

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Inkster Alumnae Chapter • General Body Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 11:52 AM by Soror Tiffany Taylor Tait

**Agenda and Minutes**

The December General Body agenda was presented for approval.

- Soror Martin motioned to accept the February General body meeting agenda; seconded by Soror Flounory  
Motion carried unanimously
- Soror Kimbrough moved to adopt the January General Body minutes; seconded by Soror Crowder.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Soror Alisa Smith

**National Mail:** N/A

**Regional Mail:** N/A

**General Mail:**

- ▶ Thank you card- Soror Paula Wiley
- ▶ Thank you letter from Delta Research and Educational Foundation-Donation of 398.82 received on 12/13/2017 to support charitable and educational efforts of Stephanie Tubbs Jones Scholarship fund
- ▶ **Other Correspondence:**
- ▶ **Arts and Letter**
  - Movie ticket payment (3)
- ▶ **Membership**
  - (1)dues payment
- ▶ **Finance**
  - (1)English Gardens statement
- ▶ **Events / Ads**
  - Greeks R Us store opening in Saginaw (licensed vendor)

**TREASURER'S REPORT / FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Soror Jami L. Umstead/Wenonah Handschu:

**2017 Financial Team Report (as of 12/31/2017)**

- ▶ Beginning Balance (all accounts) \$48,286.60
- ▶ Total Receipts (all accounts) \$1,435.52
- ▶ 2017 MI/OH State Cluster, 2017 Round-up, 2017 Holiday Luncheon, A&L, Scholarship
- ▶ Total Expenses (all accounts) \$1,638.21
- ▶ Admin, Membership, IC&T, Arts & Letters, 2017 MI-OH State Cluster, Scholarship
- ▶ Ending Balance (all accounts) \$48,083.91
- ▶ Total Difference \$0.01
- ▶ 2017 – 2018 SY Financial Sorors (as of 12/31/2017) 88
  - *One dues transfer request processed (Soror Means)*

**ADMINISTRATION:** Soror Tiffany Taylor Tait

Updates

- ▶ Happy New Year! SORORS!
- ▶ 105th FOUNDERS DAY SATURDAY, January 13, 2018
- ▶ Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15, 2018
- ▶ CONGRATULATIONS IAC! 2018
- ▶ Recipient of the DREF Golden Anniversary Community Empowerment Grant: Women and Depression
- ▶ Sorors Sheron Williams and Kymberly LeGreair Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, 14th District
- ▶ Welcome! Miss Baylee Williams Congratulations! Soror Helena and Frank! Soror Grandmother Ernestine and Grandfather Wilson
- ▶ Soror D'Angela Pitts, Co-Chair Project Ace
- ▶ Omega Omega Information for our 17th National President Mona Humphries Bailey
- ▶ Chapter Picture and Headshots are now available!

- ▶ Vista Maria Holiday Celebration for Homeless Family 12/15/17
- ▶ (Thank you, Soror 2ndVP!)
- ▶ May Week 14th-20th 2018
- ▶ Michigan State President's Council January Meeting
- ▶ Chapter Planning and Participation in our IAC Events
- ▶ Review and approve in advance all chapter publications and committee communications and commitments
- ▶ Eboard Meeting Location Caroline Kennedy Library 2nd Thursdays @ 6pm
- ▶ (\*except April 18, 2018)
- ▶ (Spam Attack) Complete 2018 Login of Office 365 account [ict@inksterdeltas.org](mailto:ict@inksterdeltas.org) **Congratulations SORORS!**
- ▶ Delta GEMS Public Speaking Workshop 1/21, Thank you, Soror Melissa Crumbey!
- ▶ 2018 Founders Day Celebration 1/27
- ▶ Delta Academy Black Girl Magic 2/3
- ▶ Arts and Letters Private Screening Event: Black Panther 2/16
- ▶ Delta GEMS Body Image Workshop 2/17, Thank you, Soror Vivian Kirkland
- ▶ Arts and Letters Viewing and Facebook Live Discussion 2/19
- ▶ Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities" as a part of our Deltas See Television Initiative (DSTv).
- ▶ Membership: Can You Spare the Time? Bowling Event 2/23
- ▶ IAC PayPal, Eventbrite, and GoFundMe Accounts are now available for PP&D Needs!!!!
- ▶ Chapter Picture and Headshots are now available! [www.inksterdeltas.org](http://www.inksterdeltas.org)
- ▶ IAC Chapter Policies and Internal Controls; Attended P&P Webinar 1/29/18
- ▶ Review and approve in advance all chapter publications and committee communications and commitments /letterhead
- ▶ Eboard Meeting Location Caroline Kennedy Library (\*except April 18, 2018)
- ▶ Monthly Chapter Meeting Location: Simmons Center Sisterhood Hour 10 a.m.
- ▶ I will continue to forward all email communication sent from interested stakeholders/ please follow-up with Soror 1<sup>st</sup> VP on any impending partnerships
- ▶ Committee Conference Calls send notification Office 365 to inform all members to encourage participation
- ▶ (Spam Attack 2) Complete 2018 Login of Office 365 account [ict@inksterdeltas.org](mailto:ict@inksterdeltas.org)

### National

- ▶ Delta Fellows Program Application Period Open February 19<sup>th</sup> until March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. To learn more and to apply, you can explore information in the Members Only area of the national website at [Member Portal](#). National Leadership Academy for a webinar on Monday, February 26, 2018, 8:00 p.m. EST for an overview of the Delta Fellows Program. For questions about the Delta Fellows Program, please contact [deltafellowsprogram@gmail.com](mailto:deltafellowsprogram@gmail.com). **(email sent 2/21)**
- ▶ **"Delta Days at the United Nations" Registration Information March 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** Registration is now open for **Delta Days at the United Nations**. To register for Delta Days at the United Nations, please visit our national website and log on to the **Sisters Only** portal and click on **events**.
- ▶ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is proud to announce its collaboration with the Black History Educational Network to support the 2018 Black History HBCU Calendar and Resource Guide. It includes Soror Beverly E. Smith, National President, as one of the trailblazers featured in the calendar. Visit <http://blackhistoryhbcu.com/delta1/> to get your calendar online today!

### Regional

- ▶ 48<sup>th</sup> Regional Convention Cincinnati, Ohio August 16, 2018 Mark Your Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ March is Sisterhood Month Mark Your Calendar!!!
- ▶ 3/10 Straight INTA Sisterhood Social
- ▶ 3/25 Dance Theatre of Harlem **(Limited Tickets)**
- ▶ 4/21 Delta GEMS Teen Summit, WCCCD
- ▶ MAY WEEK 14<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 Is Coming Mark Your Calendar!!!

### **Action Items:**

#### Ads/Publicity: Soror Paula Wiley

1. Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Luncheon – March 17<sup>th</sup> Quarter page for \$50
2. Tau Chapter Scholarship Ball request for a half-page \$50.
3. Alpha Phi Alpha Black & Gold Ball – Ann Arbor Event request for a half page ad \$65

Motion amended by Soror Handschu – Alpha Phi Alpha request for half page ad \$125. Second by Wiley. Motion Carried. Unanimous approval.

Motion: Recommendation to move \$200 from Hospitality to donate four Sorors the Sorority loss this year. Moved by Soror Flournoy and second by Handschu

**PROGRAM PLANNING:** Soror Kennetha Mentor

**PAST EVENTS**

- ▶ PPD Midwest Regional Conference Call on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.
  - Main Ideas: National Initiatives (Five-Point Programmatic Thrust) and Regional Initiatives (STEM, Cancer Awareness, and LEAD)
  - June 30, 2018 Chapter Calendar Deadline to Midwest Regional PPD Coordinator

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ▶ **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, April 28, 2018-MANDATORY PP&D Planning Meeting for SY 2018-2019 for Committee Chairs and Co-chairs at 8:30am at the Simmons Center.
  - 2018-2019 Committee Calendars are due to the 1<sup>st</sup> VP on Saturday, May 5, 2018.
- ▶ Committee chairs please make sure you complete the Demographics Form within 2 weeks of your events and submit to [1stvp@inksterdeltas.org](mailto:1stvp@inksterdeltas.org).
- ▶ Committee chairs-now is the time to complete your Award submissions for the 2018 Regional Conference. The following categories include:
  - *Alumnae Chapter of the Year*
  - *Alumnae Soror of the Year*
  - *Delta Dear of the Year*
  - *Economic Development*
  - *Educational Development*
  - *International Awareness & Involvement*
  - *Physical & Mental Health*
  - *Political Awareness & Involvement*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Soror Juanita Bell

- ▶ Sisterhood Scholarship and Service Bowling Fundraiser

**Upcoming Event:**

- ▶ **Sisterhood Social!!!**
- ▶ For Sisterhood month, we will dive "STRAIGHT INTA SISTERHOOD" We will gather together to socialize, enjoy food, fun, games, music and more!
  - Saturday March 10, 2018
  - Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport
  - Romulus, MI
  - Executive hospitality suite (floor TBD at check in)
  - 4 pm – until!
- ▶ Cost: \$25.00 each (Does not include Eventbrite fees)
- ▶ Please extend an invitation to non-financial Sorors and graduating collegiate Sorors who are looking for an Alumnae home.
- ▶ \*If you'd like a specialty beverage – please feel free to bring it with you\*
- ▶ **We will collect payments today from those who are ready!**

**During the events we have coming up we can invite sorors and also use the #Reclaim4k hashtag on our posts for the following events:**

- ▶ March: STRAIGHT INTA SISTERHOOD SOCIAL Saturday March 10th 4pm - until
- ▶ April: Cleaning the IAC Highway: Saturday April 21st, at 10 am.
- ▶ May: All May week events
- ▶ June: "Putt" your MIDS up – Sisterhood Putt Putt: Friday June 22nd at Armstrong's Funland in Belleville
- ▶ The Mighty Midwest, Each One Reach one initiatives also include a monthly Call-A-Thon during the 4th week of each month where either the Membership committee, chapter or designated Sorors commit to spend 1 hour contacting inactive Sorors inviting them back into the sisterhood.
- ▶ Please let me know if you are interested in participating this month. We can do it from our homes during an available hour of your time on Wednesday February 28th. I would just need you to send me the number of Sorors you were able to reach

out to during that time. For those who participate, please feel free to utilize the attached script as a talking point during your calls if you need it.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### ▶ **CHAPTER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

##### ▶ **Care and Concern:**

▶ Please keep the following sorors in your thoughts and prayers:

▶ Soror Eunice Willis – Pray for her strength as she deals with the loss of her sister, Lena Glover and as she recovers from her fall.

▶ Sorors Belinda Dickerson and Janelle Kilgore – Pray for them as they mourn the loss of their mother Mrs. Aerogene Lambert.

▶ Sorors Patrice and Delois Cain – Pray for them as they travel on Tuesday to their uncle’s funeral. (Elie Hales)

▶ Soror Meri Harper – recovering from the flu.

##### ▶ **Welcome Visiting Sorors**

▶ **Thank you February hostesses:** Kamisha Fenton, Vivian Flournoy, Rosalyn Fluker, Mary Fowler, Dorothy Garret, Sarah Giles and Elizabeth Gareth

▶ **March Hostesses:** Tamika Hall, Wenonah Handschu, Ashley Jenkins, Meredith Harper, Lisa Harrington, Sharon Harris, Lisa Harston – LeDoux, Erika Hudson

##### ▶ **In before we begin raffle**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

▶ Theola Jones February 2nd

▶ Carolyn Kimbrough February 4th

▶ Ayanna McConnell February 12th

#### **DELTA ANNIVERSARY**

▶ Rolanda Davis February 12<sup>th</sup>

▶ Patty Hines February 8<sup>th</sup>

▶ Georgina Tait February 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **DELTA ACADEMY:** Soror Shareia Carter

##### ▶ **PAST EVENTS**

This past Saturday, February 3, 2018, Guest Speaker Tyasha Vinson, Associate Producer for WDIV TV and a 2016 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn shared her story of embracing Black Girl Magic. The young ladies then selected an African American woman related to their future career and wrote about their respective person. Tyasha will create a newsletter with their writings. See photos.

##### ▶ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 12pm-2pm, in collaboration with the Economic Development committee and Soror Karisha Springer-Floyd, the young ladies will learn “Money Matters”, Location: Caroline Kennedy Library, 24590 George Ave., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

Conference Call, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9pm

605-468-8003, 169951#

#### **DELTA GEMS:** Soror Danita Tucker

##### **Past Event**

▶ Body Image Workshop, February 17<sup>th</sup>

##### **Upcoming Events:**

▶ Money Matters, March 3rd with Delta Academy at Caroline Kennedy Library.

▶ Teen Summit "Reversing the Irreversible", April 21st, 10am-2:00pm, at WCCC-West Campus in Belleville

▶ Committee meeting - 1st Monday of the month. Dial-in #(641) 715-3580 Access code #173883

#### **ARTS & LETTERS:** Soror Tracey Causey- Bryant

##### **ACTION ITEMS:**

▶ *Red Carpet Event “Black Panther” February 16th*

◦ *Private Screening at Emagine Canton*

◦ *Tickets sold out 126 seat theater*

◦ *Three Prizes were given away in the following categories*

• *Black Cast Trivia Quiz*

- Raffles/Prizes
- Best Wakanda and Black Panther Attire prizes
- ▶ **National Arts & Letters DSTv Initiative**
  - "Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities" as part of Deltas See Television Initiative (DSTv) This documentary, which covers the 150 year history of the educational institutions that have long stood as symbols of hope and progress within our communities, aired on PBS' Independent Lens on Mon. Feb. 19th @ 9pm est.
  - We publicized the viewing of this DSTv to celebrate the legacy of HBCU's.
    - A Discussion took place via Facebook during and following the viewing of the documentary.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ▶ **Dance Theater of Harlem Sun. March 24th 7:30 pm** Tickets will be available for pick up at chapter meeting on March 24th
  - We have 4 tickets available @ \$55 each.
    - 20 Main floor seats in rows T, U & V

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Soror Treva Smith

- ▶ Pancake Breakfast was cancelled due to inclement weather & reschedule for June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH:** Soror Julia Pitts

Eating Heart Smart – Go Red

- ▶ Saturday, February 24, 2018

**POLITICAL AWARENESS:** Soror Lisa Harston-LeDoux

Upcoming Events

- ▶ DDNC 3/9-3/13/18. IAC representative. (Bring IAC brochure)
- ▶ DDSC 4/17/18. IAC-parking
- ▶ Expungement Fair 5/19/18, 10am-2pm
- ▶ Next conference call: 2nd Wednesday of each month: March 14,2018 at 9pm
  - Dial in #563-999-2090
  - access code# 393789

**SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDRAISING: Soror McConnell**

ACTION ITEMS:

- ▶ Donations are being accepted for the bi-annual \$100 scholarship donation.
- ▶ Sorors who paid by today will be entered into drawing for gift baskets
  - Spa Gift Basket
  - Date Night @ Home

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ▶ Scholarship interviews will take place April 14-20. Sorors will be able to sign up starting at the March Eboard meeting.

**Information Technology & Communication: Soror Meri Harper**

- **Email & Conference Call Technology**
  - Officers & committee chairs should be using O365 for all IAC business.
  - Conference call credentials have been distributed to Officers & committee chairs and should be used for committee meetings.
- **Communications/Marketing Requests**
  - All marketing or communications requests must be approved by Soror President prior to distribution.
  - All requests for communications (i.e., voice blasts, text blasts, email blasts, social media posts, survey monkey surveys and Sign Up Genius access) must be requested through the Crimson Cabinet under the Officer & Committee Chair Resources.
  - Committee chairs should coordinate with the Ad/Publicity Chair to create all flyers and/or graphics needed for events and/or activities.
  - Social media announcements should be in JPEG format using mostly graphics. Associated instructions/verbiage should be added to the post and not embedded into the flyer posted.

- Communication requests should be submitted at least 5 days prior to requested communications date.
- **Eventbrite & PayPal Requests**
  - Eventbrite may be used for all events requiring registration, ticket sales and online payment processing.
  - Processing fees associated with the ticket price may be passed to the ticket buyer.
  - Committee Chairs should consider an in-person ticket date for those who don't want to purchase tickets online.
  - PayPal may be used for selling goods and/or services related to IAC.
  - The ICT Committee will coordinate with all committee chairs to ensure that events (and pricing) are established and communicated appropriately.
- **Registration Table**
  - The ICT Committee is required to verify all Sorors entering into chapter members or closed events. Please be cooperative and have required items (i.e., IAC Key Tag or ID/Sorority Card) available when entering.
  - Items requested for distribution from the registration table should be approved by the President prior to distribution.

#### **NPHC:**

- ▶ **Delta Sigma Theta – Pontiac Alumnae Chapter**
  - **Chitlins & Champagne - Black & White Affair**
  - **February 24th**
  - **St. George Cultural Center**
  - **43816 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills**
  - **7:00 pm**
  - **\$65.00 per person**
  - **Omega Psi Phi – Southfield Chapter**
- ▶ **Winter Warm Up Carnivale Cabaret**
  - **February 24th**
  - **St George Cultural Center**
  - **18045 W. Nine Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075**
  - **\$25.00 per person**
- ▶ **Delta Sigma Theta – Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter**
  - **Founders Day Celebration**
  - **March 3rd**
  - **Sheraton Hotel 3200 Boardwalk**
  - **Ann Arbor, MI 48108**
  - **11 am – 2:00 pm**
  - **\$65.00 per person**

#### **May Week: Soror Crowder**

- ▶ Ford Garage Event -5/14/2018
- ▶ Puerto Rico, USVI relief efforts - 5/15/2018
- ▶ Social Media Day - 5/16/2018
- ▶ Delta Dears Tea - 5/17/2018
  - Roses are Red Tea will be held at Rose's Restaurant and Lounge. Located at 201 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI, from 12-3:00. This is a closed event
- ▶ Hustle Night 5/18/2018
- ▶ Expungement Fair – 5/19/2018
- ▶ Church at New Hope Baptist Church 5/20/2018
  - We want to give a donation to the church and will ask Sorors to donate in advance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Announcements:**

Soror Wiley – Girl Scout Cookies available after chapter meeting

Soror Handschu – Any updates to the financial roster can be given to her to modify

Soror Wilson-Johnson – shared the importance of showing support for non-movie events for example Prayer Luncheon

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting, Soror Flournoy; seconded by Soror Kimbrough. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Soror Delmeer Oliver