

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter**  
**Minutes for the December 1, 2018 Chapter Meeting**

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 10:01 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 10:13 a.m. for the consideration of business.

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Courtney Austin, Edith Cotton, Carmen Elston, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine, Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law, Christina Love, Daneen McCullum, Michele McRoy, Cheryl Mills, Marisa Moore, Naomi Newman, LaShaundra Randolph, Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff, and Tanya Young.

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

- ❖ There were no visiting Sorors.

**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 the agenda.
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror Mills 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 November 3, 2018 Chapter Meeting minutes.

- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Mills to accept the November 3, 2018 minutes and place them in the Archive. Motion was seconded by Soror Austin 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 November 27, 2018 via teleconference.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Cotton, Elston, Fairley, Flowers, Gibson-Dingle, Love, Randolph, and Lewis Wagstaff.
- ❖ Topics discussed were: All December 1, 2018 Agenda items.

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

- ❖ Check from Omicron Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. for earnings from the Kansas City Chiefs Concessions Fundraiser
- ❖ Receipt from Kansas City Kansas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. for payment of \$250 fee for the Statewide Founders Day

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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

Fundraising: \$40 Jazz by the River Rebate from the Richard Allen Cultural Center

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Operational: \$375 total Chapter Dues received from Soror Marisa Moore

\$415.00 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

**Nov. 1-30, 2018 Operating Account**

Beginning Balance: \$5,649.16

Disbursements: \$225.00

Deposits: \$375.00

Ending Balance: \$5,799.16

**Nov. 1-30, 2018 Savings Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$1,254.12

Interest/Total Deposit: .02

**Ending Balance:** \$1,254.14

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

**Beginning Balance:** \$3,021.95

Total Deposits: \$40.00

Disbursements: \$50.00

**Ending Balance:** \$3,011.95

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**Recommendations:**

❖ **Increase RACCM donation to \$100**

- Currently \$50
- Gift back JBTR Ticket \$40
- Additional \$10
- Motion was made by Soror Elston and seconded by Soror Randolph to increase the Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum donation to \$100. Motion was carried by a majority vote (17 in favor, 0 opposed).

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❖ **Return \$140 to savings account**

- Motion was made by Soror Elston and seconded by Soror Law to return \$140 to the savings account. Motion was carried by a majority vote (17 in favor, 0 opposed).

**PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Soror Christina Love*

- ❖ Sorors were encouraged to regularly check and review the Chapter's 30/60/90-Day Program Outlook and provide any updates or revisions as needed. Information is programming specific.
- ❖ Effectively immediately, there is a maximum of 3 slides per committee for the Chapter Meeting PowerPoint presentation.

❖ **Delta Emergency Response Team (ERT)** – *Presented by Soror Carolyn Fontaine, Co-Coordinator (Soror JoAnn Uitenham is Team Co-Coordinator). Kansas State ERT Chair: Soror Stephanie Goggins*

- Presentation exploring how equipped Sorors are for an emergency or natural disaster – “Are you DELTA Ready?”
- Sorors were encouraged to fill out forms that were passed out containing contact information, physician and insurance information, allergies/illnesses/medications and to list detailed medical information if needed.
- Completed forms should be placed in RED envelopes
- Three-Phased Approach: Prepa**RED** (before), **ReaDy** (During), **RED**covery (After)

❖ **Economic Development** – *Presented by Soror Naomi Newman, Chair*  
Committee: Sorors Kathaleen Cannon, Daneen McCullum, Lornette Dallas, Nina Copeland

❖ **MLK Service Project & Church Service**

- Leavenworth holds an annual celebration for the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. University of Saint Mary does a week of service for observance. More details to follow.

❖ **What is the dfree® Movement & Experience?**

- Faith-based 12-step program that is specifically designed with the black community in mind. Some areas of interest include Financial Fraud & Exploitation, dfree© Young Money and more.

❖ **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*

- DGDA met for its third session of the 2018-19 school year on Sat. Nov. 17 at the Leavenworth High Library.

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- The session, which was attended by 24 girls, was entitled “Thankful For My Talents” and led by Soror Christina Love.
- Sorors Hammonds and McCullum – DGDA Co-Chairs – as well as Sorors Fairley, Law and Young attended the session.
- Sorors Lolita Law and Marisa Terry Moore provided the meal for attendees.
- DGDA members served Thanksgiving dinner to dozens of residents at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Feast held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Leavenworth. Sorors Hammonds and Young were on hand to supervise the girls and help serve.
- Upcoming events: Sun. Dec. 2, Richard Allen Cultural Center Christmas Tea; Sat. Dec. 15 – DGDA meeting. Sides and desserts are needed, and a sign-up sheet circulated during the meeting. The young ladies of DGDA will create their own Vision boards during the December session, “Nurturing My Mind, Body and Spirit.” Sorors were asked to please donate magazines and glue sticks for the session.

❖ **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 was December 1 (day of the Chapter Meeting)
- “Know Your Status, Get Tested”
  - Social Media Campaign
  - List of local places where you can take an HIV test
- LAC World Aids Day Project
  - Sorors planned to deliver 100 Safe Sex Packets to Interfaith Welcome Central in Leavenworth following the Chapter Meeting

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

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

- **Tips for Mental Health During the Holidays**
  - **Budget:** Plan Your Budget In Advance of the Holiday Season
  - **Family:** Set Boundaries with Your Family and Communicate Them
  - **Overindulging:** Be Gentle With Yourself and Understand that Your Goal Is To Limit Consumption or Inactivity, Not Eliminate It Entirely
  - **Taking On Too Much:** Decide on your Limit and Stick to Them
  - **Loneliness & Isolation:** Volunteer with a Local Non-Profit
  - **Loss:** Acknowledge that this Holiday Season Won't Be the Same
  - **Year-End Reflection:** Look To the Future With Optimism

❖ **Political Involvement & Awareness (PIA):** *Presented by Soror Andrea Flowers on behalf of Soror Kathaleen Cannon, Committee Chair*

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

My Diva Boutique donated approximately \$300 to LAC from the "Deltas Votes Glitter Tee" initiative. continues to be a successful partnership.

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.

- The Political Involvement & Awareness Committee (PIA) meeting was held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 19, 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. It was noted that Leavenworth County Commissioners Chairman Louis Klemp resigned from the board under fire regarding comments about "the master race" during a previous meeting. The next meeting is Dec. 11, 2018.
- Reminder of Dec. 15 deadline to apply for health care, with information at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).
- Committee provided a Political Awareness and Involvement quiz.
- Upcoming Events
  - February 21, 2019: Delta Days at the State Capitol, Topeka, KS
  - 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
  - March 28-31, 2019: Tri-State Meeting, Oklahoma, OK

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP AND STANDARDS – Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Chair**  
Committee: Sorors Christina Love, Carmen Elston, Lolita Law, Tanya Young  
**No status to report**

❖ **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES – Soror Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff**

- Hospitality – Presented by Soror Carolyn Fontaine on behalf of Soror Laura Coaxum, Chair

❖ **Birthdays**

- **December**
  - Soror Glenda Smith-Davis (16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Soror Elizabeth Cantrell (16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Soror Courtney Austin (20<sup>th</sup>)
  - Soror Marquessa Keith (28<sup>th</sup>)
  - Soror Edith Cotton (29<sup>th</sup>)

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❖ **Fall Deltaversaries**

- Nov. 22 – Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle
- Dec. 15 – Soror Carmen Elston
- Dec. 18 – Soror Glenda Smith-Davis
- Dec. 20 – Soror Edith Cotton
- Dec. 20 – Soror Jacqueline Mister
- Dec. ?? – Soror Sherelia Webb Bowers

❖ **ARTS AND LETTERS**

- **Holiday Celebration (Deltas only):** *Presented by Soror Carmen Elston, Co-Chair and Soror Love*
  - Dec. 8, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 415 Cherokee St., Leavenworth, KS
  - Featuring: food, crafts, prizes, talent showcase, "Ugly Sweater" contest. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Soror Elston, carmenelston1913@gmail.com if interested in showcasing your talent; RSVP to Soror Love, cdlove5@yahoo.com by Dec. 5 if planning to attend.
  - Bring new or reclaimed Sorors to the Christmas party to get a prize.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Chapter President Survey Results** (How can I, as president, best support you? Does trust exist in our Chapter?) – Presented by Soror Fairley
  - **LAC has work to do**
    - Take time for self-reflection and self-evaluation
    - Make a conscious effort to consider others' feelings
    - Don't discredit others' feelings
    - Remember our Nine Cardinal Virtues
    - Remember the Christian Principles of which Our Sorority was founded
    - NOTE: Soror Fairley said that the Chapter will have a time and place with a goal in mind to discuss the survey results in detail and that the Chapter Meeting was not the time in which to do it.
- **Kansas Statewide Founders Day** – \$50 Alumnae ticket fees were to be collected after the Dec. 1 Chapter Meeting for the Jan. 12, 2019 event to be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Willow Creek Event Center in Kansas City, KS. Attire is black (no pants) with purple violets and pearls.
- **Veterans Day Parade/After-Action Review (AAR)** – Presented by Soror Love

Date: Monday, November 12, 2018

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- Five Sorors participated (Sorors Fairley, Love, Law, Fontaine & Cotton)
- **SUSTAIN:**
  1. Participating in the Veterans Day Parade.
  2. Using a vehicle during the parade especially in times of inclement weather.
  3. After Parade fellowship
- **RECOMMENDATION:**
  1. If Sorors want to walk, possibly having a few in front of the car with a LAC banner.
- **IMPROVEMENTS:** N/A
- **6888<sup>th</sup> Dedication Ceremony Feedback**
  - Soror Charity Adams Earley led the all-black female 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion, which kept mail flowing to nearly seven million soldiers in the European Theater of Operations (ETO).
  - Soror Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff thanked Sorors for their collective acts of kindness and monetary donations in providing hospitality to the members of the “6 triple 8” who were in Leavenworth for the Nov. 30 Monument Dedication Ceremony, 10 a.m. Fri. Nov. 30, 2018 at Frontier Chapel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Different date for May 4 chapter meeting – Conflicts with May 3-5 LAC 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration. Proposal of Wed. May 1 at 7 p.m.
  - Motion made by Soror McCullum to hold the May 2019 LAC Meeting on Wed. May 1, 2019 at 7 p.m. and seconded by Soror Cotton. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
- Proposal of earlier start time for Feb. 2, 2019 Chapter Meeting because it conflicts with the Kansas City Missouri Alumnae Chapter Founders Day Luncheon that will feature Soror Cynthia Butler-McIntyre as Speaker. Motion made by Soror Elston to move the Chapter Meeting start time from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. and seconded by Soror Mills. Motion was carried by a majority vote (14 in favor, 2 in opposition).
- **30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – Co-Chairs Kondra Gibson-Dingle and Saffiyah Mills
  - Save the date will launch once chapter has approved moving the chapter meeting date
  - Gala/Banquet Location (May 4<sup>th</sup>) – June’s Cottage
  - Approximate cost for weekend (excluding hotel, travel) - \$125
  - Online registration will start January 2019

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- If you would like to be on the committee, please text or email Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle to be added to correspondence. [kondragibson@yahoo.com](mailto:kondragibson@yahoo.com)  
816-783-7063
- Next meeting, December 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Wreaths Across America** – Soror Law
  - Community Service Date of December 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM, Fort Leavenworth or Leavenworth National Cemetery
  - **Mission:** On Saturday, 15 December 2018 Wreaths Across America will be at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery and Leavenworth National to remember and honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.
  - We can help our location lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by clicking the red "Sponsor" button on the Wreaths Across America website.
  - Or, if you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, please click the "Volunteer" button next to the cemetery name below, and don't forget to click the "Invite" button to invite your friends and family to join you.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For budget allocations, please review the 2018-19 Revised Budget on Chapter Website

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)

Let's keep our Sorors who are ailing in our prayers

Soror Patrizziera Uitenham Fletcher's Gender Reveal Live Streamed today on FB at 1:00 – Tune In!

Please get your Chapter Photo

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Soror Cotton to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Soror McRoy and was carried by a unanimous vote.

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The next Chapter meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on January 5, 2019 at the Lansing Activity Center, Lansing KS.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tanya Young  
Recording Secretary

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Chandra Fairley  
Chapter President