

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter**  
**Minutes for the March 2, 2019 Chapter Meeting**

The Leavenworth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, March 2, 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 10:13 a.m. for the consideration of business.

**ATTENDANCE:** 17 Sorors were in attendance: Sorors Courtney Austin, Kathaleen Cannon, Laura Coaxum, Edith Cotton, Chandra Fairley, Andrea Flowers, Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law, Daneen McCullum, Alexandria Moss, Michele McRoy, Safiyyah Mills, Marisa Moore, Naomi Newman, LaShaundra Randolph, and Tanya Young.

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

- ❖ Visiting Sorors were Brenda Gray and Faceta Johnson.

**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 Cotton to accept the agenda.
- ❖ The Motion was seconded by Soror Moore and carried by a majority vote.

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

Time was allotted for Sorors to review the February 2, 2019 Chapter Meeting minutes.

- ❖ Motion was made by Soror Randolph to accept the February 2, 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 February 25, 2019 at Soror Elston's home.
- ❖ In attendance: Sorors Cotton, Elston, Fairley, Gibson-Dingle, Love and Randolph.
- ❖ Topics discussed were all March 2, 2019 agenda items.

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

- ❖ Greeting card containing dues from Soror Stephanie Goggans, which was turned over to financial officers.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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

Fundraising: \$1,210.00 in Chapter Dues from Sorors Cotton, Goggans, Grimes and Love and \$2,276.75 in payments to PayPal for the 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary for a total of \$3,486.75.

- Committee met February 17, 2019 for budget adjustments.

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- Committee recommendations:

1. Move \$25 from IAI to Membership Services
2. Use \$140 of National Convention Registration budget to pay for delegates' Tri-State meeting registration.

Motion made by Soror Randolph to reconcile the budget based on committee recommendations and seconded by Soror Law. Motion passed on a majority vote.

- Important notes:

1. Pay SY 19-20 dues until MARCH 22, 2019 to allow local processing and to avoid Nat'l HQ late fees. Make sure you turn in a complete dues form. Be prepared to pay late fees if paid after this date.

Local Dues: \$150

Regular Member National and Per Capita: \$200

Golden Life, Diamond Life Per Capita: \$10

2. Promptly turn in vouchers and documentation for reimbursement of approved expenses.

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** *Soror Fairley on behalf of Soror Carmen Elston, Treasurer*

**Feb. 1-28, 2019 Operating Account**

Beginning Balance: \$5,665.31

Disbursements: \$951.79

Deposits: \$1,210.00

Ending Balance: \$5,923.52

**Feb. 1-28, 2019 Savings Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$1,394.16

Interest: .02

**Ending Balance:** \$1,394.18

**Feb. 1-28, 2019 Fundraising Account**

**Beginning Balance:** \$4,115.94

Total Deposits: \$2,276.75

Disbursements: \$0.00

**Ending Balance:** \$6,392.69

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**PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Soror Fairley on behalf of 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.
- ❖ Emergency Response Team – no status to report
- ❖ **Economic Development** – *Soror Naomi Newman, Chair*  
Committee: Kathleen Cannon, Daneen McCullum, Lornette Dallas, Nina Copeland  
Financial Fortitude Update (Dfree Movement)  
Financial Fortitude Update
  - Possible date change in order to have a representative available. (April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Alternatives: Introduce Young Money Initiative to Chapter members and their families. Follow a 30-Day Financial Wellness Plan  
Billion Dollar Challenge Initiative
  - LAC 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.
    - Chapters that have lowered the most debt receives \$1000 at the National Convention
- ❖ **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)** – February session cancelled due to inclement weather.

**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.

**February 6th - Henry Elementary**

Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Kathleen Cannon, Marisa Moore, Kayla Hammonds

**February 21st - Early Lawson Elementary**

Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Naomi Newman, Marisa Moore, Daneen McCullum

**February 27th - Anthony Elementary**

Carmen Elston, Laura Coaxum, Kayla Hammonds, Lexii Moss, Andrea Flowers

**3 Books donated to Henry Elementary - \$23.79**

- ❖ **Lola at the Library, One Love, Riley Can Be Anything**

**Book donations by African America Authors – appropriate for K- 1st grade**

**Contact: kondragibson@yahoo.com or 816-783-7063 with any questions.**

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Soror Hammonds donated two books to Anthony Elementary. A suggestion was made to check with Lansing Elementary next year for interest in participating in the Read-In because the school is in our service area.

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

Committee: Sorors Andrea Flowers, Carolyn Fontaine

- Glory House Services Clothing and Shoes Drive

❖ **Background History**

**LAC's partnership**

**Current Needs**

- Shoes (all sizes, kids, adults, babies)
- Clothes (all sizes)
- Bring items to Chapter Meetings in March, April and May.
- \*There are options to deliver items to Haiti starting at \$500 and if we move forward with GHS next year this committee could consider a service trip.\*
- **Collections will only be taken after chapter meetings. Donations must be in a bag or box.**

❖ **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**
  - 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.
  - ▲ There are 13 LAC Sorors participating in the challenge: Law, Uitenham, Hammonds, Randolph, Uitenham-Fletcher, Gibson Dingle, Goggans, Fontaine, Lewis Wagstaff, Fairley, Love, Newman and Cantrell.
  - ▲ **The Challenge will run from January 13, 2019 – July 1, 2019.**
  - Now that the challenged has started, there are many ways to earn bonus points during the challenge. By engaging in other healthy behaviors, you can add to your points for steps.

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- ***Be sure to check the Challenge Runner site often for ways to boost your final total.***
  - ▲ All members who reach the goal will be recognized at the 54<sup>th</sup> National Convention in New Orleans, LA. We will also recognize regional, overall winners, and other categories.
  - ***The weather has NOT been cooperating, There is still plenty of time to get those steps in before July 1, 2019***
  - The current rankings of the Regions were reviewed as well as the points earned to date by the participating LAC Sorors.
- **The 2019 Relay For Life of Leavenworth County – Presented by Soror Austin** on behalf of Soror Love
  - – “Lights, Camera, Cure!” is scheduled to be held at Lansing Middle School on April 27, 2019, from 1p.m. to 10 p.m. Join our team and /or donate:
  - [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?fr\\_id=91211&pg=team&team\\_id=2367376](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?fr_id=91211&pg=team&team_id=2367376)

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

- Soror Cannon provided a recap of the Feb. 21 Delta Days at the Capitol in Topeka. Sorors Cannon, Hammonds, Flowers and Law attended the event.
  - Newly adopted legislative items:
    - Same-day voter registration (Senate Bill No.43)
    - Electioneering (Senate Bill No.132)
    - Expand Medicaid
    - Smart Justice (reduce sentence for non-violent drug crimes by de-felonizing drug possession)
    - Increase state minimum wage to \$10.25/hr by 2020
- The day included advocacy training, an informative session led by the Kansas Black Legislative Caucus, to be recognized in both Senate and House chambers, and one-on-one meetings with leaders
- Efforts to rejuvenate the local chapter of the Leavenworth NAACP is in full effect. The mission of the local chapter is to reinvent themselves and the community. Applications are available.
- 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. All meetings are open to the public comments should be of general interest of the public. The next meetings are 9 a.m. March 6 and 7 p.m. March 25.
- Other events:
  - **Coffee and Chat Event with the Mayor and City Manager, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. March 2.** Members of the public to meet with the local officials and ask questions informally. Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St.

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- **Leavenworth County Expungement Day**, applications to be completed by March 8, 2019

❖ **SCHOLARSHIP AND STANDARDS** – *Soror Kondra Gibson-Dingle, Chair*  
Committee: Sorors Christina Love and Carmen Elston

Call for Proposed Amendments - March 2nd

Proposed Amendments due to committee by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Proposed Amendments presented to the chapter for review – by May 1<sup>st</sup> via Members Only

Voting on proposed amendments – June 1<sup>st</sup>

\*\* Current policies and procedures are available on the website under Members Only –  
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\*\*\*Please send proposed amendments to [info@dstlvksalumnae.org](mailto:info@dstlvksalumnae.org)

❖ **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** – *Soror Laura Coaxum on behalf of Soror Chevelle Lewis Wagstaff*

○ **Scheduled Activities:**

- Development in Delta (DID) - following **March 2** Chapter meeting; lunch provided; topic presentation by ERT
- Sip and Stroke (March 23, 6 p.m. start with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., hosted by Sorors Cotton and Elston at Soror Cotton's home)

○ **Hospitality**

- No March birthdays
- Prayers/Condolences
  - Soror Lolita Law on the loss of her father-in-law's brother, Richard "Uncle Sonny" Harry.
  - Prayers/Condolences: Soror Cheryl Mills on the loss of her husband's Mother, Mrs. Margie Mills; services Friday, March 8 in D.C.
- Prayers for a speedy recovery for Soror Chevelle Wagstaff from back surgery on Feb. 21, 2019

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

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

- Arts & Letters Committee is applying for the National Arts and Letters Chapter Award for 2018-19.
- Please send all pictures/videos from A & L Events (Pride in Our Heritage Tour, Murder Mystery, and/or Arts time during the Christmas Party) to Soror Carmen Elston at [carmenelston1913@gmail.com](mailto:carmenelston1913@gmail.com) NLT March 22, 2019 to be included in the submission.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **LAC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Co-Chairs Kondra Gibson-Dingle and Safiyyah Mills)**

- Theme: “Long Live the Legacy”
- May 3-5<sup>th</sup>
- Registration available online: [www.dstlvsalumnae.org/events](http://www.dstlvsalumnae.org/events) - \$110 through 3/3
- Single Gala Ticket - \$50
- Hotel – Home 2 Suites by Hilton - \$119
- Tickets Sold – 15 weekend registrations – 12 Gala Tickets as of 2/27
- Sponsorship & Ads accepted until April 4
- Guest Speaker – Past National President, Soror Paulette Walker
- March 2 Update of Tickets Sold: 16 weekend registrations; 13 tickets
- Budget:
  - Total projected revenue of \$20,325, total projected expenses of \$13,200 and projected profit of \$7,125. Motion made by Soror Gibson-Dingle to accept the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration budget as presented. Soror Randolph seconded the motion, which passed by a majority vote.

- **Call for Nominations (Soror Jacqueline Mister)**

Nominations Open: January – April

Chapter Voting: May 1, 2019 Chapter Meeting

**Positions:**

- President
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (2<sup>nd</sup> term is currently being served; up for election)
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Nominating Chair
- Internal Audit Chair

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

\*\*\* If you would like to nominate a Soror, please discuss with her before submitting the nomination.

- **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

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- Kickoff for the week will be two of the Chapter Anniversary events:
  - a. Sat. May 4: Sisterhood Service Project (TBD)
  - b. Sun. May 5: Sisterhood Worship Service (TBD)
  - c. Sat. May 11: Community Mental Health Fair, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Leavenworth High School Small Gymnasium, 2012 10th Ave.
- **God's Open Closet**
  - POC: Lolita Law
  - Community Service Dates: March 9th, June 8th.
  - 2700 Wilson Avenue, Leavenworth, KS
  - **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)**
  - **We will work in 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
  - **\*\*\* All Dates are subject to weather conditions. \*\*\***
  - **Sorors Signed up are:**
    - **March 9, 2019: Sorors Kayla Hammonds, Lolita Law**
    - **June 8, 2019: Sorors Cheryl Millis, Kayla Hammonds**

**NEW BUSINESS**

❖ **Central Region Community Service Project – Soror Fairley**

Our Regional Director is asking ALL chapters to conduct a community service project in partnership with the American Red Cross, an international organization with offices all across the Central Region.

**A few project ideas include:**

distribute and install smoke detectors in low-income homes  
donate smoke detectors  
distribute disaster relief information  
organize a blood drive  
donate items to support disaster relief (hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes), etc.



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**Our service project will kick-off March 1, 2019 in time for Sisterhood Month** and will also coincide with American Red Cross Month. Our Central Region Community Service Project will **run through May 31, 2019**. Contact your local American Red Cross office and begin your partnership today.

To highlight our chapters partnering with the American Red Cross you will be **asked to submit a one-page write-up with pictures** to our Regional PP&D Committee. Formal instructions will be forthcoming. **All chapters who submit will be recognized at the Central Region Sisterhood Luncheon at the 54th National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.**

❖ **Announcements:**

- Delta Days at the Nation's Capital (March 9-12) – Online Registration Closed on Feb. 15
- Seed Grant (3/1) to sponsor Female Empowerment Workshop
- Chapter Submissions for Awards (Arts and Letters (4/1) & Chapter Heritage (5/1)
- National Convention – New Orleans - July 11-14 (Thursday-Sunday)
- Bethel AME Usher Board Program Chapter Representative – 3/31 at 3 pm
- Leavenworth City-Wide Cleanup – April 6 (McCullum)
- Sisterhood Kickoff immediately following meeting today – DID and \$9 Lunch
- Avery House Contribution from left over KS State Founders Day exceeded \$400
- Wichita State University - Zeta Beta Collegiate Chapter T-Shirt Fundraiser
- Destination 22 – Please donate \$22 to help collegiate Sorors attend DDNC. To donate, go to C3 site, log in with credentials. Click Destination 22 located in Collegiate Corner Drop-Down Menu.
- Interested in the Holy Land Trip or have other travel needs? See Soror Uitenham.
- For budget allocations, please review the 18-19 Revised Budget on Chapter Website.
- Meet your commitments and deadlines; Continue to be present.
- Please send things that need immediate attention to the president's email.
- April 19-20 LAC Sleepover (details forthcoming)

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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

The next Chapter meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on April 6, 2019 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