# Laurel Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2014

The chapter meeting of the Laurel Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was called to order at 10:20 on November 15, 2014 in Laurel, MS by Soror President Walker.

Present:

Tanya Gray Alicia Walker Shenika Kendrick

Nicolette Floyd Cora Wade-Seals Pamela Jones-Bingham

Trina Hedielberg Creola Dantzler Wanda Benson

Willie Evans Cynthia Gully Modist Jones

Kalea Thigpen Vickie Lockhart Alice Henderson

Erma Robinson LaSonja Graves Angela Carmicheal

Contina Graves Katy Buxton Charlene Newell

Sophia Wilson Mae Jordan Julia Lewis

Libby McRae Linda Shelby

**A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented as read.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, Soror Willie Evans moved to accept with correction, seconded by Soror Benson, motion was carried.

**C. Open Issues**

Communications:

Thank you letter from W Dowell Williamson for participation in the political forum was shared. Thank cards from Sorors Monique Paige and Yashika Smith-Nicholson for baby shower and wedding gifts.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy and Hospitality- Soror Vickie Lockhart is the new chairperson, a belated wedding gift was sent out to Soror Smith.

History and Archives-the committee met on Monday, November 10, the committee has completed chapter history. They are in need of items and historical data to add and are working to enact National's recommendations. Sorors are asked to forward any photos from events held and save any articles placed in the newspaper. Soror President recommended the committee create a chapter quilt of the chapter's history.

**Delta Academy/GEMs/EMBODI**- The committee shared submitted report. Academy/GEMs/EMBODI participants assisted with the pancake breakfast at Applebee's. A letter has been compiled for Regional Director. Soror McRae is checking on the cost of vans versus a bus for travel as well as the number of participants in each room for cost. As of now two or four participants will be in a room. Thirty kids and 10 chaperones will attend. The committee is still waiting on Alcorn to give a date. The date of the Bell Ringing at the Mall has been changed to Tuesday, December 2 from 3:30-6:30.

**Physical and Mental Health**- Soror President stated the Punk on Purpose Brunch was a success. The committee is asked to do an event for World AIDS Day.

**Scholarship**-all scholarship monies have been given to all recipients.

**Technology**-the directory has been updated, the committee asked Sorors to check information for accuracy. A projector has been ordered for screening reports during meetings.

Budget and Finance- treasurer and financial secretary shared their reports. Financial Secretary asked that all Pinky Promise, Pink on Purpose, and Pancake Breakfast money and/or tickets be turned in after the meeting. A detailed report of Sorors contributions will be shared at the December meeting.

Delta Pageant-the committee has proposed four age groups: Little Miss Delta Doll (pre-K-2nd), Little Miss Laurel Alumnae (3rd-5th), Junior Miss (6th-8th), and Senior Miss (9th-12th)

Competition-Overall Winner based on money raised (1st runner up), Top Model, Miss Congeniality (selected by participants), Most Photogenic (selected by judges), and Talent Winner. A parent/participant tea will be held on Sunday, December 14 at St. Paul if available. All ad prices are the same; pictures will only be accepted for full page ads. An agenda for the girls will be given once all names are known. The proposed date of pageant is Saturday, May 16 at the Sanderson building. Committee is still accepting names. Soror Buxton moved to accept the report, seconded by Soror Henderson, motion was carried.

Old Business-

Canned Foods- Sorors were asked to submit institution-sized canned goods for the Christian Food Mission

**Christmas Parade**- Saturday, December 6, theme Carols of Christmas. Sorors are asked to wear all white. The float will be housed at a Soror Benson's home. Decorating will take place on Thursday, December 4 and Friday, December 5. Soror Benson will chair and submit a budget.

D. New Business

Delta Trail- Soror Contina Graves shared itinerary for the trail. The first stop will be lunch at Soror La Sonja Graves' home from 1 p.m.-3p.m., second stop desserts at the home of Soror Pittman at 3:00 p.m., and Soror Willie Evans will host the third stop a Wine Down at 7:00. Soror President asked to secure a church bus for the day. Sorors Benson and Buxton will check in buses.

**Delta Choir**- Soror Lanier will lead, Soror President asked for members to join. The choir is in need of a minimum of twelve participants and must be done by January.

Adopt-A-Family- The names of two proposed families were shared, Pastor John Henry, pastor of St. Paul, and Patricia Lafayette Nelson. Both families lost their homes to fire. Soror Benson moved to accept the sorority adopting these two families for the holidays seconded by Soror Willie Evans, motion was carried

**World AIDS Day** Monday, December 1-the chapter is asked to participate

**State Cluster**-March 13-15 Natchez Sorors will have to go online to register, print out form and present it along with the $85.00 fee to the financial secretary. There will be one chapter check submitted. The deadline for registering is January and all Sorors are asked to bring form and fee to the January meeting.

Announcements-

Scarves are still available, blazers have been ordered. Any Soror still in need of ordering one should see Soror Lewis so that she can determine whether or not they can be ordered at the discount rate.

**Save the Date**-

State **Cluster** March 13-15 Natchez

**Delta Days at the Capital**- February 15-16

**National Convention** July 23-27 Houston, Texas

Adjournment:

Soror Benson moved to close, seconded by Soror Evans motion was carried, meeting was adjourned with a ritualistic ceremony.

Minutes submitted by: Shenika Kendrick, Reporting Secretary