

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Austin Alumnae Chapter

Committee Reporting Template

Committee Name: Social Action Committee

Committee Chair(s): Veronica Pickett Johnson and Celeste T. Williams

Date/Time of meeting (MM/DD/YYYY): February 14, 2023

Attendees: Veronica Pickett Johnson, Celeste T. Williams, Joan Roberts Scott, Gloria Frazier; Erica Knox, Paulette Walls, April Briscoe, Lisa Newman, Darlene Lewis, Ashley Johnson, Melody Southall, Delphea Jester, Marva Overton

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

- **Voter Deputy Registrar Training** - Soror Veronica Pickett-Johnson - update virtual training option (Travis County) and reciprocity alignment for Williamson County, Hayes County, and Bastrop County - <https://campsite.bio/tcvdr>
- **Boards and Commissions** - Soror Marva Overton– were seeking to schedule for the spring a learning session for sorors only looking to participate on boards & commissions; they have next meeting next Thursday, March 2 to decide on go forward. **8 members** prepared to seek board and commission appointments on the local government level. They will continue to send communication to journalists for publications for the overall chapter members to be aware.
- The [Texas Family Leadership Council](#) (TXFLC), Texas Racial Equity Collaborative (TREC), and the [United Way of Greater Houston](#). - **February 16th** - <https://childrenatrisk.org/event/state-of-black-children-in-texas/> - Soror Veronica Pickett-Johnson - update on sign up
- **Social Action - Close Out Program - May 20th** - Soror Paulette Walls – target to partner with GALS- Austin for their Maternal Health event, need for them to confirm their exact date; maybe able to sub date with boards and commission based on previous chapter approval for them to target a date in May. <https://www.givingaustinelaborsupport.org/>

Recommend increasing the DDNC line item to cover the representatives attending the meeting.

2023 programming: June – December 31, 2023

Social Justice Weekend – **September 15th – 17th** – Lisa Newman & Erica Knox - **\$750**

Voter Registration Kits: checkout/check-in process

- Clipboards
- Pens
- County Forms/Applications (Travis County, Williamson County, Bastrop, and Hayes)
- Tablecloths
- Stackable Boxes
- Folders
- Envelopes
- Tape
- Signage – as provided by the county offices
- Austin Alumnae branded banner/pop up

National Voters Registration Day – **Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

- Communicate to the chapter members opportunities to serve via external entities

National Night Out – **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

- Communicate information out in Odyssey and Midpoint Message

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- Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is held throughout the month of **October** to bring advocates across the nation together to end domestic violence

2024 programming: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024, Leads: Lisa Newman & Celeste Williams Partnership with Educational Development, Epsilon Beta, Iota Omega, Alpha Kappa, and the local police agencies in support of - **Videographer: \$500**

- o PSA Video – How do you feel about.... Policing. George Floyd Policing Act
- o Crown Act Videos

Delta Days at National Capitol – March 2024 - \$2500

Delta Days at United Nations – March 2024 - \$350

Chat n Chew with Local Officials – What's Next? \$1000

- Community forum in local library with elected officials

Additional calendar items to be submitted after legislative priorities are given from National Social Action Commission at DDNC and Regional Social Action Commission priorities are given at Red & White Day and/or State Meeting. Committee chairs to request from PPD and Budget/Finance an extension on their final submission for calendar and budget requests.

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

Increase the budget line item for Delta Days at Nation's Capital from \$1000 to \$2200 as per the policies and procedures that states

C. Travel Policy for DDNC, DDUN and other National/Regional Meetings Representatives

The travel policy for chapter representative(s) at other national / regional meetings is: 1. Transportation a. Personal Vehicle Mileage / Gas i. The chapter will reimburse based upon the state prevailing mileage rate. b. Rental Car i. The chapter will not reimburse for rental cars. **c. Air Travel / Bus Travel / Rail Travel i. The chapter will reimburse based upon which is most cost effective.** d. Parking / Ground Transportation i. The chapter will not reimburse for parking/ground transportation. 2. Lodging a. Single Occupancy i. The chapter will not reimburse for single occupancy. **b. Double Occupancy i. The chapter will reimburse hotel cost based on double room occupancy if the meeting takes place beyond a 25-mile radius of Austin.** 3. Registration fees a. The chapter will reimburse the registration fees for all delegates/representatives. 4. Subscription events a. The chapter will not reimburse for subscription events. 5. Meals a. The chapter will reimburse delegates/representatives for meals based upon the prevailing state per diem rate. 6. Per Diem a. All reimbursements will be based upon the prevailing state per diem rate.

The M&IE per diem tiers for FY 2023 are unchanged at \$59-\$79, with the standard M&IE rate unchanged at \$59.

Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

Delta Days at United Nations - **19th Annual Delta Days at the United Nations!** it is the 20th anniversary of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. having NGO special consultative status with the United Nations!

March 13 - 14, 2023 under the theme, *Forward with Fortitude: 20 Years of Elevating Our Global Impact through Partnerships, Programs and Social Action.*

Delta Days - The 34th Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital will be held on **March 24 - 28, 2023** under the theme, *Forward with Fortitude: Elevating Our Power for a New Era of Impact.*

Volunteer Activities (include Date/Participants/Time): (limit 500 characters)

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N/A

Signature of soror making the committee report: Veronica Pickett Johnson (eboard/ Celeste T. Williams (chapter)

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter: February 21, 2023 (eboard)/ March 4, 2023 _____

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: March 14, 2023 6:30 pm cst _____