Committee Name: Charitable Partners

Committee Chair(s): Sonya Alexander-Harry

**Date/Time of meeting:** 11/1/2021

Attendees: Sonya Harry, Reeta Holmes, DeAnn Broom, Inette Brown, Marie Dillworth, Pamela Hall, Erika Jeddiah, Cynthia Robinson, Melody Southall, Tamera Diggs-Tate, Ollie White

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

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| The committee voted to participate in the Grand Chapter’s March of Dimes Book Drive based on the email received from Grand Chapter.  Charitable Partners Committee Members Sonya Alexander-Harry and Erika Jedidiah (also, Chair of the Physical and Mental Health Committee) attended the Webinar hosted by Grand Chapter on Wednesday, November 3 to learn more about the March of Dimes initiative.  Sonya Alexander-Harry attended Arts and Letters Committee meeting Monday, November 8 to discuss the initiative and how Charitable Partners could partner with the Arts and Letters Committee. The Arts and Letters Committee is willing to work with Black Pearl Booksore to identify a list of books that will be available for purchase online by Sorors for this initiative.  Notes from the Webinar hosted by Grand Chapter   1. They (Grand Chapter) are revising the dates on the materials that they sent to reflect that a book drive that lasts until December 31, so we have more time to execute this project. (So far, the materials still list the Deadline for this initiative as November 30.) 2. They will send an email to the Chapter Presidents with updates on this project this week. 3. Partnering with other chapters in your service area including collegiate chapters is encouraged. 4. There is a virtual option.  They clarified with an example that if we wanted to order books from one vendor and have the books shipped to the Fulfillment Center, they would work to ensure that our chapter got credit and the book we donated were labeled. They have a label template in the toolkit that can be customized with our chapter’s information. 5. Sorors **cannot** donate individually (virtually) directly to the site. 6. If your service area does not have an approved NICU for this project, you will need to do the virtual option.  They are not adding NICUs to the list currently. There is only one Texas Hospital listed in the approved NICUs: The Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston. This opportunity has already been taken. Austin Alumnae would have to participate virtually. This would require us to collect books and ship the books to a fulfillment center in Alabama. 7. They would like for our book donation goal to be 300 but the minimum goal is 50.  They emphasized that for the benefit of smaller chapters. If we do this initiative, the committee recommends setting the goal to collect and ship 100 books. 8. They want one project lead to register their respective chapter. 9. This is a pilot, and they are hoping that this will be something that can continue. “They don’t have everything figured out.” 10. We will be required to keep a log of all donations and hours worked on this project. 11. The Chapter would have to pay for the cost of shipping the books to the fulfillment center located in Alabama. 12. They want chapters to take photos. |

Recommendation(s) to Executive Board: (limit 500 characters)

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| Consider whether we want to do to participate currently in this initiative next year. Recommend that we participate and set a goal of 100 books. The minimum goal is 50 books. Grand Chapter wants chapters to collect 300 books. They have extended the deadline until December 31. The way this initiative is set up, we will need to register to participate in the “virtual” book drive. We will also need to pick up the cost of shipping the books to the Fulfillment Center and make sure books are shipped by December 31. Would need to request funds to cover the cost of shipping the books. (**Note:** We do not have storage available at the ADF house to store books)  Proposed plan of action for March of Dimes Book Drive:   1. Identify books that can be ordered online through Black Pearl bookstore and set up links for purchasing books. (Week of Nov. 15) 2. Set up Sign Up Genius to get commitments for book donations from Chapter Members (Week of Nov. 22) 3. Submit chapter announcement for Weekly Digest and email (Week of Nov. 22) 4. Collect books on November 30th Toy/Coat Drive 5. Collect books on December 4th Chapter Meeting 6. Schedule date at Black Pearl Bookstore to apply labels to books (Week of Dec. 6) 7. Request check voucher to pay Black Pearl to ship all the books (Week of Dec. 6) 8. Request that Black Pearl Book Store ship books to fulfillment center in Alabama (Week of Dec. 13) 9. Complete required documentation and submit to Grand Chapter (Week of Dec. 20) |
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Next month’s activities: (limit 500 characters)

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| 1. March of Dimes Book Drive   Book Collection Opportunities:   * Virtual Link to be provided by Black Pearl with a recommended list of appropriate titles. * Toy/Coat Drive – Tuesday, November 30; 4 – 6 p.m. * December 4, 2021 – Chapter Meeting. Encourage Sorors to bring book donations to December chapter meeting.  1. March of Dimes – Labeling of books at Black Pearl Book Store. **Note:** There may be a work around with Grand Chapter to have the Fulfillment Center label the donated books. This was mentioned in the webinar. 2. March of Dimes Book Drive shipment to Delta Fulfillment Center |
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Volunteer Activities (include Date/Participants/Time): (limit 500 characters)

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| March of Dimes – Labeling of books at Black Pearl, if necessary. (Date: TBD) |



Signature of soror making the committee report: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­



**Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter:** \_\_\_11/23/2021\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting:** \_\_12/6/2021; 7 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_