



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER MEETING
Oct 1, 2022

Following the ritualistic opening, President Robin T. Blackmon called the Austin Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 10:17 AM on Oct 1, 2022. A quorum 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 Oct chapter meeting: Soror Kaylee Norman.

Minutes – Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

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

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- Austin Alumnae Arts & Letters Book Festival Oct 22 2-4 p.m.
- Children's Haven Solar Camp will be held Sat Oct 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1908 Chicon St
 - For college and high school aged youth and young adults to learn about career and entrepreneurial opportunities in solar energy.
- Assistance requested to support reception for HT's President, a Delta soror, Dr. Williams. Request for \$250. A recommendation will be made later in the chapter meeting.

Emergency Response – Soror Suzanne Piper

- The October chapter meeting was virtual, so the standard emergency exits message was not issued.

Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin Alumnae – Local

- AAC showed up in force as requested at the Round Rock ISD Board Meeting. Without saying a word, the Deltas in the room spoke volumes. Trustee Tiffanie Harrison was appreciative. Everyone wanted to know who were the women in red? Our presence changed the tone in the room. AAC is invited to the next meeting on Oct 20, 2022.
- Social Action weekend was a success. Over thirty sorors showed up at the various events.
- The "Woman King" red carpet event on Sep 30 was enjoyable!



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- The call for nominations will be presented later in the chapter meeting. Since the 2022-2023 policies and procedures have not yet been approved, the nominations process must proceed under the 2021-2022 policies and procedures.

Regional

- Read the compliance letter. Austin Alumnae received compliance letter on September 27, 2022**

National

- Informz Message on September 18 about 2022 Election Organizing Guide
- Informz Message on September 13 about Delta Authors Directory
- Informz Message on September 24 National PP&D Committee Updates
- Informz Message on September 29 Midterm Elections 2022 Webinar Series
- Informz Message on September 30 about 2022-23 Leadership Delta Cohort

**The letter indicating that the Austin Alumnae Chapter is in compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter for the sorority year 2022-2023. The letter dated Sep 27, 2022 was displayed for the AAC body to see.

Financial Secretary – 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.

- 293 members for FY 22-23
- FY 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 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.

Budget Highlights

- The 2022-2023 Budget assumed 230 members.
- Budget and Finance Budget Adjustments
 - \$2,650 for Education Development: (\$2,000 College Tour, \$200 GEMS, \$200 Academy, \$250 EMBODI)
 - \$500 for Charitable Partners: (\$500 American Heart Association)
 - \$500 for the Certified Public Account Audit
 - \$75 for the PO BOX
 - \$1,500 for Heritage and Archives (Cost of preserving historical items in a climate-controlled environment)
 - \$250 for Chapter photo
 - \$1000 for Founders' Day
 - \$200 for Local Courtesies
 - \$2021 for Technology Zoom and Mailchimp costs
 - \$125 for Greek Letter organization
 - \$384 remaining to Contingency
- **RECOMMENDATION:** B & F Committee recommends approval of the budget adjustments as outlined above. The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 84-1.

Protocol Moment

Why use Social Media?

- Excellent opportunity to engage with the community
 - Mention/Tag
 - Hashtags
- Promote public programs and events
- Share noteworthy accomplishments of sorors
- Promote reclamation events

Overview

- Regions and Chapters are not required to have Social Media accounts
- Social Media accounts must comply with the most current version of the Delta Technology Guidelines
- Approved Social Media platforms
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Twitter



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- YouTube
- LinkedIn Groups
- Consult with the National Technology Committee before creating a profile for any platform listed above.

Rules

- All information on the region's or chapter's website must be REVIEWED and APPROVED by the regional director or chapter president
- All social media accounts or pages MUST BE PUBLIC.
- Profanity filters must be turned on.
- Chapters MAY NOT EARN REVENUE from the social media account
- Only administrators may create posts
- Anyone may comment on a post, BUT a member of the region leadership MUST MONITOR REGULARLY and remove inappropriate content
- FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, DO NOT show location UNLESS it is a promotional post.

What to remember

- Protect Delta's confidentiality and proprietary information
- Delta's Code of Conduct applies to both online and offline activities
- Treat all persons with dignity and respect
- Do not misuse Delta's intellectual property i.e. name, logo, symbols
- Do not edit official Delta's social media posts prior to sharing

AAC President Blackmon added a reminder that what we post reflects who we are!

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust Committees

Social Action – Soror Celeste Williams

- Thanks to all sorors who provided a Delta presence at the Round Rock school board meeting.
 - Public Comment Rules



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- Those who wish to speak must sign a form provided at the meeting location one hour before the meeting
 - To address online via Zoom, complete the online form 24 hours. Speakers will receive a zoom link one hour before the meeting.
 - Thanks went out to all who participated in the Social Justice weekend. Pictures were shown to the AAC body.
 - What's next in Social Action?
 - Midterm Elections 2022 Webinar Series. Please register in advance.
 - Oct 3, 2022 8:30 p.m. Eastern Topic: Youth Vote and Engagement
 - Oct 19, 2022 9:00 p.m. Eastern Topic: What's at Stake?
 - Nov 7, 2022 9:00 p.m. Eastern Topic: Pre-Election Day Pep Rally
 - Call to Action
 - Support the 22 Pledge Call to Action
 - Register 22 voters in your community, volunteer with a Delta Dear to call 22 family and friends to remind them to vote.
 - Take the pledge "I'm proud to have supported xx community members in getting #DSTVoterReady! #ForwardWithFortitude"
 - Caravan to the Polls & Food Insecurity Food Drive
 - "Increasing the number of people that vote in each election means better representation, more funding to our communities, and a better quality of life. Politicians listen to two things: money and VOTES. If we work together as a community and increase voter turnout, then our state and national legislators will listen to our needs. Education, healthcare, immigration, Infrastructure, the economy, our veterans, etc. are affected by our vote." The list of all the Greek and other organizations expected to participate were listed.
 - Food bank drop off Friday, Oct 28, 2022 at 12 p.m.
 - Hutto Resource Center; 204 E Live Oak; Hutto, Tx 78634
 - Central Tx Food Bank; 6500 Montopolis Dr; Austin, Tx 78744
 - Ten boxes each to be donated to each location
 - General Info: The Social Action committee meets on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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Standing Committees

Nominating Committee – Soror Tamala Saldana

- Call for nominations: Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2022
- Elected Positions
 - President
 - 1st Vice President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Corresponding Secretary
 - Recording Secretary
 - Financial Secretary
 - Assistant Financial Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Journalist
 - Risk Management Coordinator
 - Chair Internal Audit
 - Chair Nominating Committee
 - Member Nominating Committee (4)
- Timeline
 - Oct 1, 2022: Nominations Open
 - Nov 5, 2022: Candidate and Campaign overview
 - Dec 31, 2022: Nominations close
 - Feb 21, 2023: Slate presented to Eboard
 - Mar 4, 2023: Slate presented to Chapter
 - Mar 4, 2023: Nomination from the floor
 - Mar 4, 2023: Campaigns begin at the end of chapter meeting
 - Mar 31, 2023: Campaigns end; websites taken down.
 - Apr 1, 2023: Election Day! Candidates must be present to remain on the ballot!
- Summary of Eligibility
 - Must be financial in the year of election and remain financial throughout term.
 - May only hold one office at a time.
 - Financial or accounting related experience and/or degree preferred for Treasure, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Assistant Financial Secretary
 - Additional requirement for some positions include attendance to national and/or regional conferences prior to taking office.
 - For more details, please refer to the chapter policies and procedures.
 - Nominating.aacdst@gmail.com



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- Soror Tamala Saldana – Chairperson
- Soror Delphea Jester
- Soror Freda Mills
- Soror Kelly Noble
- Soror Sekoya Waddy

Policies & Procedures – Soror Patricia Shorter

- Recommendations for changes in Policies and Procedures Rules of Order Timeline
 - Oct 1, 2022: Recommendation period opens
 - Dec 15, 2022: Recommendation period closes
 - Email recommendations to dstatxpolicies@gmail.com using the form located on the AAC portal
 - Jan 2023: Committee reviews proposed changes
 - Feb 2023: Committee presents to Eboard
 - Mar 4, 2023: Committee presents to Chapter
 - Mar 15, 2023: Chapter is given notice to review to be prepared to vote at the next chapter meeting
 - Apr 2, 2023: Chapter votes
 - Jun 30, 2023: Due date for form submission of approved changes

Technology Moment

- The various ways that AAC can be found on Social Media platforms was presented to the body.
 - Facebook with 3,552 followers
 - Instagram with 2,895 followers
 - Twitter with 819 followers
 - YouTube with 78 followers
- The registration links for the Eboard and Chapter meetings will be added to portal

Special Committees



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New Business/Announcements

HT President Welcome Reception – Soror Robin Blackmon, President

- **RECOMMENDATION** –Chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item.
- Additional details: the amount is \$250 for the requested donation plus \$100 for venue liability insurance for a total of \$350.
- There were questions regarding the need for the \$100 venue liability insurance. The question was called to end debate. The motion was properly made, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 82-6
- The initial motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon and passed with a vote of 80-4.

Adjournment

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 11:51 AM. The motion was properly seconded. The motion was approved with no opposition.

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Summary of Actions

Committee	Recommendation	Moved	Seconded	Count	Results
AAC Body	Approve agenda for the Oct 1, 2022 chapter meeting.	Soror Celeste Williams	Soror Alnita Foote	84-0	Passed
Budget & Finance	Approve Budget Adjustments as outlined above	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the Committee	N/A	84-1	Passed
Executive	Chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional details: the amount is \$250 for the requested donation plus \$100 for venue liability insurance for a total of \$350. 	Call to End Debate: Soror Jeffrey Archer	Call to End Debate: Soror Donna Jackson	82-6	Passed
		Soror Kacey Hanson	Soror Jeffrey Archer	80-4	Passed

Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Austin Alumnae Virtual Chapter Meeting October 1, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

Pre-Meeting

Legal Notice
Safety Briefing

Ritualistic Opening

Call to Order
Adoption of the Agenda
Introduction and Welcome to Visiting/New Sorors

Order of Business

Approval of September Minutes
Correspondence

Soror Janet Marshall
Soror Tiffany Holmes White

Chapter Reports

Officers

President
Financial Secretary
Treasurer/Budget and Finance

Soror Robin Blackmon
Soror Anita Daniels
Soror Demitra Alexander

Committee Reports (3 Minutes Limit)

Protocol Moment

Five Point Thrust

Social Action

Soror Celeste Williams

Social Action Moment

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee
Policy and Procedures

Soror Tamala Saldana
Soror Patricia Shorter

Technology Moment

Special Committees

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

HT President Welcome Reception
(Tentative Date Nov 2)

Soror Robin Blackmon

Motion for Adjournment

Ritualistic Closing

Committee Recommendations

1. Budget and Finance Committee – Recommends approval of the budget adjustments as outlined by the budget and finance committee.
2. Recommends the chapter supports the welcome reception for the Huston-Tillotson University's President and CEO Dr. Melva Williams in collaboration with the Carver Museum, and the alumni chapters of Southern University, Grambling State University and Jackson State University using funds from the local courtesies budgeted line item.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting	Saturday, October 1, 2022 10:00 am	Virtual
Executive Board Meeting	Tuesday, October 18, 2022 6:00 pm https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVUIFbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdZ09	Virtual
Chapter Meeting	Saturday, November 5, 2022 10:00 am https://zoom.us/j/91997857121?pwd=aXpvNWF5YWF1cFVqMXI0YmZUUVdlZ09	Virtual
Economic Development	Tuesday, October 13, 2022 6:30 pm	Virtual

Announcements

Social Action –

Arts and Letters “Readers, Writers and Wranglers”

Arts and Letters Committee will host their next “Readers, Writers and Wranglers” book event
Saturday, October 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Krab Kingz Restaurant, 1202 Farm to Market 685 Suite A1, Pflugerville, TX 78660.
This event is open to the public.

The Odyssey and The MIDpoint Message:

October

- Saturday, October 15th - October MIDpoint Message disseminated

November

- Tuesday, October 25th - submit all November Odyssey content
- Tuesday, November 1 - November Odyssey disseminated
- Tuesday, November 15th - November MIDpoint Message disseminated

December

- Tuesday, November 22nd - submit all December Odyssey content
- Tuesday, November 29th - December Odyssey disseminated
- Thursday, December 15th - December MIDpoint Message disseminated