



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
MINUTES OF THE Virtual CHAPTER MEETING  
May 7, 2022

Following the ritualistic opening, President Robin T. Blackmon called the Austin Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 10:24 AM on May 7, 2022. A quorum, via Zoom, was present for the transaction of business as presented in the agenda. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted with no opposition.

Welcome New and Visiting Sorors.

There was one visiting soror for the May chapter meeting: Soror Mya Frasier.

Minutes – Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the Apr 2022 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- **Thank you card:** Sorors, my heart is full from the outpouring of love and expressions of sympathy from Austin Alumnae following the passing of my nephew. I am eternally grateful for your prayer and support - Thank you! All of my love, Soror Donna Jackson
- **Thank you card:** Sorors, Thank you for the prayers and support in the loss of my Mother, Rosa Watson. I appreciate each of you. Sisterly, From the desk of Soror Del Watson
- Various Election Communications received

Emergency Response – Soror Suzanne Piper

- This month's safety briefing reminded the AAC body to:
  - Stay Delta Ready during your travel this summer take your Red Envelopes!

Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

- SWR Virtual Candidate Forum is Jun 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. See the Apr 24, 2022 Informz message
- Chapter input on SWR Candidates beginning Jun 27 @ 7 a.m. – Jun 29 @ 10 p.m.
- Submission for Regional Stroll-off
- In-person Scarf and Pin collection today during chapter photo
- Congratulation on PEMH on the recent success for the Relay for Life event!



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**1st Vice President/Membership Services** – Soror Jacqueline Habersham

- The End of Year event will be held Jun 11, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the ADF house.
- There will be Food, Fun, Dancing, and Fellowship!
- Bring a dessert. All else will be provided.
- This is an opportunity to invite collegiate sorors.

**2nd Vice President/Membership Services** – Soror Kacey Hanson

- Encouraged all to say "Thank you" to the Committee Chairs for Program Planning calendar work
- Definition: Program (noun) – a set of related activities with a particular long-term aim.
- Chapter programs - 3
  - Eboard meetings
  - Chapter meetings
  - Budget & Finance meetings
- AA/DST Member programs - 16
- Public programs – 20
- The PPD Calendar for 2022-2023 was displayed quickly for the AAC body to glimpse
- **RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt the 2022-2023 Austin Alumnae chapter calendar which includes chapter meetings and programs as proposed by the chapter committees.
- The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 106-2.

**Financial Secretary** – Soror Donna Jackson for Soror Anita Daniels

For details regarding collections, please see Financial or Recording Secretary.

**General Reminder**: Please update your name, address, contact information in the National membership portal.

- 350 members for FY 21-22
- 236 members for FY 22-23
- FY 21-22 and 22-23 dues are as follows:  
Golden/Diamond Life - \$195  
Regular - \$385  
Regular dues not paid by 3/15 are \$395; if non-financial for 1 year-\$400; if non-financial for 2+ years-\$415
- General Note: There are two ways to pay: (1) PayPal. The PayPal fees will be passed on to the payor. (2) Mail. Austin Alumnae Chapter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; ~~PO Box 301273; Austin Texas 78703~~ **New: PO Box 143381; Austin, Texas 78714**



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**Treasurer/Budget and Finance** – Soror Demitra Alexander

For detailed information of the Treasurer's Report, please see Treasurer or Recording Secretary.

- Go to the website to see if you have any outstanding checks that need attention.
- Budget Adjustments for FY2021-2022 were presented:
  - Liability Insurance – 700
  - PEMH – 500
  - Meeting Location Facility Fees – (764)
  - Office Supplies, Postage, Printing – 300
  - P. O. Box – 54
  - Risk Management – (300)
  - State Summitt 2022 – (600)
  - Regional/National Conference Ad – 600
- The Proposed 2022-2023 Budget was presented to AAC body
- There were two (20 recommendations>
- RECOMMENDATION #1 – To modify the 2021-2022 budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee Chair. The motion was properly made, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 105-1.
- RECOMMENDATION #2 – To adopt the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by the Treasurer. The motion was made properly made, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 104-3.

**Committee Reports**

**Five Point Thrust Committees**



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**Social Action** – Soror Jeri Brooks

- **RECOMMENDATION #1** – Austin Alumnae to donate the remaining Social Action Budget from FY21-22 to the Good Works Austin organization.
- Soror Diwi Smith on the Board of Directors. The remaining amount of budget estimated to be available for this donation is \$1,000.
- The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 110-3.
  
- **RECOMMENDATON #2** – Austin Alumnae to donate the remaining Social Action Budget from FY21-22 to the Central Texas Food Bank.
- Soror Lisa Newman spoke in favor of the recommendation stating its alignment to the commitment to solve food insecurity. The remaining amount of budget estimated to be available for this donation is \$1,000.
- The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 104-1.
  
- **General Info:** The Social Action committee meets on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**Standing Committees**

**Policies and Procedures** – Soror Patricia Shorter

- The proposed edits to the Policies and Procedures were presented to the body.
- The options were provided to vote in the following ways.
  - Unanimous consent i.e. no questions, no modification as presented
  - Unanimous consent with object to specific areas i.e. address the areas receiving objection as presented
- The Policies and Procedures includes the fundamental rules defining the chapter
  - Approved by the chapter
  - Allows the chapter to meet constitutional requirements, work effectively, solve problems, maintain control and manage chapter affairs.
- P & Ps have been updated in accordance with the mandated template issued by the National Scholarships and Standards Committee
- P&P Committee conducted a chapter Q&A session to discuss the new template, recommendations, and updates on 4/14/2022
- Four recommendations were received during the comment period ending 12/31/2021.
  - Art III, Sec 1B9, First VP serves as the Leader of the Minerva Circle during Membership Intake
  - Art IV, Sec 1R9, Technology Chair must have attended at least 2 of the 3 National Conventions and 2 of the 3 regional conferences held prior to her appointment



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- Art IX, Sec 1D The President, First VP, and Second VP and Financial Secretary must have attended at least 2 of the 3 National Conventions and 2 of the 3 regional conferences held prior to her appointment
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- Art X111, Sec 3A-B
  - A. Delta Days in the Nation's Capital (DDNC), the Social Action Chair and Co-Chair will serve as representatives of the chapter.
  - B. Delta Days at the United Nations (DDUN), the Social Action Chair and Co-Chair will serve as representatives of the chapter.
    - Note: the Art X111, Sec 3A-B amendment was accepted by the body as submitted.
- New template color coding
  - **Black** print is required per governing documents and/or Constitution and Bylaws and should not be altered
  - Red print would be unique to the chapter and can be changed. Do not delete, just strike through.
  - Blue print represents where items can be added that are unique to your chapter management.

**RECOMMENDATIONS discussions and votes from the AAC body**

- **Art III, Sec 1B9, First VP serves as the Leader of the Minerva Circle during Membership Intake**
  - Discussion – consider the duty workload of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP before making it a requirement to also be the Leader of the Minerva Circle; adding the requirement may make one re-consider vying for the 1st VP position. The logic for the proposal was that the 1<sup>st</sup> VP has access to the Red Zone which helps greatly with the tasks associated with membership intake. Soror Kacey Hanson and Soror Michelle Scruggs spoke in favor. Soror Lisa Newman also spoke in favor stating that this arrangement is becoming a chapter norm. She continued that the recent National President's Town Hall illustrated the First VP having this role.
  - The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and did not pass with a vote of 72-3. The number needed to pass was 74.
- **Art IV, Sec 1R9, Technology Chair must have attended at least 2 of the 3 National Conventions and 2 of the 3 regional conferences held prior to her appointment**
  - Discussion – Soror Jones was not in favor of the item as written. The reason stated is that the requirement is excessive for this position that may be attractive for a newer soror.
  - The proposed language would read as follows: **Art IV, Sec 1R9, Technology Chair must have attended at least 1 of the 2 National Conventions or 1 of the 2 regional conferences held prior to her appointment**
  - The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 91-14
- **Art IX, Sec 1D The President, First VP, and Second VP and Financial Secretary must have attended at least 2 of the 3 National Conventions and 2 of the 3 regional conferences held prior to her appointment**
  - Discussion #1 – Changing the language FROM at least 2 of the 3 TO at least 1 of the 2. Reasons include the difficulty experienced registering a conference from Soror Tamala Saldana.



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- The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 81-20
- Discussion #2 - Changing the language FROM at least 2 of the 3 TO at least 1 of the 2; and changing the language FROM National Conventions and Regional Conferences TO National Conventions or Regional Conferences. Soror Alexis Johnson reason for changing “and to or” was the cost unaffordability to collegiates. Soror Kacey Hanson spoke out against changing “and to or” and asked the AAC body to consider that requiring that [low] number of attendances for key positions like the Chapter President and Vice President is not enough.
  - The proposed language would read as follows: **Art IX, Sec 1D The President, First VP, and Second VP and Financial Secretary must have attended at least 1 of the 2 National Conventions or 1 of the 2 regional conferences held prior to her appointment**
  - The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and did NOT pass with a vote of 33-60.

**Ways and Means** – Soror Alnita Foote

- Fundraising results of the Double Good Popcorn Sales Fundraiser by the numbers
  - Totals Sales - \$24,808
  - Austin Alumnae Profit - \$12,404
  - Donations - \$421
  - Top Sellers:
    - Soror Donna Jackson - \$3,401
    - Soror Darralyn Johnson - \$1,566
    - Soror President Robin Blackmon - \$2,828
    - Ways and Means - \$1,460
    - Soror Pamela Hall - \$1,673

**Special Committees**

**In-Person Site Selection** – Soror Kecia Rowan

- Bertha Sadler Means Cafetorium



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- Capacity 200-250 persons
- \$435 for a 4-hour slot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This rate is at a 50% discount and includes custodial cost.
- The specifications were Central, East, or Northeast Austin.
- Another possible option is ACC Highland. There is no longer a free option to the public, but the fee schedule is not yet been made available.

**New Business/Announcements**

**Technology Committee** – Soror Kathryn Foster

- Ongoing Activities
  - Document Management
  - Password requests
  - EB/CM Slide Deck Preparation
  - Zoom meetings/webinars
- Tech Requests
  - Host/Co-Host Meetings
  - Flyers & Newsletters
  - Social Media Promotions
- Special Projects
  - Website Refresh
- The technology team is accepting new hands! Please join the team!

» **Economic Development**

- will host the AARP Delta DEARS Fraud Workshop on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

» **DST Southwest Region Virtual Candidates Forum** –

- Sun, Jun 26, 2022 @ 7 p.m.
- AAC Financial Soros will have an opportunity to give their input on which candidates our chapter should support by electronic ballot from Election Buddy beginning Mon, Jun 27 @ 7 p.m. through Wed, Jun 29 @ 10 p.m.
- Members will receive an email communication from the chapter prior to the voting period.

» **Nelda Wells Spears Mural Unveilings**

- Members of Delta Sigma Theta are invited to a private unveiling
- Wear you Delta Red
- Sat, May 28, 2022 @ 9 a.m. at the Travis County Tax Office located at 2433 Ridgepoint Drive



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**Adjournment**

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 1:22 PM\*. The motion was properly seconded. The motion was approved with no opposition. \*The chapter had to make its way to a physical location for chapter photos.

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### Summary of Actions

Committee	Recommendation	Moved	Seconded	Count	Results
AAC Body	Approve agenda for the May 7, 2022 chapter meeting.	Soror Deborah Shaw Boatner	Soror Alnita Foote	100-0	Passed
Executive on behalf of all Committees	Adopt the 2022-2023 Austin Alumnae chapter calendar which includes chapter meetings and programs as proposed by the chapter committees.	Soror Kacey Hanson	Soror Jeffrey Archer	106-2	Passed
Budget & Finance	To modify the 2021-2022 budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee Chair.	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the Committee	N/A	105-1	Passed
Budget & Finance	To adopt the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by the Treasurer	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the Committee	N/A	104-3	Passed
Social Action	Austin Alumnae to donate the remaining Social Action Budget from FY21-22 to the Good Works Austin organization - \$1,000.	Soror Jeri Brooks on behalf of the committee	N/A	110-3	Passed
Social Action	Austin Alumnae to donate the remaining Social Action Budget from FY21-22 to the Central Texas Food Bank - \$1,000.	Soror Jeri Brooks on behalf of the committee	N/A	104-1	Passed
Policies & Procedures	The adoption of the Policies and Procedures document as is currently posted within our secure website by unanimous consent except for those items selected for amendments. See immediately below:				
Policies & Procedures cont...	Art III, Sec 1B9, First VP serves as the Leader of the Minerva Circle during Membership Intake	Soror Celeste Williams	Soror Tanya Rippenkroeger	72-39 *74 was needed to pass	Did NOT Pass



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Policies & Procedures cont...	Art IV, Sec 1R9, Technology Chair must have attended at least 1 of the 2 National Conventions or 1 of the 2 regional conferences held prior to her appointment	Soror Renee Jones	Soror Alnita Foote	91-14	Passed
Policies & Procedures cont...	Art IX, Sec 1D The President, First VP, and Second VP and Financial Secretary must have attended at least 1 of the 2 National Conventions <u>or</u> 1 of the 2 regional conferences held prior to her appointment	Soror Ashley Johnson	Soror Tamala Saldana	33-60	Did NOT Pass
	Art IX, Sec 1D The President, First VP, and Second VP and Financial Secretary must have attended at least 1 of the 2 National Conventions <u>and</u> 1 of the 2 regional conferences held prior to her appointment	Soror Kacey Hanson	Soror Tamala Saldana	81-20	Passed

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Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

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Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



# AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## **Austin Alumnae Virtual Chapter Meeting May 7, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon**

Ritualistic Opening  
Call to Order  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Introduction and Welcome of Visiting Sorors

### **Order of Business**

Minutes of April Meeting  
Correspondence  
Emergency Response Safety Briefing

Soror Janet Marshall  
Soror Tiffany Holmes White  
Soror Suzanne Piper

### **Chapter Reports**

#### **Officers**

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer/Budget and Finance

Soror Robin Blackmon  
Soror Jacqueline Habersham  
Soror Kacey Hanson  
Soror Anita Daniels  
Soror Demitra Alexander

### **Committee Reports (3 Minutes Limit)**

#### **Five Point Thrust**

Social Action/Moment

Soror Jeri Brooks

#### **Standing Committees**

Policies and Procedures  
Ways and Means

Soror Patricia Shorter  
Soror Alnita Foote

#### **Special Committees**

In-Person Meeting Location

Soror Kecia Rowan

#### **Unfinished Business**

N/A

#### **New Business**

Technology Committee  
Elections Committee  
Step Team

Soror Kathryn Foster  
Soror Renee Conley  
Soror Sekoya Waddy

#### **Motion for Adjournment**

#### **Ritualistic Closing**

## **Committee Recommendations**

**Program Planning and Development:** The Program Planning and Development (PPD) Committee recommends the adoption of the 2022-2023 program and meeting calendar as presented by the chair of PPD committee.

**Budget and Finance:** The Budget and Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget as presented by the treasurer.

**Social Action:** The Social Action Committee recommends that Austin Alumnae donates the remaining social action budget from FY 21-22 to the Good Work Austin organization.

**Policies and Procedures: (TBD)**

## **Upcoming Meetings and Activities**

<b>Economic Development:</b>	Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm	Virtual
AARP Delta DEARS Fraud Workshop Presented by Austin Alumnae Chapter and AARP		

## **Announcements**

Sorors show up in your Delta Red to support our deceased Soror Nelda Wells Spears as a mural is unveiled in her honor in the new Travis County Tax office.

### **Unveiling of the Mural of Nelda Wells Spears**

Saturday, May 28 at 9:00 am Private unveiling (Members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Invited to attend).  
2433 Ridgepoint Drive

## **Please Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues.**

Please visit <https://dstatx.org/pay-dues/> for due amounts and payment options. \$10 late fee is now being assessed.