

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter**  
**Minutes for the November 3, 2018 Chapter Meeting**

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lansing Activity Center, Lansing, KS to hold the monthly meeting.

**OPENING:** *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

Soror President called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. for the consideration of business.

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Kathaleen Cannon, Laura Coaxum, Edith Cotton, Carmen Elston, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Lolita Law, Christina Dixon Love, Daneen McCullum, Cheryl Mills, Naomi Newman, LaShaundra Randolph, Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff, JoAnn Uitenham and Tanya Young.

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

- ❖ Visiting Sorors: Neisha Miles, Marisa T. Moore and Sherelia Webb Bowers

**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 Love to accept agenda.
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror Cotton and carried by a majority vote (17 in favor; 0 opposed).

**MINUTES:** *Soror Tanya Young, Recording Secretary*

Time was allotted for Sorors to review the October 6, 2018 Chapter Meeting minutes.

- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Cotton to accept the October 6, 2018 minutes with corrections and placed in the Archive. Motion was seconded by Soror Mills and carried by a majority vote (17 in favor, 0 opposed).

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:** *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

- ❖ The executive board meeting was held 6:30 p.m. on October 29, 2018 at Soror Randolph's home.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Cotton, Elston, Fairley, Gibson-Dingle, Love and Randolph; Lewis Wagstaff and Young (via teleconference).
- ❖ Topics discussed were: All November 3, 2018 Agenda items.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:** *Soror Edith Cotton, Corresponding Secretary*

- ❖ Receipt from the U.S. Postal Service for Chapter P.O. Box, given to Treasurer
- ❖ Check from Omicron Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for earnings from the Kansas City Chiefs Concessions Fundraiser

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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

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Fundraising: October 2018 - \$3,475 total (Murder Mystery online and door ticket sales, Murder Mystery raffle, donations; Kansas City Chiefs fundraiser  
Operational: \$275 total (\$200 for Statewide Rededication Ceremony and \$75 for background checks for Sorors Hammonds, McCullum and Young).

\$3,750.50 grand total

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** *Soror Carmen Elston, Treasurer*

**Month September 1-30, 2018, Fundraising Account**, was corrected to show the correct beginning balance of \$4,011.85.

**Sept. 1-30, 2018 Fundraising Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$4,011.85

Deposits: \$0

Disbursements:       \$ 3,395.00

**Ending Balance:**       \$616.85

**Oct. 1-31, 2018 Operating Account**

Beginning Balance: \$5,953.88

Disbursements: \$579.72

Deposits: \$275.00

Ending Balance: \$5,649.16

**Oct. 1-31, 2018 Savings Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$1,529.10

Interest/Total Deposit:       .02

Total Withdrawal:       \$275.00

**Ending Balance:**       \$1,254.12

**Oct. 1-31, 2018 Fundraising Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$616.85

Total Deposits: \$3,501.50

Disbursements: \$1,006.82

**Ending Balance:** \$3,111.53

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**Quarter 1 Audit Report** *Presented by Soror Fairley on behalf of Soror Gloria Swanagan, Internal Audit Chair*

**Audit findings:**

- ❖ Chapter Expenses for the Quarter: \$5,564.75

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- ❖ Chapter Gross Receipts: \$1,500.06
- ❖ All deposits were made within 2 business 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**

*Soror Christina Love*

- ❖ Charitable Partners (formerly Project 13) were reduced to nine to align with the Sorority's nine cardinal virtues. Those Charitable Partners are the American Heart Association, Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF), American Diabetes Association, March of Dimes, UNICEF, Sisters Network Inc., National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Hospital.
- ❖ Keep in mind supporting Headquarters' national initiatives when looking at our calendar.
- ❖ **Delta Emergency Response Team (ERT)** – *Presented by Soror Carolyn Fontaine, Co-Coordinator (Soror JoAnn Uitenham is Team Co-Coordinator)*

- **MISSION:**

- Increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness
- Provide information regarding the chapter's Readiness, Response, and Recovery efforts
- Provide effective preparedness communication strategies
- Provide resource support for affected members and residents
- Support local Emergency Management Director (EMD) and distribute disaster related materials as directed or per request

- **PLAN OF ACTION:**

- September is National Preparedness Month
- Ensure Chapter is Delta Ready
- Team with Local Red Cross, FEMA and EMDs

Soror Love suggested that those who want to grow in Delta should reach out to their corresponding Regional Committees to see if membership is still available.

- ❖ **Economic Development** – *Presented by Soror Naomi Newman, Chair*  
Committee: Sorors Kathaleen Cannon, Daneen McCullum, Lornette Dallas, Nina Copeland
  - **Dfree** – Faith-based 12-step program that includes free online educational and financial planning tools.
  - **Financial Fraud & Exploitation** – Focuses on helping to increase our Senior Citizens' awareness of financial fraud and predatory practices.

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- **Dfree© Young Money** – Focuses on the economic and financial planning needs of young people ages 12-27; curriculum topics include: financial goal setting, saving and investing, budgeting, financial risk, borrowing and credit.

❖ **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)** – *Presented by Soror Daneen McCullum, Co-Chair*

- Second session was held Sat. Oct. 20 at the Leavenworth High Library – “Rise Up! In the Face of Challenges” facilitated by Soror Tanya Young
- Challenges discussed included relationships, weight/body image and academics
- There were 18 girls present
- Sorors Present: McCullum and Fairley
- Soror Kathaleen Cannon provided the food
- The next DGDA meeting will take place on November 17, 10am -12pm at the Leavenworth High School Library
- Soror Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff led a Risk Management Assessment briefing following the meeting with Sorors McCullum and Young
  - Takeaways:
    - Attendance is down – unsure why (schedule/event conflicts).
    - Participants include primarily Leavenworth High School students, some Warren Middle, one Patton Junior High student, one Lansing Middle student.
    - Increase recruiting efforts/outreach to Patton Junior High and Lansing Middle and High schools. Info about the program went to counselors at each of the schools, but not enough.
    - Think face-to-face visits from DGDA Co-Chairs or Educational Development Committee Chair to the schools during their advisory periods may be necessary to recruit attendees.
    - When unable to fulfill lesson or food signup, responsible for finding a replacement.

❖ **International Awareness & Involvement** *Presented by Soror LaShaundra Randolph, Co-Chair (Soror Carmen Elston is Co-Chair)*

Committee: Sorors Courtney Austin, Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine and Bridgette Williams

- World Aids Day is December 1
- “Know Your Status, Get Tested”
  - Social Media Campaign
  - Safe Sex Packets
  - List of local places where you can take an HIV test

❖ **Physical and Mental Health:** *Presented by Soror Lolita Law, Committee Co-Chair (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

- **AAR for Leavenworth Awareness Walk (LAW)**
  - **Purpose:** The Leavenworth Awareness Walk was established in memory of Brother Michael Law. This community walk serves two purposes: it allows us to keep the memory alive of a tremendous advocate for local scholarships, loving husband, proud father, father-figure / mentor to youth in the community, and friend to many. And the walk enables us to serve our community by raising funds for scholarships and your organization as well as helping to improve our community through awareness.
  - **What Happened:** Our Chapter had four representatives attend the walk/run. It was a wonderful time fellowshiping with each other and with the other organizations in the community.
  - **Who attended:** Sorors Laura Coaxum, Lolita Law, JoAnn Uitenham, Naomi Newman
  - **Recommendations:** We recommend that we start filling up our pledge forms and getting donations early. If worked correctly, this could be an effective fundraiser.
  - **Sustainment:** We would recommend the continuance support of this event. Improvement: We did not have a goal set this year. We would like **to see a goal set and reached for next year.**
  
- **Good Mental Health: The Importance of Self-Care** *Presented by Soror Chandra Fairley*
  - **Good mental health** boils down to these essential domains: positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning and purpose, and accomplishments.
  - **Self-care** is a very active and **powerful choice** to engage in the activities that are required to gain or maintain an optimal level of overall health. This would include not just the physical, but the psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual components of an individual's well-being.
  - **Ways to Foster Good Mental Health:**
    1. **Mindfulness** - a practice of drawing one's attention to the present moment, focusing on emotions, thoughts and sensations in a non-judgmental way.
    2. **Gratitude diary** -- Listing three things to be appreciative or thankful for at the end of each day can help us to view life from the glass-half-full perspective more often.
    3. **Optimism** -- "Real optimism is about focusing on the positive, but it's also important that it's grounded in reality. It's not about pretending everything's fantastic if it's not. "The idea is to promote thoughts that will help to make the most of a bad situation or find a realistic solution to a problem, rather than just sweeping a problem under the carpet.

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**4. Social engagement** – Getting involved in ongoing activities that are enjoyable. This also means having a healthy diet, exercising and getting adequate sleep.

*Self-care needs to be something you actively plan, rather than something that just happens. It is an active choice. It is not something that we force ourselves to do, or something we don't enjoy doing.*

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

Committee: Sorors Kayla Hammonds, Andrea Flowers, Carmen Elston and Fatriziera Uitenham-Fletcher

Our chapter fundraiser initiative "Deltas Votes Glitter Tee" continues to be a successful partnership. Several purchased the tee and showed our unified message and support for voter awareness. **The shirt is still available for purchase, however shipping prior to Election Day would have to be coordinated with Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle, My Diva Boutique.**

Thanks to all who participated in the Delta TV Challenge public service announcement that was recorded with members of the community following the Oct. 28 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater event.

- **October 17** Beginning of mailing advance voting ballots and advance voting in office
- **November 5** Noon deadline to vote advance voting ballots in person at the county election office
- **Election Day: Tues. Nov. 6, 2018**
- The Political Involvement & Awareness Committee (PIA) will meet 6 p.m. Mon. Nov. 19, 3402 Tudor Drive, Leavenworth. Your feedback on past events and input on future endeavors would be appreciated. All who can attend are more than welcome, DINNER will be provided. Bring the kiddos. **RSVP NLT Nov. 12, 2018**
- Leavenworth County Commissioners meet weekly at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays except for the Fourth Tuesday, which is a 5:30 p.m. meeting. The next evening meeting will be 5:30 p.m. Nov. 26.
- Reviewed Sorority's Do's and Don'ts for Campaigning and Elections
- Upcoming Events
  - 12 p.m. on March 19, 2019: Coalition of Kansas Civic Organizations to March for Civil Rights Protections at the Capitol Building in Topeka, Kansas
  - 7 p.m. on April 4, 2019: "We Are One" Rally, Interfaith Ministries, 829 N. Market St., Wichita, Kansas

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- League of Women Voters [Centennial T-shirts available for purchase now](#) for 2020 celebration. Go to [www.lwvk.org](http://www.lwvk.org) for information about statewide events February 2020 through August 2020.

- Past Events

- League sponsors candidate forums for state offices: **“Your Choice 2018: Kansas Gubernatorial Candidates”** aired on KTWU in Topeka on Friday, Oct. 12.
- **“Your Choice 2018: Second Congressional District”** aired Monday, October 22, at 8 p.m. on KTWU.

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP AND STANDARDS** *Presented by Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Chair*  
Committee: Sorors Christina Love, Carmen Elston, Lolita Law, Tanya Young

Soror Gibson-Dingle reviewed how to access important documents at the Regional ([www.dstcentralregion.org](http://www.dstcentralregion.org)) and National ([www.deltasigmamatheta.org](http://www.deltasigmamatheta.org)) levels.

❖ **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES –** *Presented by Soror Laura Coaxum, Chair*  
Committee: Sorors JoAnn Uitenham, Carolyn Fontaine, Jackie Mister, Cheryl Mills and Michele McRoy

Soror Coaxum welcomed new Sorors to the Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter. She also welcomed those who had missed the chapter’s last two meetings to a new sorority year.

❖ **Birthdays**

- **November**

- Bridgette Williams (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Gloria Swanagan (25<sup>th</sup>)
- Daneen McCullum (28<sup>th</sup>)

- ❖ Soror Coaxum again distributed welcome candy/motivational packets for the 2018-19 Sorority Year to Sorors in attendance and those that were not at the first Chapter meeting. She also encouraged us to use a Sorority Pin Pals System for Sorors not here as a personal way to get them their gifts.

❖ **ARTS AND LETTERS**

- **MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER:**

*Presented by Soror Carmen Elston, Co-Chair (Soror Toya Jenkins is Co-Chair)*  
Committee: Sorors Courtney Austin, Edith Cotton, Andrea Flowers, Lolita Law, Daneen McCullum, Safiyyah Mills

- **“THOU SHALT NOT KILL”, 4 p.m. Sun. Oct. 28, 2018, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church**

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- **Sustain**

Good community support and involvement.

Delicious food.

“Clean” fun.

Online ticket purchases.

- **Improve**

Better sound system.

Have a “hot” link on the flyers.

Purchase/sell tickets earlier for better planning.

Better way to link paper sales to online ticket purchases.

**The Cast**

Mr. Steve Myers - Stew Ard – Usher

Ms. Tracy McLendon - Ivora Keys – Organist

Miss Jalen Dickerson - Alta Cleff – Choir Mistress

Mr. Walt Williams- Rev. Al Ation - Vicar

Soror Christina Love-The Inspector

Mrs. Cathy Lackey - Lena Lesson – Sunday School Teacher

Mr. Bruce Davis - Ben Counting – Church Treasurer

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **How can I as a Chapter President best support you? Does trust exist in our Chapter?** – Presented by Soror Fairley: Time was allowed for Sorors to provide written feedback to be reviewed later by Soror Fairley
- **Kansas Statewide Founders Day** – Presented by Soror Fairley: Jan. 12, 2019 at Willow Creek Event Center in Kansas City, KS \$50 Alumnae tickets; more than 10 Sorors expressed an interest in going (at least 10 are needed to purchase a table as a chapter)
- **God’s Open Closet Ongoing Service** – Presented by Soror Law: (November 17, March 9 and June 8)  
**Two shifts:** 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: 6:30 AM – 10:15 AM Set up & Serve; 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: 10:00 AM – 12:45 PM Serve & Teardown

**Sorors signed up:**

- **November 17, 2018:** Sorors Alicia Scott, Naomi Newman, Kathleen Cannon, Lolita Law; **March 9, 2019:** Sorors Kayla Hammonds and Lolita Law; **June 8, 2019:** Sorors Cheryl Mills and Kayla Hammonds



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- **Veteran's Day Parade Update, Mon. Nov. 12, 2018** – Presented by Soror Cheryl Mills, Chair: Soror Fairley's vehicle will be used by the Chapter in the parade and can seat seven to eight people comfortably. Staging begins at 7:30 a.m. in the west parking lot of the Leavenworth Public Library; meeting time at 9:45 a.m. at 4<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut streets and parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Presidents' Conference Call (Review)** – Soror Fairley
- **LAC's 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration (May 3-5, 2019)** – Soror Gibson-Dingle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6888<sup>th</sup> Central Directory Postal Battalion Dedication Ceremony, 10 a.m. Fri. Nov. 30, 2018 at Frontier Chapel –**

- A new monument is being dedicated as part of the Fort Leavenworth's Buffalo Soldier Commemorative Area. The bronze bust represent Lt. Col. Charity Adams, the Commander of the 6888<sup>th</sup> and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- LAC will be part of the welcoming committee, making welcome baskets for women 93 to 95 years old in age. Donation of funds for baskets – 10 total for five members and their caretakers. They will arrive Nov. 28.

**Save the Date LAC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (May 3-5, 2019)**

**Meet your commitment and deadlines – be present**

**Please send things needing immediate attention to the President's email,  
[president@dstlvksalumnae.org](mailto:president@dstlvksalumnae.org)**

**Chapter photos available immediately after meeting; any Sorors not receiving the LAC News need to let Soror Cotton know**

**Oct. 21, 2018: LAC received a "Rock Solid Award" from Rock of Refuge Christian Fellowship, Rev. W.E. Brown Jr., Pastor, for being solid servants in the Leavenworth community.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Soror Chandra Fairley, Chapter President*

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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

The next Chapter meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on December 1, 2018 at the Lansing Activity Center, Lansing KS.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Tanya Young  
Recording Secretary

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Chandra Fairley  
Chapter President