



Austin Alumnae Chapter

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

Chapter Meeting Minutes In Person Meeting Kacey Hanson, 2nd Vice President Presiding Officer October 7, 2023 10:00 a.m. Austin Community College Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form by Presiding Officer Hanson, Soror Dewi Smith, and Soror June Murphy

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:30 a.m. by Kacey Hanson

Legal Notice read by Sergeant at Arms, Laronica Moise

ERT moment by Ollie White and Tonya Rippenkroger

Adoption of the Agenda with the addition to add new information from the nominating committee. Motion to add new information by Carla Roberson. Motion carried 77 yes and 0 no. Motion to adopt agenda with addition by Celeste Williams. Passed on consent.

Introduction and Welcome of visiting/new sorors by Kacey Hanson. Three were acknowledged.

Approval of August Minutes Darralyn Johnson: reported that the September Chapter meeting minutes were uploaded to the Chapter's website and with no corrections given the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha Crenshaw and Assistant Corresponding Secretary Courtney Nolan: Request for ad in Mt. Zion souvenir book, African American Youth Harvest event, DREF donation email and a reminder to sign up for BAND. The corresponding secretary presented a correspondence moment. Full report attached.

Chapter Reports

Officers

Presiding Officer, 2nd Vice President Kacey Hanson: Presented the President's report which included the following:

- Congratulations on a great social justice weekend. Multiple VDR staffed locations.
- Thank you to the sorors who traveled to San Antonio for the hearing. Special mention of sorors Brown and Jones who are testifying.
- The deadline to pay dues has been extended to 10/15 and late fees will start 10/16. There have been red zone issues.



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- Sister II Sister Circles are functioning and recognition will be given to the most active circle.
- Congratulations to Soror Southall for acceptance into PEARL cohort 3.
- The chapter's compliance letter from the regional director has been received and it was read in its entirety.
- Leadership retreat in Arkansas 10/6-10/8 for regional officers and presidents.
- Advisor Training will be held in Dallas on 12/2/23.
- The trainers have pre-determined dates in the new DID sign up and chapters choose from those dates.

Financial Secretary Anita Daniels: Report included the following:

- September 2023 collections-\$47388.25
- 288 members for the SY 2023
- 207 members for FY2024
- Dues amounts were presented
- Members reminded to include member number in PayPal transactions
- The full report from the financial secretary can be found in the members' only portal of the chapter's website.

Assistant Treasurer/Budget and Finance Co-Chair Kimily Johnson: Report included the following:

- Beginning balance \$174,363.33 for all accounts.
- Ending balance \$189,227.83
- The erroneous deposit into the SW region account has been reallocated.
- Include your ledger with reimbursement requests or they will be denied.
- The new voucher is on the website.
- There is a schedule for reimbursement distribution.
- Budget and Finance meeting will be 10/11/2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Soror Celeste Williams requested that the chairs receive the ledger back with the check number indicated for the reimbursement
- The full report from the treasurer/budget and finance committee can be found in the members' only portal of the chapter's website.



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Committee Reports

Protocol moment was presented.

Five Point Thrust

International Awareness and Involvement Chair Akeshia Smothers Johnson: Report included the following:

- World Aids Day is 12/1/2023.
- Save the Date 12/1 for a Formal Gala and 12/2 Health Fair.
- Committee members are needed for the events and general committee membership. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month

Social Action Chair Celeste Williams: Report included the following:

- No changes to the social action priorities
- Moved that the Boards and Commissions informational session for chapter members be held November 18th as an in-person event at the Austin Delta Foundation House. Discussion occurred centered around content of the session, if virtual is an option and the availability of the content after the session. The motion passed 80 for and 0 against.
- The committee meets The 2nd Tuesday from 6:30-8:30p.m. via zoom.
- A plea was made for sorors to attend the lawsuit hearing in San Antonio.
- Full report attached

The Social Action moment was presented.

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee Chair Carla Roberson: Report included the following:

- Awards are being finalized
- Nominations end at 11:59 p.m. on 10/12/2023
- Nominees will be presented at the November meeting and elections will occur then.
- Awards delivered at Founders Day



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Ways and Means Committee Member Shannon Hickson: Report included the following:

- Give the Gift of Education 12/17
- In partnership with Austin Delta Foundation
- Tickets are \$85.00
- \$30,000 is the goal
- Sorors are asked to sell 3-5 tickets.
- Committee help is needed.

Special Committees

Founders Day Co-Chair Kelly Smith: Report included the following:

- Regional Director slated as speaker.
- Registration is coming soon
- Date January 14, 2024
- Venue: Balcones Country Club
- Time: 2:00 p.m.

Physical and Mental Health moment was presented.

No unfinished business

New Business

Nominating Committee Chair Carla Roberson: The nominating committee moved that the winners of the Chapter's annual awards will be presented at the Chapter's Founders Day Celebration. The motion carried with 80 in favor and 0 opposed.



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Announcements:

ERT advices to sign up for Central Texas Emergency notifications

Donations to DREF-through City of Austin and State of Texas donations

Sign up for the band app.

Deadline for Chapter Awards is coming

Sister II Sister Leads need to be known by the circles

Congratulations to Soror Southall

Chapter members will have an opportunity to sign up for committees

Award information has been distributed via the Odyssey

10/21 Book Club meeting

Include member number when paying dues

A motion to adjourn was entertained with the motion coming from Celeste Williams no opposition noted.

Ritualistic Closing completed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



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Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Addition of new information from the nomination committee added to the agenda.	Carla Roberson	Anita Daniels	Carried (77 in favor 0 against)
Adoption of agenda with addition	Celeste Williams	LaKisha Crenshaw	Carried (consent)
Moved that the Boards and Commissions informational session for chapter members be held November 18 th as an in-person event at the Austin Delta Foundation House. Austin be added to the chapter's program calendar.	Celeste Williams	None needed. Motion brought by executive board	Carried (80 in favor, 0 against).
Moved that the winners of the Chapter's annual awards will be presented at the Chapter's Founders Day Celebration. The motion carried with 80 in favor and 0 opposed.	Carla Roberson	None needed. Motion Nominating Committee	Carried (80 in favor 0 opposed)
Move to adjourn	Celeste Williams	Anita Daniels	Carried on consent

Approved:

Kacey Hanson, 2nd Vice President

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary