

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Austin Alumnae Chapter

Committee Reporting Template

Committee Name: Social Action

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

Date/Time of meeting (MM/DD/YYYY): 09/12/2023; called to order 6:32 pm cst; adjourned 7:50 pm cst.

Attendees: Krishella Robinson, Lisa Newman, Erica Knox, Melody Southall, Jeri Brooks, Celeste Williams, Adrienne Thrasher, Dewi Smith, Paulette Walls, Belinda Williams, Renee Jones, Marva Overton, Veronica Pickett Johnson, Vanessa Henry, Darlene Lewis, April Briscoe, and Alyssa Patterson

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

Recap from Soror Belinda Williams August 17th – Round Rock School Board meeting.

- August 17th school board attended, alongside Kacey Hanson and Celeste Williams
- 48 speakers total – 38 in person, 10 virtually
- Students would like to host a cancer event at local football game
- Cafeteria expansion at Stony Point
- Deficient in RR ISD budget
- Meet with Black Parents of Round Rock to learn more on school board topics
- Moms for Liberty interest group spoke at school board meeting: topic – book bands

Social Justice Weekend September 21 – 24 – Sorors Knox | Newman provided update

Link to the – [Social Justice Weekend Excel Tracker Details](#) identifying current location targets

- Locations finalized –
 - Pflugerville High School – Homecoming – Pville Stadium – 1301 W. Pecan St, Pflugerville, TX 78660
 - Anderson vs. Johnson – Nelson Field – 7105 Berkman Dr., Austin, TX 78752
 - Elgin Cares Community Cookout/Fest - Elgin Memorial Park located at 1127 N Main St Elgin, TX 78621
 - 11 Degrees Daiquiri – 2700 W. Pecan St. #202, Pflugerville, TX 78660
 - TaterQue – 1202 FM 685 STE B5 B6, Pflugerville, TX 78660
 - Greater Mt. Zion Church – 4301 Tannehill Ln, Austin, TX 78721
 - St. James Baptist Church – 3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Austin, TX 78721
 - St. Marys Church – 1202 Pecan St. W, Pflugerville, TX 78660
 - Mt. Sinai Baptist Church – 8500 Cameron Rd, Austin, TX 78754
- Please sign up via sign up genius to support - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA4AF2EA7FC1-social2>
- Request for leads to bring chairs and tables to their sites
- Press release request sent to journalist to release to the public
- Flyers approved for publication, along with recommended verbiage sent to communication team for social media publication
- Insurance verification request sent to President Blackmon to secure
- 5 Voter registration KITS requested.
 - Highlighters
 - Pencils
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Large envelopes and/or folders
- Currently have only 2 signs

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- Look to communicate to all volunteers' directions for Social Justice Weekend via email

National Voters Registration Day – September 19th:

Two components:

- **PSA video promoting National Voter Registration Day.** – video recorded and completed
- **Voter registration drives at local community high schools: postponed due to lack of response from** Stony Point High School, Success High School, Manor High School, New Tech High School, Northeast Early College High School, and LBJ High School
- Delta Days at City Halls
 - Austin: Celeste Williams and Jeri Brooks
 - Research done thus far
 - Limited progress but will talk offline on structure and what the day should look like
 - Acknowledge to council, etc
 - Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for this effort
 - Hutto: Melody Southall
 - Finalize date with city manager, as that person would be the point in structuring the day
 - Diversity & Equity Inclusion Commission – 19th September at 6 pm – looking to attend their meeting
- **Action:** Need sorors to volunteer for subcommittee to help organize and plan event.
- Social Action Moments: All
 - Social action moment on SB1 LDF | DST Mobilization in October 2023 – Soror Brooks to provide content
 - Boards & Commission would like to be the team that does the moment in November 2023 – Sorors Hicks & Overton to put together content
 - Preview activations for 2024 election session for December 2023 – Soror Brooks to provide content
 - Moved by Soror Brooks and 2nd by Soror Jones, that the following will be the subjects covered for social action moment
 - **10 in favor; 1 opposed**
- Boards & Commission: Soror Marva Overton
 - November 18 look to have event; soror only – board & commission readiness event; open to all sorors
 - **Recommendation:** Boards & Commission Informational session for chapter members be held November 18th as an in-person event at the Austin Delta Foundation House
 - Moved by Soror Overton and 2nd by Soror Smith
 - **10 for the vote; 3 abstain**
- Round table:
 - Voter Deputy Registrar Tracker Form: <https://forms.gle/iTRkNUoV9ko87wEr5>
 - complete the Event Sign-in to document attendance of events <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAb5F4jcz4mAQ2BkwsYWjZhkWOG2sfVM7WAjNEgayCddugfw/viewform>
 - Budget Request: 2024 need request due by September 15, 2023 – request will go in for an increase to be able to support city hall events

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

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Social Action Committee recommends that Boards & Commission Informational session for chapter members be held November 18th as an in-person event at the Austin Delta Foundation House or at an alternate location if ADF is not available

Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

Local school board meetings – Austin, Hutto, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock
LDF | DST SB1 Mobilization in San Antonio – **October 2 – 16th**

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

Asking VDRs to support

- National Voters Registration Day – September 19th: - like, share PSA Video
- Social Justice Weekend – September 22 – 24th – sign up genius

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

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter: **October 3rd (eboard)/ October 7th (chapter meeting)**

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: **October 10, 2023; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm cst; via zoom**