

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter
Minutes for the May 1, 2019 Chapter Meeting

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Leavenworth High School, Leavenworth, KS to hold the monthly meeting.

OPENING: *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

Soror President called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. for the consideration of business.

ATTENDANCE: 21 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Kathaleen Cannon, Laura Coaxum, Carmen Elston, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law, Daneen McCullum, Michele McRoy, Cheryl Mills, Safiyyah Mills, Jacqueline Mister, Marisa Moore, Alexandria Moss, Naomi Newman, LaShaundra Randolph, Gloria Swanagan, Chevelle Wagstaff, Bridgette Williams and Tanya Young.

WELCOME of NEW and/or VISITING SORORS: *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

- ❖ Soror Rhoda Holliday-Gillespie – the mother of Soror Marisa Moore – was a visiting Soror.

AGENDA: *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

Soror President presented the Agenda. Time was allotted for Sorors to review the Agenda.

- ❖ A Motion was made by Soror S. Mills to adopt the agenda with additions and noted changes.
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror Elston and carried by a majority vote.

MINUTES: *Soror Tanya Young, Recording Secretary*

Time was allotted for Sorors to review the April 6, 2019 Chapter Meeting minutes.

- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Randolph to accept the April 6, 2019 minutes and place them in the Archive. Motion was seconded by Soror Hammonds and carried by a majority vote.

CHAPTER REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

- ❖ The executive board meeting was held 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 2019 at Soror Christina Love's home.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Cotton, Elston, Fairley, Gibson-Dingle, Love, Randolph, Wagstaff and Young
- ❖ Topics discussed were all May 1, 2019 agenda items.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: *Soror Wagstaff on behalf of Soror Edith Cotton, Corresponding Secretary*

- ❖ Letter containing \$100 full-page ad payment from Wichita Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (turned over to Finance Committee)
- ❖ Letter containing \$50 quarter-page ad payment from Tau Lambda Chapter (Loveland, Colorado) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (turned over to Finance Committee)
- ❖ Letter containing \$100 full-page ad payment from Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (turned over to Finance Committee)
- ❖ "First City Connection" April-August 2019 booklet from Leavenworth Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Sealed letter/official transcript of Alyche Brown (turned over to Scholarship/Standards Committee)

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- ❖ Letter containing sealed official transcripts from Leavenworth High Guidance Office (turned over to Scholarship/Standards Committee)
- ❖ Letter containing sealed official transcripts from Lansing High Guidance Office (turned over to Scholarship/Standards Committee)
- ❖ Large envelope from Nathan Moore containing scholarship application packet (turned over to Scholarship/Standards Committee)
- ❖ Letter from the Department of the Treasury, IRS regarding Tax Payment RFI (turned over to the Finance Committee)

BUDGET AND FINANCE

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: *Soror LaShaundra Randolph, Financial Secretary*

- Operational Account: \$600 in chapter and national dues for two Sorors and national courtesies from 12 Sorors.
- Fundraising Account: \$100 ad for 30th Anniversary from Kansas City Missouri Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, \$100 from LaShaundra Randolph for the D.S. Elements of Fire Ad for 30th Anniversary, \$100 from Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for 30th Anniversary ad; \$100 from Wichita Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta for a 30th Anniversary ad, \$50 from Tau Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (Loveland, CO) for a 30th Anniversary ad; and a \$5,917.56 transfer from PayPal for the 30th Anniversary Celebration.
- Call for SY 2019-20 Committee Budgets – budget requests are due May 22 to Soror Elston (carmenelston1913@gmail.com). Use the Budget Request Form in the Chapter Policies and Procedures.

*Reports are available to financial Sorors on the Chapter's website.

TREASURER REPORT: *Soror Carmen Elston, Treasurer*

April 1-30, 2019

Operating Account

Beginning Balance: \$9,588.43

Disbursements: \$3,508.21

Deposits: \$600.00

Ending Balance:

\$6,680.22

April 1-30, 2019

Savings Account

Beginning Balance: \$1,394.22

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Interest: .02
Ending Balance: \$1,394.24

April 1-30, 2019

Fundraising Account

Beginning Balance: \$6,019.73

Total Deposits: \$5,117.56

Disbursements: \$50.00

Ending Balance:

\$11,087.29

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3rd Quarter Audit Findings – Soror Gloria Swanagan, Internal Audit Chair

- Audit conducted April 28, 2019 with Soror Swanagan and committee members/Sorors Andrea Flowers and Daneen McCullum present
- Audit Findings:
 - **Chapter Expenses for the Qtr:** \$6,498.69
 - **Chapter Gross Receipts for Qtr:** \$12,571.22
 - All deposits were made within 2 business days
 - All dues were remitted to nationals within 30 days
 - All checks written had proper supporting documentation and proper separation.
- **Overall Findings:** Has satisfactory financial internal controls and the review supports the existence and utilization of these controls.

PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Presented by Soror Fairley on behalf of Soror Love

- ❖ Sorors should make note of the May 3-5 30th Chapter Anniversary events, May 4-11 May Week, July 11-14: 54th National Convention in New Orleans.
- ❖ **Emergency Response Team Preparedness – Soror Carolyn Fontaine**
 - Red Envelope should be readily available at all meetings
 - Buddy System to be enforced at Regional and National Events
 - Stay Delta Ready by implementing an Emergency Escape Plan (Fire, Active Shooter, and/or Shelter-in-Place – practice, practice, practice)
 - Soror Fairley said that on every call that she's on, they're preaching about having the Red Envelope properly filled out with all of the required information and that Sorors should be sure to have it at every meeting, event and gathering.
- ❖ **Economic Development – Soror Naomi Newman, Chair**
 - Committee: Kathleen Cannon, Daneen McCullum, Lornette Dallas, Nina Copeland
 - An Introduction to Dfree & The Young Money Initiative w/ Soror Danita Wimbush (sent gifts to her in gratitude for her Dfree presentation to the Delta GEMS/Delta Academy (DGDA))

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- Reviewed the April Financial Wellness Calendar
- Appealed to the Chapter to participate in the DST Billion Dollar Paydown Group
 - Allows for members to track debt accounts and the payments made to them.
 - Open to chapter members & members of the community to the LAC DST group.

❖ **Educational Development** *Soror Tanya Young, Chair*

Committee: Daneen McCullum, Kayla Hammonds, Chandra Fairley, Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Lolita Law, JoAnn Uitenham, and Alexandria Moss

Delta GEMS/Delta Academy (DGDA) – Saturday, April 20 – Leavenworth H.S. Library

- Featured webinar led by Soror Danita Wimbush on the DFree Young Money movement. She is a member of the National PP&D Committee.
- Sendoff of three graduating seniors – Hannah Munro (medicine), Marsha Rivera (the arts) and Michaela McBride (education). Thanks to Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle for her gifts of tote bags to the class of 2019.
- 22 DGDA attendees and 11 Sorors (DGDA Co-Chairs Kayla Hammonds and Daneen McCullum, Committee Chair Tanya Young, Chandra Fairley, Chevelle Wagstaff, Christina Love, Laura Coaxum, Gibson-Dingle, Lolita Law, Lexii Moss and Naomi Newman).
- Soror Lexii Moss, a former LAC DGDA member, talked about developing and nurturing leadership qualities.
- Recommendations:
 - Recruit more young ladies from Lansing Middle, Lansing High, Patton Jr. High
 - Incorporate cultural, educational outings into the programming

International Awareness & Involvement *Presented by Soror LaShaundra Randolph and Carmen Elston, Co-Chairs*

Committee: Sorors Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine

- Glory House Services Clothing and Shoes Drive
 - Final pickup is today!
 - Any other items to be collected must be dropped off at my house. Please email or call to set up a time.
 - Influx of donations near the end of the drive resulted in the same level of giving as last year.
 - See Soror Randolph if interested in chairing next year.

❖ **Physical and Mental Health:** *Presented by Soror Lolita Law (Soror Courtney Austin is Co-Chair)*

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Committee: Sorors JoAnn Uitenham, Chandra Fairley, Alexandria Moss, Nina Copeland,
Lornette Dallas, Elizabeth Cantrell, Kayla Hammonds and Christina Love

- **DeltaCare**
 - The **Red S.H.O.E. National Walk Challenge** is an internal initiative created to promote wellness in our sisterhood. **S.H.O.E.** is an acronym for **S**elf-care, **H**ealthy **O**ptions, and **E**xercise. In an effort to be more active and avoid sedentary behaviors, we are challenging ourselves to walk 2,174,000 steps (1,087 miles) from our headquarters in Washington, D.C. to the New Orleans Convention Center by July 1, 2019.
 - Make sure you are checking your off your Challenge Activities. Those points will add up.
 - *Be sure to check the Challenge Runner site often for ways to boost your final total.*
 - We have 2 months left in the challenge. There is still plenty of time to get more steps in before July.
 - **Central Region's Participation : As of Tuesday, April 30 @2:12 p.m. – We slipped a little into 6th place BUT when checking in again at 3:27 p.m., we had gained our spot back from the Southern Region, and we were in first place on Monday, April 29!**
 - **The Central Region is only 63,330 steps behind the 1st place Eastern Region! WE CAN DO IT!!!**
- **The 2019 Relay For Life of Leavenworth County After Action Review (AAR) – Presented by Soror Fairley on behalf of Soror Love**
 - “Lights, Camera, Cure!” was held at Lansing Middle School on April 27, 2019, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - \$518 raised on the team page
 - Nine Sorors supported the event (Sorors Love, Elston, Fairley, Law, Austin, Lewis Wagstaff, McCullum, Cotton and Newman)
 - **Improve:** Advertising efforts, community support, and chapter participation
 - **Sustain:** Efforts to support the Leavenworth community.
 - **Recommendations:** Support the event (in person) one to two more years and then assess if only monetary donations are the way to go. Join the committee for future planning.
- LAC First Annual Community Behavioral Health Fair, May 11, 9 a.m.-noon, Leavenworth High School, “Nurturing the Mind, Body and Soul”. Everyone was asked to plan to attend, take flyers and pass them along to help publicize the event.
 - Information on topics including suicide, anxiety and depression. Guests include:
 - Leavenworth Guidance Center
 - Leavenworth Suicide Coalition

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- Saint John Hospital Behavioral Health
- Zumba Instructor Felishia Wallace
- John Bradford, AAASFV
- Ken Bradley, Ft. LV Army Substance Abuse Program
- Rachel Jeter, USDB Treatment Programs
- Tricia Green, Victim Advocate –Army
- Community Service
- CASA

❖ **Political Involvement & Awareness (PIA):** *Soror Kathaleen Cannon, Committee Chair*

- Leavenworth Chapter of the NAACP hosted it's Meet & Greet on March 28th, 2019 at Club 424. Several of our Sorors are current members while a few more signed up for membership. It was a great event hosted by the chapter leadership, attended by the Mayor of Leavenworth Jermaine Wilson and State Representative Jeff Pittman. Membership cost is \$30, and applications can be found on-line at www.naacp.org. Ensure you use chapter code 4036 Leavenworth.
- Leavenworth City Commissioners Meeting: The Leavenworth City Commission holds regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 100 N. 5th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., 66048. Next Meeting is May 14th & 28th, 2019
- Senate Bill 16: The Kansas House voted to approve legislation authorizing a \$90 million increase in annual state aid to public education to comply with a court order to compensate districts for years of operational cost inflation. If Senate Bill 16 were to become law and survive judicial review, base state aid per student in Kansas would rise from \$4,302 in 2020 to \$4,846 in 2022.
- KanCare Rally to express your support of Kansas Medicaid Expansion was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2 to 3 p.m. Saint Vincent Clinic, 818 North 7th Street, Leavenworth, Kansas. Featured speaker was Kansas Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers. In attendance were Mayor Jermaine Wilson & State Representative Jeff Pittman. For more information visit <http://expandkancare.com/why-expansion-matters>
- The Regional Social Action Coordinators – comprised of the Regional Representative and an Alumnae member – will develop and implement a strategy that encourages effective advocacy at the national, regional, state and local level.
- 2020 vision: Political Awareness and Involvement Committee is asking for our LAC Sorors to bring new ideas to enhance our continued support for the importance of voting, coordinating voter registration drives in the community, and awareness about voter suppression laws.
- CURRENTLY THERE ARE 20 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, Moreover there are many officials in congress, and other electoral seats whose terms will come to an end or be running for re-election. LET'S FOCUS ON THE REAL ISSUES, DO OUR RESEARCH, AND MAINTAIN OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS IN HOLDING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE.
- Regarding Social Action, Our Central Regional Social Action Committee are asking us to focus on the following issues: Gun Violence and Control, Delta Days, **Preserving**

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- HBCU's, and Restoration of Voting Rights for Ex-Felons.

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP AND STANDARDS – Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Chair**

Committee: Sorors Christina Love and Carmen Elston

- Policies and Procedures Recommendations: Reviewed proposed amendments to Policies and Procedures with the Chapter to be voted on June 1 (available for viewing in Members Only section of LAC website). There was a March 2 call for proposed amendments, which was extended to April 7.
- High School Scholarship Application Update: Motion made by Soror Randolph and seconded by Soror C. Mills to award four \$1,000 scholarships to Leavenworth High School students Nathan Moore, Alyche Brown, and Elizabeth Bert; and to Lansing High School student Jourdan Bridgette. Motion passed on a majority vote.

❖ **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES – Soror Chevelle Wagstaff**

- Soror Fairley presented departing Sorors Hammonds and Newman with farewell gifts from LAC.
- Soror Coaxum presented the following:
 - April/May birthdays
 - April 13 (Sat)---Soror Cheryl Mills---LAC Charter Member
 - April 30 (Tues)---Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter #809 of DSTSI
 - May 7 (Sun) – Soror Carmen Elston
 - May 10 (Wed)--- Soror Stephanie Goggans (Fort Hood, TX)
 - May 26 (Fri)--- Soror Lornette Dallas (Oakwood, Ohio)
 - May Deltaversaries
 - May 9 (Tues) – Soror Cheryl Mills – Initiated at Wichita State Univ. (Zeta Beta Chapter) in 1976 (43 years ago)
 - Year-End Lunch and Fellowship, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at Tampico Mexican Restaurant, 213-B Delaware Street, Leavenworth. Order from the menu, pay as you go, adult beverages available. RSVP to Soror Coaxum no later than May 30 at 913-306-2011 or lcoaxum@kc.rr.com.

❖ **ARTS AND LETTERS – Soror Carmen Elston, Committee Chair**

Committee Members: Sorors Edith Cotton, Andrea Flowers, Courtney Austin, Lolita Law, Daneen McCullum, Safiyyah Mills

- Delta Red Carpet Event: The movie “The Best of Enemies” – 15 Sorors and their families attended the Sunday, April 14 dinner-and-movie event at Legends 14 Theater. **After-Action:** order food in advance so it won’t take so long to eat at the next such outing.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LAC 30th Anniversary Celebration Update (Co-Chairs Kondra Gibson-Dingle and Safiyyah Mills)

1. May 3-5
2. Registration Closed
3. Hotel – Home 2 Suites by Hilton
4. Tickets Sold – 40 weekend registrations – 50 Gala Tickets
5. Guest Speaker – Past National President, Soror Paulette Walker

B. Central Region Community Service Project – LAC donation of smoke detectors to the American Red Cross

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of proposed amendments to be voted on by Soror Fairley at the National Convention
- B. Chapter Elections for 2019-2020; current term for each position is 1 year and those elected may only serve 2 consecutive terms in each position; all elected below with the exception of 2nd Vice-President Marisa Moore are on their second term with the 2019-20 year.

Slate

- President – Chandra Fairley (21 votes)
- 1st Vice-President – Chevelle Wagstaff (21 votes)
- 2nd Vice-President – Marisa Moore (21 votes)
- Recording Secretary – Tanya Young (21 votes)
- Financial Secretary – LaShaundra Randolph (21 votes)
- Treasurer – Carmen Elston (21 votes)
- Corresponding Secretary – Edith Cotton (21 votes)
- Nominating Chair – Christina Love (21 votes)
- Internal Audit Chair – Gloria Swanagan (21 votes)

** Current term for each position is 1 year. You may only serve 2 consecutive terms in each position.

- C. Discussion of possibility of 2019-20 Membership Intake

Announcements

May Week (Soror Young, Chair; Soror Elston)

- May Week will be May 4-11, 2019, following on the heels of the Chapter's 30th Anniversary Celebration
 - a. Sat. May 4: Sisterhood Service Project
 - b. Sun. May 5: Sisterhood Worship Service
 - c. Sat. May 11: Community Behavioral Health Fair, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Leavenworth High School Small Gymnasium, 2012 10th Ave.

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- **Planning Meeting – 6:30 p.m. May 15, 2019 at Leavenworth High School Library**
- Destination 22: Please continue to donate \$22 to help collegiate Sorors attend Delta meetings. To donate, go to the Central Region site and log in with credentials. Click Destination 22 located in Collegiate Corner drop-down menu.
- For budget allocations, please review the 2018-19 Revised Budget on the Chapter Website
- Meet your commitments and deadlines; be present.
- Please send things that need immediate attention to the Chapter President's email.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** June 1 Soror Fellowship following the chapter meeting; June 2 CSO Picnic (Soror Wagstaff will have tickets at the May 15 Planning Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT/RITUAL CLOSING: *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Motion was made by Soror McCullum to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Soror Swanagan and was carried by a majority vote.

The next Chapter meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Lansing Activity Center, 108 S. Second St., Lansing, KS 66043.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Young
Recording Secretary

Chandra Fairley
Chapter President