

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): 01|09|2024

Attendees: Syerra Cunningham, Krishella Robinson, Lisa Newman, Erica Knox, Melody Southall, Delphea Jester, Celeste Williams, Dewi Smith, Paulette Walls, Belinda Williams, Renee Jones, Veronica Pickett Johnson, Jacqueline Habersham, Joan Roberts Scott, Darlene Lewis, Gloria Frazier, Lauryn Cornish, and Nina Newman

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

Prayer: Veronica Pickett Johnson

Call to Order: Veronica Pickett Johnson

Old Business:

- School Board Meeting Updates Meeting – None currently. Reminder for members to use the template to complete read out report for attending.
- Boards & Commission – Celeste reviewed the highlights from the written report that was submitted and will share out with the social action committee.
- Delta Days at City Halls
 - **Hutto:** Melody Southall | Celeste Williams – agenda being finalized with city. Leave behind letter is being drafted by Sorors Vanessa Henry & Melody Southall, and will be provided to Soror Williams by COB, Friday, January 12th.
 - Technology team has the request for agenda, registration, and flyer to be approved by Soror President for communication out to the chapter and on social media.
- Social Action Moment - February - Sorors Darlene Lewis | Veronica Pickett Johnson - What's on the Ballot – planning to streamline presentation and submit additional information to the mid-point message. Presentation to stick to the 3-minute time allotted for reporting to the chapter.
- MLK Festival - Sorors Erica Knox | Belinda Williams. January 15, 2024; will work with Founders Day committee to obtain the balloons to be able to be used at the MLK Festival, other materials will be picked up from ADF House on Thursday/Friday of this week.
 - Ask that VDRs complete their reciprocity certification for other counties.
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4FA4AF2EA7FC1-46899240-austin/70964299#/>
 - Contingency plan will be release if weather stops the event from taking place.
- Chat n Chew - Legislative Panel - Soror Celeste Williams - Tentative, April 18th - need assistance on low to free Austin locations.

Chat n Chew – **Legislative Forum 2024** – Sorors Akeisha Johnson Smothers and Sylnovia Holt Rabb have been contacted to help with finding a location.

- Target date: **April 18th from 6 pm – 9 pm;** 6 pm being setup time, 7 pm being the beginning of the program, and ending at 8:30 pm; whereby 8:30 pm – 9:00 pm is where the gifts, closing remarks etc., will take place to conclude the event.
- Suggested location: Millennium (Soror Smith to investigate location), Austin Planning Austin, Junior League Office
- Moderator for the event Jeri Brooks –
- **Panelist:**
 - Denise Davis - denise@daviskaufman.com
 - Lorena Campos - lorenac@ccgaustin.com
 - Nelda Hunter - nhunter@hillcopartners.com
 - Crystal Brown - crystal.brown@lockelord.com
- Committee will be called upon to help with day of execution of events.
- Look into the Universities to host the events – HT has auditoriums, UT-Austin has several locations.

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- Send information to Soror Newman for us to look with partnering with Epsilon Beta Chapter to be able to assist with us getting a location.
- Continue discussion on 2024 - 2025 program calendar.
 - SB1 follow up and voter safety practices.
 - DEI is now outlawed in the state of Texas; what activities does it lead us now available to do to help the community.
 - Action: Soror Lisa Newman will reach out to Dr. Courtney Robinson and Dr. Tiffany Lewis Tillis on any action we as a local civic organization can pick up and move forward.
 - Train the Trainer sessions on how to write letters to legislators, etc.
 - More information to be brought forth from the social action toolkit and us being able to navigate and explain to sorors what Social Action is because we know everyone does not come to Delta with the same lens.
 - Soror Renee Jones would be interested in packaging up a train the trainer session for sorors.
 - Soror Jeri rooks would also be interested in packaging up a training session.
 - Soror Lauryn Cornish and Soror Syerra Cunningham willing to assist the leads.
 - D4Women in Action – how can we become a subcommittee to help drive candidates.
 - How to support members to run for office and then us supporting those endeavors
 - <https://delta4womeninaction.org/>
- **September: Social Justice Weekend to remain but look at new locations – Soror Lisa Newman | Erica Knox | Dewi Smith (willing to help identify locations) | Marva Overton (help reimagine the churches we target) | , Joan Roberts Scott**
- **October Education sessions - candidate forum | Soror Celeste Williams | Monique Robertson**
- **October | November - Stroll to polls – AKA – Beta Psi Omega Chapter – Darlene Owens dowens0924@gmail.com looks to partner. – Gloria Frazier & Krishella Robinson willing to assist**
- **Delta Day at City of Austin, Delta Day at City of Round Rock – Soror Veronica Pickett Johnson to assist in the effort.**
- Other calendar updates: ALL Social Action Committee Members please review chapter calendar for social action proposed activations.

New Business:

- Round table: DDNC will be March 9th – 12th – registration has not come out look for official communication from headquarters.
- Closing prayer – Soror Erica Knox
- Adjournment: 7:43 pm cst

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

N/A

Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

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Social Action Boards & Commission – Subcommittee Meeting – February 1, 2024

Social Action Committee Meeting – February 13, 2024

SB1- LDF – Final Arguments – February 13th – Hipolito Federal Court Building – San Antonio, TX

Austin Alumnae Day at City of Hutto – February 15, 2024, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm cst.

DDNC – March 9th – 12th, 2024 – Time/Registration coming from National Headquarters

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

Austin Alumnae Day at City of Hutto – February 15, 2024, , 8:00 am – 1:00 pm cst.

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

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter: January 30, 2024 (eboard)/ February 3, 2024 (chapter meeting) _____

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: February 13th, 2024; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm cst; via zoom