

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): 02/13/2024

Attendees: Veronica Johnson, Celeste Williams, Delphea Jester, Melody Southall, Adrienne Thrasher, Paulette Walls, Patricia Hicks, Joan Roberts Scott, Vanessa Henry, Darlene Lewis, April Briscoe, and Monique Robertson

Committee Decisions: (limit 500 characters)

Prayer: Veronica Pickett Johnson

Call to Order: 6:43 pm cst.

Old Business:

- Boards & Commission – Get on Board Update – **17** total participants which includes panelists, committee members and chapter members. **10** evaluations were completed; feedback was to present the workshop to the public.
 - See B&C report for complete update.
- Delta Days at City Halls - [Sign up today](#)
 - **Hutto:** Sorors Melody Southall | Celeste Williams
 - Know Before You Go was sent 2/13/2024 at 1:13 pm to all registered attendees.
- MLK Festival – Soror Monique Robertson – other orgs where at the festival registering voters. We had roughly 50 persons who completed the I Pledge to Vote Sign Up. <25 persons registered/updated their voter information.
MLK stats: 8 travis county new applications, 2 walk aways; 4 new wilco applications/change of address.
- School Board Meeting Updates Meeting – No updates
- Social Action Moment - March - Sorors Erica Knox - Volunteer Deputy Registrar!
- Chat n Chew - Legislative Panel - Soror Celeste Williams - Updates - April 18th - 6 pm to 9 pm cst. - in person event
 - Moderator for the event Jeri Brooks – Confirmed
 - Panelist: Confirmed
 - Denise Davis - denise@daviskaufman.com
 - Crystal Brown - crystal.brown@lockelord.com
 - Partnership confirmed Epsilon Beta Chapter, Iota Omega Chapter
 - Next need to confirm location.
- Continue discussion on 2024 - 2025 program calendar - all committee members. Recap:
 - 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 & Paulette Walls 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.

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- D4Women in Action – how can we become a subcommittee to help drive candidates. – Soror Veronica Pickett Johnson
 - 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 26, 2024- Stroll to polls – AKA – Beta Psi Omega Chapter – Darlene Owens dowens0924@gmail.com looks to partner. – Gloria Frazier, Krishella Robinson & Vanessa Henry 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:

- Administrative updates: Social Action Requirements, program tracker, social action toolkit etc. - **Soror Williams**
 - The National Social Action Commission has updated the JotForm for Social Action Activity Requests. Social Action Chairs should submit this form for every Social Action activity or program, giving at least 10 days for turnaround/approval or as much time as possible. Please save this link in your devices/files/browsers and use this link going forward to request approval for your Social Action activities and programs. <https://form.jotform.com/DSTHQ/social-action-activity-request-form>
- Social Action Saturday - external and internal communications - **Soror Williams**
 - Identify a week in which to communicate all social action information.
 - Understand the timeline in which to produce the information.
 - Need for researchers to identify what information we would like to communicate.
 - Need writers to help with write ups for the materials.
 - Need the template that we would need to format the information.
 - Chapter voice in what the content would be – committee partnership.
- Round table:
 - DDNC – Veronica Pickett Johnson & Celeste Williams, will be representing on behalf of the chapter.
 - DDUN save the date has been sent March 18 – 19th.
 - Call social action committee members to be contacted to ensure they still desire to be on the committee. Soror Jester will be contacting then listed committee members on the committee chairs behalf.
- Adjournment – **7:53 p.m.**

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

N/A

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Next month's activities: (limit 500 characters)

April 18, 2024 – Legislative Forum – 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. cst.

- Moderator for the event Jeri Brooks – Confirmed
- **Panelist: Confirmed**
 - Denise Davis - denise@daviskaufman.com
 - Crystal Brown - crystal.brown@lockelord.com

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

N/A

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

Date of report to Executive Board/Chapter: February 27th, 2024 (eboard)/ March 2, 2024 (chapter meeting)

Date/Time of next scheduled committee meeting: March 12th, 2024; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm cst; via zoom