 10/10 Virtual College Tour
* -1.8 K People Reached
* -137 Engagements
* 10/11 WOW! Am.. I. Stuffed
* -710 People Reached
* -130 Engagements
* Instagram Top Post
* 10/11 WOW! Am.. I. Stuffed
* -104 Likes
* 10/13 Midwest Impact Day (Video)
  + 39 Views
* 10/5 National Headquarters Breast Cancer Awareness Post
* -24 Likes
* Newsletter Submissions
* Committee Newsletter submissions are due no later than the 25th of each month.

**INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS & INVOLVMENT: Chair Soror Patty Hines**

* **PAST EVENTS:** N/A
* **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
* Operation Christmas Child
* Your generous contribution can help us achieve this goal by creating and donating shoe box gifts between October 22, 2021 - November 19, 2021.
* Listed is the link for the shoebox Christmas gifts.
* <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/c60de352-0eee-4640-a362-2ad5dadc02d8>
* World Aids Day is December 1, 2021 – Ribbons will be distributed

**PHYSICAL MENTAL & HEALTH:** Soror Kamisha Stevens Presented by Soror Juanita Bell

**Chair: Kamisha Stevens**

* **PAST EVENTS: October 24th WOW…Am…I…Stuffed! (Public Event)**
* **UPCOMING EVENTS :**
* March of Dimes Virtual Book Drive
* P&MH collaboration with Arts & Letters
* Goal is 100 books

**POLICY & PROCEDURES: Soror Carolyn Kimbrough**

* **NO REPORT**

**SOCIAL ACTION: Soror Karen Braxton**

**Chair: Soror Karen Braxton**

**Co-chair: Soror Donna Wilson**

* **PAST EVENTS:**
  + What’s Hair Got to Do With It?: An Informational Session to Highlight the Importance and Impact of the CROWN Act (virtual)
  + Special thanks to the ICT and Publicity/Ads committee
* **FUTURE EVENTS**
  + Virtual Forum on Redistricting
  + Collaboration with DAC, MAC, PAC, and SAC
* **NPHC: Soror Laurecia Smith-Witherspoon**
* **NO REPORT**
* **NOMINATING: Soror Jenita Moore**
* **NO REPORT**
* **GROW WITH GOOGLE: Soror Rhoda Pitts**
* **NO REPORT**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

* Soror TaQuinda Johnson
* Monday’s Event with Delta Beta requires pre-screening. Those that plan to attend please use link that will be sent out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* None

**Announcements**:

* Soror Handschu- Cameras must be on for ritualistic ceremony
  + Limit movement and no food
* Scholarship Committee
  + October Applications opened
  + Upcoming collaboration with Delta Gems
  + Virtual Writing workshop
  + Issuing a call to all Sorors for annual $50 donation. There will be a raffle for all who donate before December 11th.
* Soror Rolanda Davis Asking for those going to convention to campaign for Soror Soraya Farver Williams for National Audit Chair
* Soror Ingrid Wilson Johnson
* There is room on the committee, board, and for donations of project 26 the 501C3.
* Sisterhood hour next month: Leadership Has its Privileges
* Grow with Google:
* Goal to train 20K women
* Attended training on 10/9
* Upcoming workshops 12/9 at Caroline Kennedy 11:00 to 12:30 for Dears
  + 2/26 and 4/30 virtually

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn meeting, Soror V. Flounory seconded by Soror P. Martin. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Soror Leslie V. Grace

*Received by Inkster Alumnae Chapter President, Vivian Kirkland\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*