



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE Virtual EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Jan 17, 2023

President Robin T. Blackmon called the virtual Austin Alumnae Executive Board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023. A quorum was present, via Zoom, for the transaction of business. The agenda as distributed was approved. The motion was properly made, seconded, and passed with no opposition.

Meditation / Reflection – Soror June Murphy

Soror Murphy offered the following words inspired from Proverbs 18:13 reminding us to listen with the heart to show value to those speaking and to learn from the speaker. Good listeners are secure with themselves, they are wise and listen for continued learning.

Minutes – Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

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

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

- Blazing Southwest Region Conference Souvenir Journal
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Dear Delta Sigma Theta, Thank you for your continuous support of the Fearless Leadership Institute. Because of you, FLI continues to uplift Black Women at UT Austin.

Emergency Response

- The Eboard meeting was 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's report included
 - Economic Development Committee had a wonderful session last week on taxes. Thanks to committee chairs.
 - Thanks for showing up and showing out at HT for the MLK celebration. Social Action was in ACTION! Thanks to sorors that represented the chapter at the Central Texas Food Bank.



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Regional/State

- State Meeting February 17-19 in the Woodlands
- Advisors Training will be conducted during the Louisiana-Jamaica State Meeting in Shreveport, LA. The eight (8) hour training workshop will be held Friday, February 24, 2023, at the Hilton Shreveport Convention Center from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. – Email sent Jan 4, 2023
- Heritage and Archives – The SWR is working to collect pictures and programs over the years from Conferences, Leadership Retreats, Statewide Founders Day, Red and White Days and pictures with Notable Sorors (national and regional officers). If you have any items to share, please reach out to Soror Nancy Thompson or Soror Tashia Coleman. There will be a table at the state meeting where they will scan the items so we can retain our originals.

National

- Assist with Red and White Day
 - Collecting Fees
 - Registration
 - Photographer
 - Soror Celeste Williams will be on the planning committee
- Informz Messages that Soror Blackmon recommended reading. Following are the dates received and the topics:
 - 12/28 2021-2022 IAI Newsletter
 - 1/9 Celebrating 110 Years of Moving Forward with Fortitude
 - 1/10 National Program Planning and Development
 - 1/10 Webinar| Newly Revised GEMS and Academy Manuals (January 18)
 - 1/11 Invitation to 2023 Nominations Webinar (Jan 17 & 19) Application Deadline January 31, 2023
 - 1/17 Chapter Policies and Procedures and Rules of Order Webinar

1st Vice President – *Soror Jacqueline Habersham*

- March is Sisterhood Month. The following are the tentative dates for the events:
 - Days 1-22 – 22 days of prayer
 - Mar 5 – Dolls “Sunday Fun Day”
 - Mar 11 – D.E.A.R.S event
 - Mar 12 – Self Care Sunday
 - Mar 17 or Mar 18 – Divas event
 - Mar 19 – Church service
 - Mar 25 – Day of Service



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- Mar 26 – Founders Day event
 - Mar 31 – Sisterhood Social
- A calendar of events is forthcoming for those desiring a visual presentation
- Secret Soror
 - Sign up with Elfster.com
 - Detailed instructions are forthcoming as the event nears

Financial Secretary – Soror Anita Daniels

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

- 303 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

****Important Information – Shift to Calendar Year Basis**

- Short Year (to complete the 2023 Calendar Year) – Jul – Dec 31, 2023
 - Currently Financial Sorors
 - Payable Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2023: \$92.50
 - \$92.50 represents one half of the local dues
 - For the short year conversion period, if you are currently financial, please send no more than \$92.50
 - No late fees on the \$92.50
 - Non-Financial/Reclaimed Sorors
 - If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400.
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$415
 - So, if non-financial for 1 year, the total is \$492.50 (\$92.50 plus \$385 plus \$15 late fee)
 - So, if non-financial for 2 year+, the total is \$507.50 (\$92.50 plus \$385 plus \$30 late fee)
- Full Year (to start the 2024 Calendar Year) – Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2024
 - Payable Jul 1 – Sep 30, 2023: \$385 Regular or \$195 Lifetime Member
 - Represents a full year of local and national dues
 - Late fees begin Oct 1, 2023



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- If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$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**
 - Please remember to include your member number, no matter your means of payment!

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.**

- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Although the financial year is converting to a calendar year basis, the program year remains on the period of Jul 1st to Jun 30th.
- Committees are asked to complete three (3) budgets.
 - #1 – Due Mar 15, 2023: Jul 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2023
 - #2 – Due Mar 15, 2023: Jan 1, 2024 – Jun 30, 2024
 - #3 – Due Sep 1, 2023: Jul 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024
- Policies and Procedures changes:
 - Unconsumed funds from a previous budget cycle cannot be used to increase the budget for the following budget cycle
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- Budget Estimates
 - Short year (Jul 1 – Dec 31, 2023) will be based on 300 members at \$92.50 or \$27,750
 - Calendar year (Jan 1- Dec 31, 2024) will be based on 300 members at \$185 or \$55,500
- Budget Adjustments
 - (200) Educational Development EMBODI
 - (500) International Awareness & Involvement
 - 600 Physical & Mental Health
 - (500) Social Action
 - (250) Ways & Means
 - (500) Emergency Response
 - (3,000) Meeting location facility fees



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- (250) Chapter photo
- (500) DID Workshop
- 6150 Founders Day
- (750) Membership Services
- (500) AA LEAD Academy
- (250) New Member Orientation
- (150) Nominating Committee
- (150) Step Team

RECOMMENDATION: Move to accept the budget adjustments that were outlined and approved by Budget and Finance committee.

Discussion: Social Action opposed the recommendation stating that the funds are needed for DDNC. The treasurer commented that DDNC has its own line item.

- The motion was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 18-3.

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust

Educational Development – Sorors Bethany Bell and Tiffany Lewis

Central Texas Food Bank

- Welcomed back to in-person activities
- Central Texas Food Bank – MLK Day Volunteer opportunity
- 9 a.m. to noon on Jan 16, 2023
- The AAC volunteers were of 52 that sorted, inspected, and packed food items.

Red S.H.O.E Fitness Challenge

- Four (4) week fitness challenge
- Log weekly totals for miles, steps, and workouts
- Feb 1st- Feb 28th
- May either compete individually or as a team
- Weekly prize for top individuals and team



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- Based on a point system
- Prizes for top 3 individuals and team

Social Action – Soror Veronica Johnson

- **RECOMMENDATION:** The Social Action Committee recommends conducting a Boards & Commissions training in May based on available dates.
 - The training will be hosted by Soror Diwi Smith
 - 2-3 hours hybrid event (in-person and virtual)
- The recommendation was properly made by the committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 19-0.
- Voter Deputy Registrar Training
 - A survey has been distributed to the AAC body. Please respond to determine the dates of the upcoming training. Choose from either Tues, Jan 24 @ 5:30 p.m. or Thurs, Jan 26 @ 5:30 p.m.
- What's Next in Social Action?
- Southwest Region Important Dates
 - Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol (DDNC) – Mar 23-25, 2023
 - Delta Days at the United Nations (DDUN) – 1st or 2nd Weekend of Mar 2023
 - Red and White Day at Texas Capitol – Apr 17, 2023
- **General information:** The Social Action committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committees

Nominating – Soror Tamela Saldana

- 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



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- Mar 4, 2023: Slate presented to Chapter
- Mar 4, 2023: Nomination from the floor
- Mar 4, 2023: Campaigns officially begin and candidate's forum will be held 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!

Ad hoc/Special Committees

Founders Day – Sorors Donna Jackson and Sheldy Starks

- Day of Service Event Opportunities
 - North – Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center
 - Mission is to provide hope, healing and justice for children and families impacted by abuse, violence, and exploitation in our community
 - South – Saint Louise House
 - A program for single mothers and their children experiencing homelessness that need more time and support than emergency shelters can provide.
 - Virtual – GIRLS Empowerment Network
 - Ignite the power in girls by teaching them the skills to thrive and believe in their ability to be unstoppable.
- Rededication / Founders Day Celebration
 - When: Sunday, Mar 26, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Where: Renaissance Austin Hotel
 - Theme: The Legacy – Your Place in Delta History
 - Tickets: \$75
- The budget for Founders Day was based on 100 persons attending
- Closed event – Deltas only
- Color – Red
- A recommendation to increase the Founders Day budget line item was approved earlier in the meeting.
(See Budget adjustments from Treasurer's report)



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MOU – Soror Pamela Hall

- AAC received direction from the National Housing Committee for direction on how to proceed on the revisions to the MOU.
- Revisions to the MOU between DST-AAC and ADF (Austin Delta Foundation) include:
 - Period of the MOU
 - Organization Description
 - Duties/Responsibilities of Each organization
 - Solicitation of Grants
 - Service as an Officer
 - Financial Records
 - Rental Agreement
- **RECOMMENDATION** – The Memorandum of Understanding Ad Hoc Committee recommends approval of the revised MOU between Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Austin Alumnae Chapter and the Austin Delta Foundation as presented. The motion was properly made, seconded, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 16-1.

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 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 Jan agenda	Soror Bethann Bell	Soror Anita Daniels	17-0	Passed
Budget & Finance	Accept the budget adjustments that were outlined and approved by Budget and Finance committee.	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the committee	N/A	18-3	Passed
Social Action	Conduct a Boards & Commissions training in May based on available dates.	Soror Veronica Johnson on behalf of the committee	N/A	19-0	Passed
Ad Hoc/ MOU Committee	Approve the revised MOU between Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Austin Alumnae Chapter and the Austin Delta Foundation as presented.	Soror Kacey Hanson	Soror Deborah Shaw Boatner	16-1	Passed

Soror Janet Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President



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Executive Board Meeting Agenda January 17, 2023 Presiding Officer, Robin T. Blackmon

Legal Notice
Call to Order
Adoption of the Agenda
Meditation/Reflection
Approval of December Minutes
Correspondence

Soror June Murphy
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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Five Point Thrust

Educational Development

Soror Bethany Bell
Soror Tiffany Lewis

Physical and Mental Health

Soror Courtney Nolan
Soror Thedencia Horne

Social Action

Soror Veronica Johnson

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee

Soror Tamela Saldana

Special Committees

Founders Day

Soror Donna Jackson
Soror Sheldy Starks

Ad Hoc MOU Committee

Soror Pamela Hall

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Adjournment

Committee Recommendations

N/A

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Virtual

<https://zoom.us/j/91997857121?pwd=aXpvNWF5YWFiFVqMXloYmZUUVdldzo9>

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Virtual

<https://zoom.us/j/97561669874?pwd=K3RSUnhYVUlfbG1mL1RwY3d4QkpPdzo9>