

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter
Minutes for the January 5, 2019 Chapter Meeting

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, January 5, 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 10:10 a.m. for the consideration of business.

ATTENDANCE: 18 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Laura Coaxum, Edith Cotton, Carmen Elston, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law, Christina Love, Daneen McCullum, Cheryl Mills, Marisa Moore, LaShaundra Randolph, Gloria Swanagan, Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff, and out-of-town financial Sorors Nina Copeland and Alexandria Moss.

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 Mills to accept the agenda.
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror Hammonds and carried by a majority vote.

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

Time was allotted for Sorors to review the December 1, 2018 Chapter Meeting minutes.

- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Fontaine to accept the December 1, 2018 minutes and place them in the Archive. Motion was seconded by Soror McCullum 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 January 3, 2019 at Soror Swanagan's home.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Cotton, Fairley, and Swanagan and via teleconference were Gibson-Dingle and Randolph.
- ❖ Topics discussed were all January 5, 2019 agenda items.

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

- ❖ Check from My Diva Boutique, Soror Gibson-Dingle, for payment from the Delta Vote Fundraiser.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

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

Fundraising: \$1,290

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- Kansas Statewide Founders Day tickets -- \$50 each from Sorors McRoy, Fontaine, Mills, Cotton, Moore, Lewis Wagstaff, Newman, Love, Fairley, Young, McCullum and Flowers; \$150 from Soror Hammonds
- \$40 transfer from Operating to Savings
- \$500 Kansas City Chiefs game check from Omicron Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.)

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

TREASURER REPORT: *Soror Carmen Elston, Treasurer*

Dec. 1-31, 2018 Operating Account

Beginning Balance: \$5,799.16
Disbursements: \$990.00
Deposits: \$965.00
Ending Balance: \$5,774.16

Dec. 1-31, 2018 Savings Account

Beginning Balance: \$1,254.14
Interest: .02
Transfer: 140.00
Ending Balance: \$1,394.16

Dec. 1-31, 2018 Fundraising Account

Beginning Balance: \$3,011.95
Total Deposits: \$700.00
Disbursements: \$40.00
Ending Balance: \$3,671.95

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NOTE: The Budget and Finance team will accept Sorority Year (SY) 2019-20 dues until March 22, 2019 to allow local processing and to avoid National Headquarters late fees.

Local Dues: \$150, **Regular Member:** \$200; **Golden Life, Diamond Life:** \$10

PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Soror Christina Love

- ❖ Sorors should continue 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.
- ❖ **Delta Emergency Response Team (ERT)** – *Presented by Soror Carolyn Fontaine, Co-Coordinator (Soror JoAnn Uitenham is Team Co-Coordinator)*

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- Sorors need to be equipped for an emergency or natural disaster – “Are you DELTA **Ready?**”
- Sorors’ **RED** envelopes should be readily available at all meetings.
- An Emergency Escape Plan – Fire, Active Shooter and/or Shelter-in-Place.

❖ **Economic Development** – *Soror Naomi Newman, Chair* (No Status to Report)



❖ **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 Kayla Hammonds, Co-Chair*

- DGDA met for its fourth session of the 2018-19 school year on Sat. Dec. 15 at the Leavenworth High Library.
- The session, which was attended by 23 young ladies (including DGDA alumnae), was entitled “Nurturing My Mind, Body, and Spirit/Vision Board Creation” and led by Soror Hammonds, DGDA Co-Chair.
- Sorors in attendance were: Sorors Hammonds, Fairley, McCullum, Flowers, Young, Love, Moore and Newman.
- Sorors Bositta Brown Thomas and Alicia Scott provided the main entrée of chicken for the meal and sides and desserts were provided by Sorors McCullum, Hammonds, Young, Elston, Fairley, Love, Newman, Flowers, Moore, Austin and Law.
- DGDA members served as hostesses at the December 2 Richard Allen Cultural Center Christmas Tea.
- Upcoming event: The next DGDA meeting is scheduled for Jan. 19, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon at the Leavenworth High School Library and the lesson title is “STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Career Professional Panel.”

National African-American Read-In – *Presented by Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle*

- The purpose is to promote diversity in children’s reading while shining a light on African-American authors.
- Volunteers are needed to read at elementary schools in our service area during the month of February.
- Book donations by African-American authors that are appropriate for kindergarten through 2nd grade.
- Sign up and you will be notified of the dates available.
- Contact Soror Gibson-Dingle at kondragibson@yahoo.com or 816-783-7063 with any questions.

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

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

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- As part of outreach efforts for World AIDS Day on December 1, 2018, members of the Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter delivered safe sex packets to Interfaith Welcome Central in Leavenworth along with pamphlets on HIV test locations.

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

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

- **DeltaCare**

- An internal initiative created to promote wellness in our sisterhood. To support your physical health goals, please join our National President in the **Red S.H.O.E. National Walk Challenge**. **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 will challenge 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.
- ▲ Registration is open until January 10, 2019 for the first 1,000 Sorors in each region. The challenge is restricted to financial members only. On January 11, 2019 any remaining spots will be issued to members on the waiting list.
- ▲ If admitted, you will receive a confirmation email on January 11, 2019 and link to join your region's team on the Challenge Runner Website. A video orientation on how to use Challenge Runner and sync your GPS enabled device will be provided. If you do not have a device, you can buy a manual pedometer and enter your steps on the Challenge Runner site.
- ▲ You will earn bonus steps during the challenge for engaging in other healthy behaviors. Be sure to check the Challenge Runner site often for ways to boost your final total.
- ▲ The Challenge will run from January 13, 2019 – July 1, 2019. You can join the challenge at any time, but you will not be credited with steps until you have joined your regional team. Participants who have not joined their regional team by January 21, 2019 may be removed from the challenge if there is a waitlist to allow another member the opportunity to participate.
- ▲ All members who reach the goal will be recognized at the 54th National Convention in New Orleans, LA. We will also recognize regional, overall winners, and other categories.

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

❖ (No Status to Report)

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

Committee: Sorors Christina Love, Carmen Elston, Lolita Law, Tanya Young

- A new electronic scholarship application is available on the chapter website.
- The scholarship application deadline is April 19, 2019.

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

- Sisterhood Month
 - Suggested Activities:
 - Skating
 - Bowling
 - Movie Night
 - Game Night
 - Escape Room
 - Sip and Paint
 - Calendar will be provided with suggested daily activities
 - Please provide calendar events with details (event, date, and hostess) **NLT January 25, 2019** to Soror Lewis Wagstaff via email at chevelle.wagstaff@gmail.com

○ **Birthdays:**

- Jan. 13 – DST's 106th Birthday
- Jan. 13 – Soror Jacqueline A. Dillard, Central Regional Director (LAC providing her with a birthday gift)

○ New Year's gifts were distributed

❖ **ARTS AND LETTERS**

- **Talent Showcase/Christmas Party After-Action Report (AAR):** Sorors Carmen Elston and Soror Christina Love, Co-Chairs
 - Dec. 8, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 415 Cherokee St., Leavenworth, KS
 - 19 Sorors were present
 - Event included a talent showcase with songs from Soror Austin and Soror Young, artwork from Soror Cotton and a craft from Soror Newman
 - The event was well attended with a nice holiday atmosphere
 - Recommended changes: designate a planner in advance and arrival time of Sorors
 - Sustain: Having a holiday event

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **MLK Service Project & Church Service** (Soror Naomi Newman)
 - Leavenworth holds an annual celebration for the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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- University of Saint Mary does a week of service for observance. More details to follow.
- **God's Open Closet Outreach (2700 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, KS)**
 - Community Service Dates March 9 and June 8
Sorors signed up are:
 - March 9, 2019: Sorors Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law
 - June 8, 2019: Sorors Cheryl Mills, Kayla Hammonds
 - Purpose: God Open Closet is a **FREE** garage sale to for the community.
 - The ministry of God's Open Closet is to provide clothes, coats, household items and furniture to anyone who has a need.
 - Individuals who come are never asked for personal or financial information.
 - Items are donated by local families, churches and from area garage sales.
 - Tax deductible receipts are available upon request.
 - **To donate: Bring items Saturday mornings (closed 3rd Saturdays)**
 - **We will work in two shifts:**
 - **1st Shift: 6:30 AM – 10:15 AM Set up & Serve**
 - **2nd Shift: 10:00 AM – 12:45 PM Serve & Tear-down**
 - ***** All Dates are subject to weather conditions. *****
- **Wreaths Across America/After-Action Review (AAR)** – Soror Law
 - Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Leavenworth National Cemetery
 - Five Sorors participated (Sorors Fontaine, Elston & Crew, Wagstaff Lewis)
 - Purpose: 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. Purpose also includes teaching children the value of freedom.
- **LAC 30th Anniversary Celebration (Co-Chairs Kondra Gibson-Dingle and Safiyyah Mills)**
 - Theme: "Long Live the Legacy"
 - May 3rd - Meet and Greet - Staff Training Center confirmed ````
 - May 4th - Service Project - TBD
 - May 4th - Gala - June's Cottage confirmed
 - May 5th - Independent Baptist Church & Sunday Brunch at June's Cottage
 - Speaker: TBD
 - Host hotel: Home2 Suites - \$119 plus tax
 - Website page created - <https://www.dstlvksalumnae.org/events>
 - Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/581919735570979/>
 - Contact email: 30thanniversary@dstlvksalumnae.org
 - Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm

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Home2 Suites by Hilton Worldwide
250 Delaware Street
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- Vote: \$500 seed money for 30th Anniversary Celebration. Motion made by Soror Gibson-Dingle for \$500 Seed money for the 30th Anniversary Celebration and motion seconded by Soror Cotton.

Questions:

- Q: Do we have the money?
- A: Yes, the money will come from the Fundraising account
- Q: What is the cost for the event?
- A: \$125 for the weekend. The Sunday Brunch at June's Northland is on your own.
- Q: Will there be an opportunity to purchase tickets for event outside of the weekend. For example: single ticket for the Gala?
- A: Yes, the event is open to Sorors first. They may purchase tickets for their spouses, family, and guests at that time. The event will open to the public afterwards.
- Passed by Majority Vote 18-0

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Interested in Leadership Opportunities:
 1. Attend Webinars for Leadership Development
 2. Upcoming DID Training/Cert. Opportunity During Tri-State (Complete app by 01/06)
 3. Our Regional Director is seeking Sorors willing to present at Tri-State. Alert President if interested.
- ❖ New Website –Technology Team/Webmaster (Sorors Law, Young, Mills)
- ❖ Tri-State Quilt Squares – C. Mills (Used as Gifts for our Regional Director and Regional Representative)
- ❖ Chapter is asked to provide artifacts for display at KS Statewide Founders Day
- ❖ Call for Nominations (Mister)

❖ **Announcements:**

- 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
- Kansas Statewide Founders Day is Jan. 12, 2019 at Willow Creek Event Ctr.in Kansas City, KS. Get your **tickets before it is too late. LAC has almost filled two tables.**
- KCMO Alumnae Red Sunday – January 13, 2019, 3-6 p.m., Delta Atheneum
- February 2, 2019 - KCMO Founders Day Luncheon – Speaker is , Cynthia Butler-McIntyre
- CSO Black History Event – Feb. 2, 2019 - See Soror Lewis Wagstaff for tickets after

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Monday, January 7.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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

The next Chapter meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on February 2, 2019 at the Lansing Activity Center, Lansing KS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Young
Recording Secretary

Chandra Fairley
Chapter President