

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

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, June 1, 2019 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 10:00 a.m. for the consideration of business.

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Courtney Austin, Laura Coaxum, Kathaleen Cannon, Edith Cotton, Carmen Elston, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Lolita Law, Christina Love, Daneen McCullum, Cheryl Mills, Marisa Moore, LaShaundra Randolph, Gloria Swanagan, Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff, Bridgette Williams, Fatriziera Uitenham-Fletcher, Tanya Harris

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

❖ Visiting- 0

**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 Randolph to accept Agenda
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror McCullum and carried by a majority vote

**MINUTES:** *Soror Lolita Law on behalf of Soror Tanya Young, Recording Secretary*

- ❖ Printed minutes were not provided (minutes read online)
- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Fontaine to accept the May 1, 2019 Chapter Meeting minutes as written and placed in the Archive.
- ❖ Motion was seconded by Soror McCullum and carried by a majority vote (14 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstained).

**CHAPTER REPORTS**

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

- ❖ The executive board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Elston, Fairley, Gibson-Dingle, Lewis Wagstaff, and Love
- ❖ Topics discussed were: All items listed on the June 1, 2019 Agenda.

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

- ❖ Thank you card from Soror Paulette C. Walker in appreciation for hospitality during the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary Celebration
- ❖ Thank you Card from Soror L. Thomas for the Chapter's contribution to the quilt project
- ❖ Checks (2) Packages from Commerce Bank, Supply of blank checks
- ❖ Return Check, Commerce Bank. Insufficient Funds – Check return
- ❖ Letter from Soror Renee L. Harper, Campaign letter to request support for election to position of National Treasurer.

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- ❖ Awards Letter, Soror Cheryl Hickman, National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Chair of Scholarships and Standards Committee, 2019-2020 Chapter Seed Grant Awarded to LAC

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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

Operational total for May 2019: \$150

- 5/3/19: Dues from Soror Tanya Harris -- \$150.00

Fundraising total for May 2019: \$876.95

- 5/4/19: 50/50 Raffle Money received from Soror Alexandria Moss – \$295.00
- 5/7/19: Donation from William and Alice Brown -- \$50.00
- 5/30/19: PayPal transfer of 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary funds --\$531.95

**Grand Total: \$1,026.95**

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** *Presented by Madame President on behalf of Soror Carmen Elston, Treasurer*

**Month May 1 – May 31, 2019**

Operating Account Beginning Balance: \$6,680.22

Disbursements: \$792.65

Deposits: \$402.28

Ending Balance: \$6,289.85

**Month May 1 – 31, 2019**

Operating Account: \$6,289.85

Fundraising Account: \$5,630.43

Savings Account: \$1,394.26

Total Funds: \$13,314.54

**Fundraising Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$11,087.29

Deposit: \$1,426.95

Disbursements: \$6,891.81

**Ending Balance:** \$5,630.43 (\*Note: Actually adds up to \$5622.43)

**Savings Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$1,394.24

Interest: .02

**Ending Balance:** \$1,394.26

Motion was made by Soror Mills to accept the 2019-2020 Annual Budget as written. Motion was seconded by Soror Cotton and carried by a majority vote (16 in favor, 2 opposed).

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**PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Soror Christina Love*

❖ **Emergency Response Team Preparedness** – *Sorors JoAnn Uitenham and Carolyn Fontaine*

- Have Red Envelope with medical information and emergency contact.
- Missouri is in a state of emergency- We are assisting the Jefferson City Alumnae by a donation of gift cards. The gift cards must be turned in by noon Monday, June 3.
- Stay Delta Ready by implementing an Emergency Escape Plan
- Perform safety checks after an emergency

❖ **Economic Development** – Nothing to Report

❖ **Educational Development** – Nothing to Report

❖ **International Awareness & Involvement**

Co-Chairs: Sorors Carmen Elston & LaShaundra Randolph (Soror Flowers Reporting)

Committee: Sorors Flowers, Austin, Fontaine, Williams

- Thank you from Glory House Services for our Clothing and Shoes Drive.
- Donations will be shipped to Haiti at the end of August.

❖ **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH:** *Soror Lolita Law, Committee Co-Chair Reporting*

**Co-Chairs:** Courtney Austin & Lolita Law

**Committee Members:** Soror JoAnn Uitenham, Chandra Fairley, Alexandria Moss, Nina Copeland, Lornette Dallas, Elizabeth Cantrell, Kayla Hammonds, & Christina Love

- **Delta Red Shoe Challenge**
  - We are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> place with one month to go. The challenge ends in July.
- **Behavioral Health Fair AAR** – Madam President Fairley
  - Feedback from the surveys were:
    - Very Organized, Diverse Speakers, Perfect venue, greatly needed for the Leavenworth Community. We are encouraged to continue the event with the vendors helping to spread the word.
    - One Con: Better marketing to spread the word about the event.
- **Live Well Task Force Meeting**
  - Held on May 28, 2019 at the LV Youth Achievement Center
    - This is a great network of individuals and organizations who are concerned with Behavioral Health in Leavenworth County.
  - Facts from the Meeting were:
    - There have been zero suicides in the county within the last 30 days, only an attempt (treatment followed)
    - Interfaith Shelter of Hope has many individuals in need of behavioral health treatment. There are no resources in-house for these individuals.
    - There is an outbreak of Syphilis in Leavenworth County at this time.

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- ❖ **Political Involvement & Awareness (PIA):** *Soror Kathaleen Cannon, Committee Chair, Madame President presenting.*

**Committee Members:** Kayla Hammonds ~Andrea Flowers ~Carmen Elston ~Fatriziera Fletcher

- Legislative Forum will take place Saturday, at the Heritage Center. State legislators who represent districts in Leavenworth County have been invited to participate in the forum, which is organized through the chamber's Government Affairs Committee. Breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. and the Forum will begin at 9 a.m. This event and free and open to the public.
- **Leavenworth County 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 June 11th, 2019 7:00 PM
- **Lansing City Council**
  - Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public and held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 800 First Terrace, Lansing, KS
  - Next meeting June 6th, 2019 7:00 PM
- **The Leavenworth Chapter of the NAACP Membership**
  - The cost is \$30, and applications can be found on-line at [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org). Ensure you use chapter code 4036 Leavenworth
- **2020 VISION- WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**
  - 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 HBCU's, and Restoration of Voting Rights for Ex-Felons.
  - **We need your ideas for the following:**
    - Voter education & awareness rally
    - Restoration of voting rights in Kansas
    - Voter registration

❖ **2019-2020 Calendar Proposal – Vote**

- Motion was made by Soror Gibson-Dingle to accept the 2019-2020 calendar updates and changes
- Motion was seconded by Soror Cannon and carried by a majority vote (17 in favor, 2 were out of the room during the vote).

❖ **Scholarship and Standards**

- **Policies and Procedure Recommendations - Vote**
  - All travel for which reimbursement is expected must be authorized in advance
    - Motion was made by Soror Mills to Split Per Diem between Voting

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Delegate and Alternate

- Motion was seconded by Soror Swanagan and carried by a majority vote (18 in favor, 1 abstained).
- Chapter payment vouchers have been updated to reflect our current activities
  - Motion was made by Soror Elston to accept the updates to the chapter's payment vouchers.
  - Motion was seconded by Soror Randolph and carried by a majority vote.
- Provide travel to National Convention, Regional Conference, State Clusters and Tri-State for Voting and Alternate Delegate outside or beyond 40 miles radius, if the budget allows. If the budget does not allow, travel will be provided only to the Voting Delegate.
  - Motion was made by Soror Coaxum to accept the updates to the chapter's payment vouchers.
  - Motion was seconded by Soror Elston and carried by a majority vote.
- **PP & D Presentation – Soror Love**
  - **Committee Chairs**
    - Recruit new chapter members to work on the committee
    - Get your reports in on time/Plan effectively
    - Don't be afraid to delegate and ask for help if you need help
  - **Committee Members**
    - Be Present, support your chair and other members
    - Attend all meetings
    - Follow through with your commitments
  - **Committee Meetings**
    - Designate a date and time
    - Include all committee members in correspondence if needed. Include the chapter president, keeping her in the loop.
    - Meetings can be in person, over the phone, zoom, or any other use of technology.
    - Have a purpose
    - Program Planning and Development forms were passed out.
    - No more than three slides will be submitted. In this order:
      - Business (up front)
      - Pictures on the last slide
        - Provide an AAR after your event.
    - (Soror Love was thanked for bringing order and organization to this committee).

❖ **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES –**

- **Hospitality - Committee Chair:** Soror Laura Coaxum *Committee Members:* Sorors JoAnn Uitenham, Carolyn Fontaine, Jackie Mister, Cheryl Mills and Michele McRoy
  - **Birthdays**

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- **June Birthdays**
  - Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff - June 2
  - Carolyn Fontaine – June 6
  - Safiyyah Mills – June 27
  - Chandra Fairley – June 29
  - Tanya Fogg Young – June 30
- **July Birthdays**
  - Kathaleen Cannon – July 17
  - Valeria Johnson – July 18
  - Andrea Flowers – July 21
  - Katrina Grimes – July 22
- **August Birthdays**
  - Lolita Law – August 3
  - Marisa Moore – August 3
  - JoAnn Uitenham – August 6
  - Michele McRoy – August 11
  - LaShaundra Randolph
  - Christina Love – August 17
  - Roshun Steele – August 31
- Soror Coaxum wants us to reflect on our sisterhood. Joy in our service, Service in our hearts, and Power in our voice. Which statement resonates with you?

❖ **ARTS AND LETTERS – (NSTR)**

**Unfinished Business**

- ❖ **30<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary Celebration AAR:** *Co-Chairs: Kondra Gibson-Dingle & Safiyyah Mills Committee Members: Chevelle Lewis-Wagstaff, Christina Love, Edith Cotton, Daneen McCollum, Cheryl Mills, Lolita Law, Marisa Moore, LaShaundra Randolph, Lexi Moss;*
- The Event was held Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5
  - We held a total of 7 events throughout the weekend, which included the following:
    - Welcome lunch for Soror Walker
    - Meet & Greet
    - Community Service Project
    - Luncheon and Group Photo
    - Celebration Gala
    - Church Service
    - Brunch
- **Recommendations:**
  - Maintain distribution list so Sorors can be notified of our next anniversary event.

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- Provide opportunities for Sorors who are not able to attend to purchase shirts/totes and donate.
- Have the reunion/anniversary celebration every 5 years.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ National Slate (our Chapter's Vote)
  - No one locally from our region is running for office.
  - Madam President will make the best decision. She may have an opportunity to meet the candidates.
  - Central Region Chapters donate a \$5, \$10 or \$25 Gift card for Sisterhood Luncheon (Convention) – Cards should be able to be used in and outside of the U.S. Bring to Membership Services Room during Convention (Thursday).
  - Chapter Officer Installations
    - Marisa Moore will be the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

- Stop by and see the new addition to the Uitenham-Fletcher Family between 3-5 pm
- Support KCMO Alumnae Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – June 14<sup>th</sup> at Delta Athenaeum 6:30 pm - \$25 per ticket
- Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta invites us to their Blue Revue Scholarship Debutante Ball (LAC News) – June 15, 2019 at KU Edwards Campus – Best Conference Rm. – Overland Park, KS
- Attire for 2019-2020 Chapter Photo: Red Formal Dress, Pearl Accessories and Nude/Cream Family Shoes
- Transition Meeting – Mid June
- End of the Year: Sisterhood Lunch at Tampico Restaurant immediately following Chapter Mtg.
- National Convention – New Orleans - July 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday)
- Destination 22 – Please donate \$22 to help collegiate Sorors attend Delta Mtgs. To donate, go to C3 site, log in with credentials. Click Destination 22 located in Collegiate Corner Drop-Down Menu.
- For budget allocations, please review the 18-19 Revised Budget on Chapter Website.
- Meet your commitments and deadlines; Be present.
- Please send things that need immediate attention to the president's email.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Soror Mills to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded by Soror Elston and carried by a majority vote.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tanya Young, Recording Secretary

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Chandra Fairley, Chapter President