



# Austin Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## **Chapter Meeting Minutes In Person Meeting Robin T. Blackmon, President Presiding Officer February 3, 2024 10:00 a.m. Austin Community College Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500**

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form.

Emergency Response: ERT moment by Chairs Tanya Rippenkroger and Ollie White

Call to Order (quorum present) at 10:09 a.m. by Robin T. Blackmon

Adoption of the Agenda as presented. Moved by Celeste Williams. 107 for 0 against motion carries.

Introduction and Welcome of Visiting/New Sorors: Nine visiting sorors who were in attendance introduced themselves, gave their chapter of initiation and a fun fact about themselves.

## **Order of Business**

**Approval of January Minutes** Recording Secretary Darralyn Johnson reported that the January Chapter meeting minutes were uploaded to the Chapter's website and with no corrections given, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

**Correspondence reported by Assistant Corresponding Secretary Courtney Nolan:** Three thank you cards were received as well as four invitations to participate with Grow with Google, The SisterKeepers Promise, San Antonio Alumnae Founders Day, and The Links Mardi Gras Brunch. A full report from the Corresponding Secretary can be found on the members' only portal of the Chapter's website.

## **Chapter Reports**

### **Officers**

**President Robin Blackmon:** Report included the following:

- Greetings to chapter meeting attendees.
- Thank you to Arts and Letters for their hard work.
- Thanks to Social Action. Great job on the postponed MLK day event.
- Great Job on Founders Day weekend.
- Grow with Google-A committee will be formed, please notify President Blackmon if you are interested. Several individuals indicated interest. There should be two sessions and a possible partnership with the workforce commission was suggested.
- Sister II Sister Circles thank you for your continued activities and efforts. Leads were introduced



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- Scholarship and Standards: No new Policies and Procedures template but updates were made.
- There is a short year compliance. The AFR is available on February 1, 2024 and the annual audit is due on February 28, 2024.
- Interest to participate in membership intake is due by March 30, 2024.
- The Southwest Regional Conference awards packet is due April 15, 2024 (includes August 2022 program year).
- I AM SW 100: our goal is to have two-thirds of the membership sign up, we are currently at one-third
- Please sign up for Sisterkeepers via the JotForm.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jacqueline Habersham:**

- First event is March 2, 2024 and a physical calendar is coming
- Events to include:
  - Days of prayer
  - March 13 prayer service
  - Monday night prayer at 7:13 p.m.
- Sister Circles are encouraged to have an activity on March 16, 17 or 30
- Delta Dear fellowship on March 23
- Church Fellowship at East 19 Street Baptist Church on March 24-please bring a cash donation in honor of Sam Willis
- Chapter DID on March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quorum is required
- The Regional Director will also have sisterhood month activities
- The Regional Director has requested that the sisterhood calendar include a worship service and support of black businesses
- New Member Orientation will occur on February 24 or March 9<sup>th</sup> lead by Pam Sherman.

### **Financial Secretary Anita Daniels:** Report included the following:

- January 2024 collections-\$52,942.75
- 303 members for FY2024
- Dues amounts were presented
- Late fees are now in effect
- Members reminded to include member number in PayPal transactions
- Funds will be collected immediately before and after the chapter meeting.
- The full report from the financial secretary can be found in the members' only portion of the chapter's website.



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**Treasurer/Budget and Finance Deborah Shaw-Boatner:** Report included the following:

- Beginning balance \$177871.06 for all accounts.
- Ending balance \$196,734.24 for all accounts
- The schedule for reimbursement distribution and voucher submission was shared.
- The full report from the treasurer/budget and finance committee can be found in the members' only portion of the chapter's website.
- Budget and Finance Meeting was held on January 29, 2024 where changes to the budget lines were discussed and proposed

Budget and Finance moved that the report of adjustments for CY2024 from the Budget and Finance Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carries. 112 for 0 against

Budget and Finance moved to create a line item from SWR chapter donation and transfer \$5,000 from primary savings and \$5,000 from money market for the total of \$10,000 for the 2024 SW Regional Conference. Motion carries. 106 for 0 against

### **Committee Reports (3 minutes limit Donna Jackson, timekeeper)**

#### **Five Point Thrust**

**Social action Co-Chair Celeste Williams:** Report included the following:

- Reminder of the priorities
- Austin Alumnae Day at City of Hutto-February 15, 2024 Hutto, TX.
- Closing arguments in the SB1 trial will occur on February 13.

#### **Social Action Moment presented by Co-Chair Veronica Johnson and Darlene Lewis**

#### **Standing Committees**

**Policies and Procedures Committee Chair Patricia Shorter:** Report included the following:

- Summary of recommendations was presented. A full report is on the members' only portal of the Chapter's website
- A question and answer session will be held via zoom on February 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



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## Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by Sherri Fleming Special Committees

No reports

### Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

### New Business

No new business

## Announcements:

**49<sup>th</sup> Southwest Regional Conference Co-Chair Pam Hall:** Report included the following:

- Special thank you to Soror Donna Jackson the special projects manager, the chairs of the public relations and publicity committees, and President Blackmon
- The call to conference was released on January 26.
- Site visits for the committees will occur in the late spring.
- Regional Conference corsage
  - This is the fundraiser.
  - Cost is \$50.00 and due by March 5.
  - Orders are to be placed through the chapter.
  - Checks are to be made to Austin Alumnae Chapter
- Budget approval response is coming
- Steering committee meetings will occur in two groups-A-H on February 4 and L-W on February 18
- There will not be a chapter fundraiser

### Other announcements:

Executive Board meeting February 27, 2024 virtual

Chapter meeting March 2, 2024 in person at 10:00 a.m.- Austin Community College Highland Campus  
6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752 Building 1000, Room 1500

Keep the social actions priorities and events on your mind.

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A motion to adjourn was entertained with the motion coming from Donna Jackson no opposition noted.



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Ritualistic Closing completed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

## Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Adoption of Agenda as presented	Celeste Williams	Debra Shaw-Boatner	Carried (107 for 0 against)
Budget and Finance moved that the report of adjustments for CY2024 from the Budget and Finance Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carries. 30 for 0 against	Debra Shaw-Boatner	On behalf of Budget and Finance	Carried (112 for 0 against) No discussion
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Move to adjourn	Donna Jackson	Celeste Williams	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer