



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Oct 18, 2022

President Robin T. Blackmon called the virtual Austin Alumnae Executive Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 18, 2022. A quorum was present, via Zoom, for the transaction of business. The agenda as distributed was approved with the following exception: Soror Veronica Johnson will present the Social Action report for Soror Celeste Williams. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted with unanimous consent.

Meditation / Reflection – Soror Dedurie Kirk

Soror Kirk offered the following words of inspiration. Just as before we became members of Delta Sigma Theta, there was something that we read or heard about DST that caught our attention. Read the word of the Lord and something will catch your attention and prepare you to be ready to serve.

Minutes – Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

There were no edits to the Sep 2022 E-board meeting minutes.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

There was no correspondence to report.

Emergency Response

- Due to the COVID- 19 pandemic, the meetings are virtual and therefore the standard information regarding meeting space emergency exits is not issued.

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Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin Local

- President Blackmon expressed aloud that AAC has been busy making its footprint in the community!
 - Food Drive at the Krab Kingz
 - Early voting. Please show up at your designated early voting site on Oct 29, 2022. Wear Red!
 - Please read you Midpoint Message. Contains important information regarding the upcoming election.
 - Stay tuned for information regarding the red carpet event: Wakanda Forever
 - TxNM Regional Coordinator has been named



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- SWR Leadership will be meeting in Arkansas
- First meeting next week with the Regional Director
- The chapter operating agreement has been duly signed

1st Vice President – *Soror Jacqueline Habersham*

• **Reclamation Event**

- November is "Reclamation Month" in our sorority, and our national initiative focuses on reclaiming sorors and bringing them back home to Delta.
- Western "Reclamation Round Up" on November 13, 2022, location TBD. The flyer is being finalized – publicize on the chapter's website and social media accounts.
- Sorors, we need to be intentional in promoting "Sisterhood, fellowship and reclamation."
- We need your help in reaching out to an inactive soror and bringing her to the event. The Austin Alumnae member who invites and brings the most sorors will win a prize.

• **Sisterhood Gathering**

- Create opportunities for members – Dolls, Divas and Dears to gather and fellowship with Sisterhood gatherings that will take place every other month at a location designated by Membership Services. The gathering location will be alternated - South, Central and North.
- 1st or 2nd Friday of the month – November, January, March, and May
- Next proposed location is North @ Spare Time Texas, 1724 Farm to Market Road 685, Pflugerville, TX 78660. Please be on the lookout for the more information on this event

• **White Christmas**

- The White Christmas sub-committee has begun planning the event where chapter members visit and show sisterly love to our Sick and Shut-in Sorors during our White Christmas event. We are making plans to spread the Christmas joy with a special visit and holiday gifts.
- The committee is in the process of making our list of sorors to visit.
- If you know a Soror that would welcome a visit from our White Christmas carolers, and they reside in the Austin area (including Pflugerville, Round Rock, Buda), please send names and contact information to members of the White Christmas sub-committee, Sorors Tanya Rippenkroeger at tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com and Melody Southall at melynn95@hotmail.com by November 30, 2022.

You may also contact dstatx.vp1@gmail.com to submit names of sorors to be visited or sorors to be reclaimed.



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Financial Secretary – *Soror Anita Daniels*

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

- 297 members on the roster for FY 22-23
- FY 22-23 dues are as follows
 - Δ Life – \$195
 - Δ Regular – \$385
 - \$400 if you have been financially inactive for one year
 - \$415 if you have been financially inactive for two years or more
- 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**
- Please remember to include your member number, no matter your means of payment!
- Stay tuned for more details. The dues collections dates will change since DST is changing the basis from fiscal year to calendar year.

Treasurer/Budget and Finance – *Soror Demitra Alexander*

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

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust



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Educational Development – Soror Bethany Bell

- ACADEMY Program Updates
 - Program Leads: Sorors Darralyn Johnson & Tonya King
 - Fifteen (15) confirmed participants
- EMBODI Program Updates
 - Program Lead: Soror Paulette Mitchell Walls
 - Three (3) confirmed participants. Still looking for participants.
 - Note: The college tour will be co-ed and the male college tour members must have participated in the EMBODI program.
 - One day symposium on Nov 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huston-Tillotson University
 - Featured guests: Dr. Marcus Johnson of Texas State University, Charles Gee of Cardinal Collective, and Chas Moore from Austin Justice Coalition.
- GEMS Program Updates
 - Program Leads: Soror LaKisha Crenshaw & Latasha Robinson
 - Twenty-five (25) confirmed participants
- The 2023 college tour
 - HBCU college tour
 - Philander Smith College @ Little Rock, Arkansas
 - University of Arkansas @ Pine Bluff
 - LeMoyne Owen College @ Memphis
 - Fisk University @ Nashville
 - Tennessee State University @ Nashville
 - Meharry Medical @ Nashville
 - \$100 deposit due by 10/31/2022. Final payments due 12/3/2022
- Some other important date(s):
 - Risk Management Training will be held virtually on Nov 9 from 6-8 p.m.
 - Ed Dev meetings held 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. virtually

Social Action – Soror Veronica Johnson for Soror Celeste Williams

- Social Justice weekend: Sep 23-25, 2022
 - Ninety-seven (97) voters were registered. Secured many other pledges to vote.
- Look for a Spring VDR (Voter Deputy Registrar) training as a group



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- Friday, Oct 28 is the food drive and Saturday, Oct 29 is the early voting D9 event
 - Site captions are still needed. Please see the registration links.
- EVERY election is determined by the registered voters who actually get out to vote.
- Take survey to determine interest in being a member on a city/county board or commission.
- Calling on sorors again to show presence at the next Round Rock ISD board meeting.
- Information forthcoming on Red and White Days at the Capitol.
- See midpoint message on the food drive @ Krab Kingz in Pflugerville. Call Soror Celeste Williams for food drive items, ONLY if you are unable to meet at Krab Kingz.
- **General information:** The Social Action committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee – Soror Tamala Saldana

- Oct 1 – Call for Nominations
- Dec 31st – Nominations close
 - STEP UP & STEP OUT: Run for an elected office!
- Feb 21 – Slate presented to Executive Board
- Mar 4 – Slate presented to Chapter
- Mar 4 – Campaigning begins after the chapter meeting
- Mar 31 – Campaigning ends. Websites must be taken down.
- Apr 1 – Election day! Candidates must be present to remain on the ballot.

Committee members

- Sorors Tamala Saldana, Delphea Jester, Freda Mills, Kelly Noble, Sekoya Waddy
- Contact for questions at Nominating.aacdst@gmail.com.

Technology Committee – Soror Kathryn Foster

- The committee is in line with how AAC files should be saved
- The files for each respective Eboard or Chapter meeting are stored in one place together for easier access just immediately prior to the meeting.
- After the meeting, the files are archived respectively.
- Log into the membership portal to find the registration links for meetings and events.



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Ad hoc/Special Committees

New Business

Announcements

- The December chapter meeting will be in person. Please invite a soror not just only for fellowship but also for quorum,
- Reminder: Risk Management volunteer training on Nov 9 6-8 p.m. virtual

Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:48 PM. 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	Motion to adopt the Oct agenda	Soror Diwi Smith	Soror Anita Daniels	Unanimous Consent	Passed

Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Executive Board Meeting Agenda October 18, 2022 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

Call to Order
Adoption of the Agenda
Meditation/Reflection
Approval of September Minutes
Correspondence

Soror Dedurie Kirk
Soror Janet Marshall
Soror Tiffany Holmes White

Chapter Reports

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President
1st Vice President
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

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

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Educational Development
Social Action

Soror Bethany Bell
Soror Celeste Williams

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee
Technology Committee

Soror Tamala Saldana
Soror Kathryn Foster

Special Committees

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Adjournment

Committee Recommendations

N/A

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting Saturday, November 5, 2022 Virtual
<https://zoom.us/j/91997857121?pwd=aXpvNWF5YWV1cFVqMXloYmZUUVdldz09>

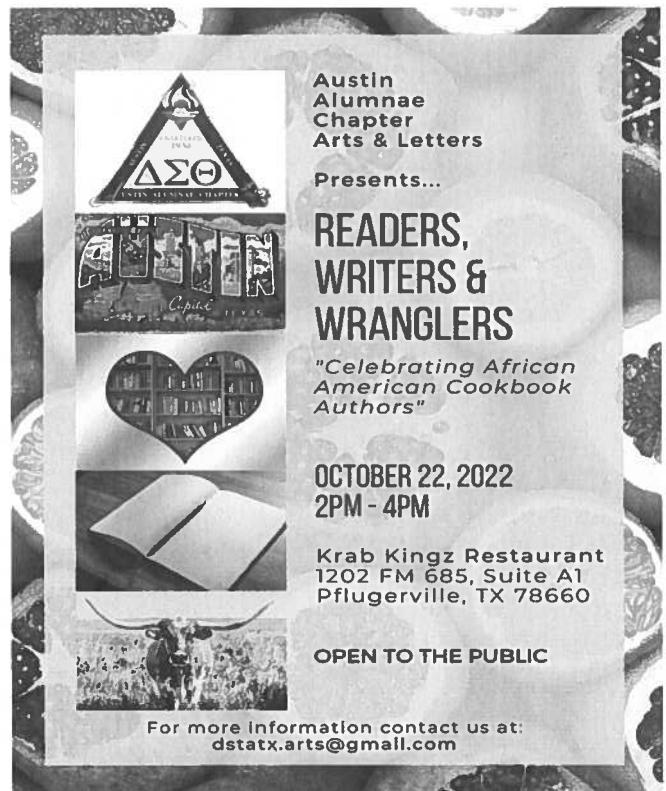
Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 2022 Virtual
<https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVU1FbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdzo9>

Announcements

Arts and Letters “Readers, Writers and Wranglers”

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

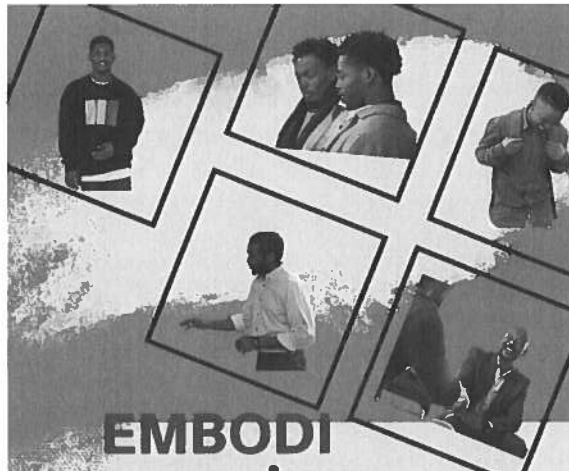
Krab Kingz Restaurant, 1202 Farm to Market 685 Suite A1, Pflugerville, TX 78660.
This event is open to the public.



Nominating Committee


Who Has Next?

The Call for Nominations opened on October 1, 2022. The Nominating Committee invites you to step up and step out. Select an office or position where you want to serve. **You can be nominated by an active member or you may self-nominate by completing the Goggle form at this link:** [2023-2025 Chapter Officer Nominating Form](#) . **Nominations closes at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, December 31, 2022**



EMBODI
symposium:
"We Gon Be Alright"

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022
Location: Huston-Tillotson University
Time: 9AM-5PM
Target audience: Males, 8th-12th graders



Complete registration form via the QR code and put "EMBODI" as the program.
For more information contact at dstadley@gmail.com

