



AUSTIN ALUMNAE CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE CHAPTER MEETING
Apr 1, 2023

Following the ritualistic opening, President Robin T. Blackmon called the Austin Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 10:19 AM on Apr 1, 2023.

Emergency Response – Soror Suzanne Piper

- The Apr chapter meeting was virtual, so the standard emergency exits message was NOT issued.

Adoption of Agenda

- A quorum was present for the transaction of business as presented in the agenda, with the following exception. Soror Veronica Johnson will substitute for Soror Celeste Williams for the Social Action report. The motion was properly made, seconded, and adopted with no opposition.

Welcome New and Visiting Sorors

There was one (1) visiting soror for the Apr chapter meeting: Soror Nicole Thompson.

Minutes – Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

The minutes of the Mar 2023 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Correspondence – Soror Tiffany Holmes White, Corresponding Secretary

***Thank you card:** Thank you and Update on Austin's Got Talent Scholarship Fundraiser

"Dear President Blackmon,

It is my honor to thank Austin Alumnae for your unwavering support of Austin Delta Foundation, especially in providing scholarships to deserving Greater Austin students seeking to further their education. The chapter's active participation in selling tickets, making donations, soliciting and securing sponsors, providing raffle items, spreading the word, and volunteering in many capacities led us to a net profit of \$18,054 from Austin's Got Talent Scholarship Fundraiser!

The winners of Austin's Got Talent are as follows:

1st Prize - \$500 – John Christopher who brought the house down with his rendition of Donny Hathaway's "A Song for You".



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2nd Prize - \$200 – Koffia Liyé who is an amazing RnB/Pop/Afrobeat artist whose melodic performances you can see on Instagram, YouTube, and live venues around Austin.

3rd Prize - \$100 - Kylie Phillips who is an extremely talented up and coming vocalist and performer who has been mentored by Pamela Hart and has shared the stage with Dr. James Polk, Michael Stevens, Michael Malone, and others.

We appreciate the extra effort several Austin Alumnae chapter members made to drive back from the Statewide Meeting to be present at the February 25 event, serve as a judge, and ensure the room was buzzing with Delta energy. As we begin to make plans for the next scholarship fundraiser, we look forward to working with a joint committee of ADF and Austin Alumnae representatives to establish a clear project plan, goals, milestones, and assignments leading to an even bigger and better event in the future. I look forward to discussing the terms of our MOU and how we can assemble a team of skilled, talented, and willing sisters.

This is a year of significant transition for ADF as 6 Directors near the end of their terms and we look to expand our board to include community members with some unique and much-needed skills, experiences and resources. We'll be actively looking for Directors and leaders to vote on in November, so stay tuned for more information.

Thank you again for your unwavering support. From: Pamela Sherman
Chair, Austin Delta Foundation"

***Thank you card:** Soror Renee Conley on expressions of condolence on the passing of her mom.

***Thank you letter:** Fearless Leadership Institute for \$300 donation

***Invitation to participate:** Zeta Phi Beta, Family Feud event on April 29, 2023 6:00 – 9:00pm, Spinners, 14106 N IH 35 Frontage Road, Austin, Tx 78728, \$150 per team, \$20 general admission

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the challenge to provide a team for participation in the Family Feud event at the cost of \$150. Soror Whitlock will organize the team. The motion was properly made, seconded, and passed with a vote of 181-6.



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Chapter Reports

Officers

President – Soror Robin T. Blackmon

Austin/Local

- We have had a great Sisterhood Month and an outstanding Founders Day Celebration. Thank you Sorors for preparing, planning, and participating.
- Day of Service – If you have not purchased black hair care products for The Saint Louise House our Day of Service Community Partner there is still time. The details on what to purchase and where to send it or to meet Soror Sandra Willis is in the communication sent on March 18.
- In that same communication we asked that you report how much you spent this month at black business. Please report this information by Sunday at Midnight. I have to make my report of how our chapter engaged in the SWR Sisterhood Month activities this coming week.

Regional/State

- Mother's Day Campaign email sent on March 12, share your favorite picture of you and your mother.
- Regional leadership meeting will be on March 28. Updates at chapter meeting.
- Chapters are asked to contribute a minimum of \$100 from International Awareness and Involvement fund to the Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre Campus in Cherette, Haiti. Our current donation far exceeds the \$100.
- PPD provided update on PMH and Economic Development. This month is Financial Literacy Month and our Economic Development Committee has some programming for us to engage.
- MI – if you are planning to attend initiations, please let the chapter know you are coming, know social media guidelines, and there will be a meeting about Fall intake soon.
- Social Action – we do not have Political Awareness and Involvement committees – it all occurs under Social Action. Social Action activities must be submitted for approval.

National

- Informz messages to be aware of:
 - March 10 – Town Hall Meeting on March 19
 - Updates on dues; provided information on how the registration will roll out of the convention; Phase I – Presidents, VD, AD; Phase II – Non-Voting Delegate; Phase III – Virtual Registration.
 - March 13 – PPD updates
 - March 15 – Proposed constitutional and bylaws amendments Webinars
 - March 17 – Hot of the Press S&S updates – there is a scholarship opportunity for Holmes Murphy Fraternal Practice the insurance vendor.
 - March 18 – H&A Moment



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- March 19 – Statement on the Florida House Bill House Bill 999, legislation that expressly prohibits any programs or campus activities that advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- March 20 – Delta Red Tank Registration Sub and Deadline is April 10 (extended)
- March 21 – Technology User Group Webinar for Pres, tech chairs
- March 22 – Delta Red Carpet and DSTv 2023
- March 24 – National Economic Development Subcommittee Observes Financial Fortitude Month
- March 24 – Divine 9 Top Golf Tournament
- March 25 – Social Action Advocacy Day
- March 28 – 2023 Slate of Candidates for National Positions
- March 29 – Memorial Observance and Chapter Excused Absence
- March 31 – You're Invited Chartering of the United Kingdom Alumnae Chapter
- March 31 – 56th National Convention Shoppes Open

- **The full chapter president's report is on the website.**

2nd Vice President – Soror Kacey Hanson

- Calendar Activities – 72
 - Chapter Management – 21 (29%)
 - E Board Meetings
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Budget & Finance Meetings
 - AA/DST Member Programs – 21 (29%)
 - Public Service Programs – 30 (42%)
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- The budget reality is that the current program requests exceed the available funds for the short year. The program requests will be revisited. Later, as the membership and associated dues income increases, the budget can be revised.

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.

- 309 members for FY 22-23



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- 216 members for the short year (Jul -Dec 2023)
- FY 22-23 dues are as follows:
Golden/Diamond Life - \$195
Regular - \$385
If non-financial for 1 year-\$400; if non-financial for 2+ years-\$415

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

- Short Year (to complete the 2023 Calendar Year) – Jul – Dec 31, 2023
 - Payable Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2023: \$92.50
 - \$92.50 represents one half of the local dues
 - No late fees on the \$92.50 ****Update,** now a late fee will be assigned to the short year. Soror Daniels is conforming status of this change!
 - Non-Financial/Reclaimed Sorors
 - If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400 (included \$15 re-instatement fee)
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$415 (included \$30 re-instatement 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
 - If non-financial for one year, the \$385 becomes \$400
 - If non-financial for two years or more, the \$385 becomes \$415

Examples:

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

- Only \$92.50 is due Jan-Mar 2023

NON-FINANCIAL REGULAR MEMBERS

- If non-financial for one year: \$492.50
 - \$92.50 for short year fee plus \$385 regular membership fee plus \$15 re-instatement fee
- If non-financial for two years or more: \$507.50
 - \$92.50 for short year fee plus \$385 regular membership fee plus \$30 re-instatement fee
- 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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- **Regardless of payment method, please include member number.**

Treasurer/Budget and Finance – Soror Demitra Alexander

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

- The treasurer presented **(1)** the budget adjustments for the current period, **(2)** the short year 2023 budget, and **(3)** the calendar year 2024
- Adjustments
 - +150 – Ways and Means
 - -1,000 – Emergency Response Team
 - -750 – Heritage and Archives
 - +200 – Properties
 - -250 – DID Workshop
 - +138.92 – Local Courtesies
 - +400 – Membership Services
 - +180 – Technology website hosting
 - +250 – Technology Zoom/Mailchimp
 - -300 – Contribution Haiti Elementary School
 - +600 – Regional Conference Ad
 - -164.73 – Contingency
- The 22/23 was based on 280 members @ \$185 which equals \$51,800. Added to 22/23 was \$13,100 from Double Good Popcorn Sales. Finally added was carryforward of \$26,470. The total is \$91,370
 - Recall that carryforward will not be a factor in the next year's budget. The budget will now be zero based and will only factor in membership dues for the respective year.
 - Recall that the current year ends in Jun 2023
 - The '23 short year is from Jul – Dec 2023
 - The budget funds are supported by the number of members. **See from the Financial Secretary report that to date there are only 216 paid to date for the short year.**
 - The treasurer presented a budget based on current members for the short year. **A lower basis for membership means a lower basis for available budget.**
 - **New Basis:** The **Calendar Year** 2024 is from Jan – Dec 2024
 - The treasurer presented the anticipated 2024 calendar year budget based on estimated membership numbers.



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- The treasurer reminded the AA body that as the membership numbers increases the budget and budget requests would be adjusted accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION #1: Move to accept 22-23 Budget Adjustments as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was properly made by the Committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 170-13.

RECOMMENDATION #2: Move to accept the SY (short year) 2023 Budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was properly made by the Committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 165-11.

RECOMMENDATION #3: Move to accept the FY2024 Budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was properly made by the Committee, voted upon, and passed with a vote of 157-15.

Committee Reports

Five Point Thrust Committees

Social Action – Soror Veronica Johnson

- Important Upcoming dates:
 - Delta Days at the United Nations – Mar 13-14, 2023
 - DDUN Calendar Initiatives Days are as follows:
 - Mar 8 – International Women’s Day
 - Mar 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



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- Apr 7 – World Health Day
- Aug 23 – International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade
- Sep 18 – International Equal Pay Day
- Oct 11 – International Day of the Girl Child
- Oct 24 – United Nations Day
- Nov 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Dec 1 – World AIDS Day
- Pursuant to the Delta Constitution & Bylaws resolutions are presented at each annual convention regarding particular topics. Social Action presented information on how the resolutions is submitted.
- Delta Days in the Nation's Capital – Mar 24-28, 2023
- The priorities are as follows:
 - Civic Engagement & Voting
 - Economic Justice
 - Education
 - Environmental Justice
 - Health Equity
 - Reimagining Public Safety
 - Reproductive Justice
- Red & White Day – Apr 17, 2023 tentative 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Voter Deputy Registrar Training
 - 100% Participation Requested
 - Opportunity to complete online Voter Deputy Registrar Training Travis County
 - <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters/volunteer-deputy-registrars>
 - The training is a video that only last 22 minutes and 19 seconds long with a 25- question examination to test your knowledge. You must score an 80% on the exam.
 - Certification requirement svary by county.
 - But once certified in one county, reciprocity is granted for the other counties. Please contact the other offices for a reciprocity certificate.
- The more you know! Find out at dstatx.org
 - Social Action Work Toolkit
 - 88th Texas Legislature Data Interest
 - Committee Reports/Social Action Moments

General Info: The Social Action committee meets on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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Social Action Moment

- The Social Action Committee walked the AAC body through how to monitor bills using the website Texas Legislature Online
- Including finding which federal legislature represents you and your community
 - Senate.gov
 - House.gov

Standing Committees

Ways and Means – *Soror Alnita Foote*

- Double Good Popcorn Sales
 - Austin Alumnae profited \$12,404 in 2022
 - Let's double our profit in 2023
 - If 150 sorors sell \$500 in popcorn, AAC would profit \$37,500
 - If 150 sorors sell \$750 in popcorn, AAC would profit \$56,250
 - Donations will be accepted, just as last year: \$421. Donations go directly to AAC.
 - Prizes will be awarded for the top three sellers. The cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be \$75, \$50, and \$25 respectively.
- Another potential fundraiser
 - Partner with the men of Omega Psi Phi fraternity Epsilon Iota Chapter
 - A summer activity to support our 5-point programmatic Thrusts.

Risk Management – *Soror Diwi Smith*

- Thanks to the AAC sorors who supported the overall efforts
 - Sixty-six (66) attended the Sep 11th and Nov 9th risk management trainings
 - This means that AAC soror attendee's presence helped encourage volunteer participation from twenty three (23) people.
 - At least twelve (12) of the volunteers are eligible for reimbursed for the expense of their required background checks.



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Special Committees

Elections Committee

- The Slate:

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<input type="radio"/> President	<input type="radio"/> Renee Jones	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> 1 st VP	<input type="radio"/> Jacqueline Habersham	<input type="radio"/> Jacqueline Habersham
<input type="radio"/> 2 nd VP	<input type="radio"/> Kacey Hanson	<input type="radio"/> Kacey Hanson
<input type="radio"/> Recording Secretary	<input type="radio"/> Darralyn Johnson	<input type="radio"/> Darralyn Johnson
<input type="radio"/> Corresponding Secr	<input type="radio"/> La'Kisha Crenshaw	<input type="radio"/> La'Kisha Crenshaw
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<input type="radio"/> Fin Secretary	<input type="radio"/> Anita Daniels	<input type="radio"/> Anita Daniels
<input type="radio"/> Asst Fin Secretary	<input type="radio"/> Tennille Thomas	<input type="radio"/> Tennille Thomas
<input type="radio"/> Treasurer	<input type="radio"/> Deborah Shaw Boatner	<input type="radio"/> Deborah Shaw Boatner
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<input type="radio"/> Sergeant at Arms	<input type="radio"/> Laronica Humphrey Moise	<input type="radio"/> Laronica Humphrey Moise
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<input type="radio"/> Risk. Man Coordinator	<input type="radio"/> Nancy Knight Brown	<input type="radio"/> Nancy Knight Brown



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New Business

Note: The recommendation to participate in the Zeta Phi Beta Family Feud event on Apr 29, 2023 was presented and voted upon by the AAC body immediately following the reading of the correspondence secretary's reading of the invitation to the event.

Announcements

Adjournment

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn at 12:57 PM. The motion was properly made and 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 Apr 1 2023 chapter meeting.	Soror Jeffrey Archer	Soror Kacey Hanson	185-0	Passed
	Accept challenge to provide a team for participation in the Zeta Phi Beta Family Feud event on Apr 29, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the cost of \$150	Soror Brenda Hanson	Soror Lillian Lee	181-6	Passed
Budget & Finance	<u>RECOMMENDATION #1:</u> Accept 22-23 Budget Adjustments as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee.	Soror Demitra Alexander on behalf of the Committee	N/A	170-13.	Passed
	<u>RECOMMENDATION #2:</u> Accept the SY (short year) 2023 Budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee.			165-11	Passed
	<u>RECOMMENDATION #3:</u> Accept the FY2024 Budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Committee.			157-15	Passed

Soror Janet Scroggins Marshall, Recording Secretary

Soror Robin T. Blackmon, President