**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**In Person Meeting**

**Robin T. Blackmon, President Presiding Officer**

**April 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

**Austin Community College**

**Highland Campus Building 2000, Room 1500**

Ritualistic Opening completed in due form.

Legal Notice read by Laronica Moise.

Call to Order (quorum present) at 7:00 p.m. by Robin T. Blackmon.

ERT moment was presented by Co-Chairs Ollie White and Tanya Rippenkroeger.

Adoption of the Agenda: No additions or corrections. Moved by Paulette Walls. 104 for 0 against. Motion carried.

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

**Correspondence reported by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha Crenshaw**: The Chapter is in receipt of three thank you cards, three invitations and one request. 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.
* Thanks to Membership Services, the DEARS subcommittee, and the Sister Circles for a successful sisterhood month through various activities.
* The following dates were emphasized (additional information can be found in the Odyssey and/or the Mid-Point Message:
  + April 13, 2024-Community Impact Day.
  + April 20, 2024-DID training.
  + April 25, 2024-Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Southwest Regional Conference Public Meeting. Request for at least 22 members to attend.
  + April 26, 2024-Relay for Life.
  + April 28, 2024-Worship service at Crosswalk Church. Request for at least 22 members to attend.
* 49th Regional Conference is closed/sold out and there are no plans for a wait list/additional slots to open. Members are encouraged to register and attend virtually.
* Southwest Region Chapters all meet fiscal compliance.
* ERT plans were due on May 15, 2024 and Austin Alumnae submitted their plan on time.
* Membership intake town hall was presented on March 28, 2024.
* The Nominating committee is planning a town hall for April 28, 2024
* I AM SW 100 is still accepting contributions.

**2nd Vice President Kacey Hanson:**

* New Sorority fiscal year as on January 1, 2024.
* Presented Fall 2024 Calendar.
* The committee met on April 1, 2024 to review and vote on the 55 submissions to present a calendar to the chapter.
* August 10, 2024 (the chapter retreat) will start the new calendar year.
* Recommendation- Move that we submit the proposed Fall 2024 Austin Alumnae Chapter Calendar for approval with the addition of the Austin Delta Foundation Partnership event of December 8, 2024 and the Executive Board Meeting on December 31, 2024. Moved by Kacey Hanson (recommendation came from committee-no second required). Motion carried 112 for 0 against.
* Sherri Fleming presented the idea of a collaborative community enrichment initiative to promote holistic community awareness.
* Recommendation- Move that the Austin Alumnae plan a holistic community event, engaging local partners, including the Divine Nine organizations, to provide and promote activities that align with the national programmatic thrusts of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. Moved by Sherri Fleming (recommendation came from committee-no second required). Motion carried 106 for and 0 against.

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

* March 2024 collections-$118,080.00
* 335 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.

**Treasurer/Budget and Finance Chair Shon Reed and Co-Chair Kimily Harris Johnson**:

* Chapter Finance
  + Beginning balance $171,481.23 for all accounts.
  + Ending balance $126,350.84 for all accounts
  + The bank reconciliation for the primary banking account as of February 29, 2024 was presented.
  + The schedule for reimbursement distribution and voucher submission was shared.
  + Budget and Finance meets on April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
  + Budget adjustment request form is being formulated.
  + Budget adjustment requests are due by April 12, 2024.
* 49th Southwest Regional Conference Finance
  + Beginning balance $88,896.89 as of February 29, 2024
  + Ending balance $192,913.79 as of March 31, 2024.
* The full report from the treasurer/budget and finance committee can be found in the members’ only portion of the chapter’s website.

**Committee Reports**

**Five Point Thrust**

**Educational Development presented by Chair Paulette Walls:** Report included the following:

* College Tour data/final numbers (participants, campuses visited and scholarships) were presented.
* Thank you was extended to the chapter for their support of the college tour.

**Social Action presented by Co-Chair Celeste Williams:** Report included the following:

* Social Action Priorities were presented.
* Volunteers are needed to support the work of the social action committee. These areas include:
  + Newsletter production
  + Social Media Education Creator
  + School Board and City Council Meetings
* Members are encouraged to become VDRs and poll workers.
* All social action activities require approval which can be obtained by filling out the jot form found on the website.
* The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**Social Action Moment presented by Co-Chair Celeste Williams**

**Standing Committees**

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

* Thank you for attending the town hall meeting.
* Recommendations were reduced from 32 to 26.
* Move adoption of the final proposed amendments to the Austin Alumnae Chapter Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 sorority year by unanimous consent. Motion carried 101 for 2 against with no discussion

**Physical and Mental Health Moment presented by Co-Chair April Briscoe**

**Special Committees**

No report

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business

**New Business**

No new business

**Announcements:**

**49th Southwest Regional Conference Co-Chair Avis Gipson:** Report included the following:

* I AM SW 100 deadline to receive the pin at the conference is April 8, 2024.
* Conference registration is closed. Only virtual registration will be offered.
* Volunteers are still needed to assist with the conference.
* The Convention Center site visit was approved for April 9, 2024 at 3:00p.m. It is limited to a small group of 5.
* Kudos to the Corporate Sponsorship committee and the Chapter Attire committee.
* The Chapter Attire committee presented a vest with embroidery to be purchased and worn by chapter members as host attire on Thursday of the conference and at the welcome event. The costs presented included the vest and the embroidered logo. Deadline April 19, 2024.

**Arts and Letters book club event will be held on April 27, 2024 at 1:00p.m. It is open to the public and will be a virtual meeting.**

**Awards submission packets are due on April 15. 2024.**

**Austin Community College pilot program was announced. It will allow for free tuition to those who qualify from 2024 through 2029**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Executive Board meeting April 30, 2024 virtual

Chapter meeting May 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in person- Austin Community College Highland Campus 6018 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752 Building 1000, Room 1500.

A motion to adjourn was entertained with the motion coming from LaKisha Crenshaw no opposition noted.

Ritualistic Closing completed in due form.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Summary of Motions**

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| Motion | Moved by | Second offered by | Motion Result |
| Move to adopt the agenda with no additions. | Paulette Walls | Celeste Williams | Carried (104 for 0 against) |
| Move that we submit the proposed Fall 2024 Austin Alumnae Chapter Calendar for approval with the addition of the Austin Delta Foundation Partnership event of December 8, 2024 and the Executive Board Meeting on December 31, 2024. | Kacey Hanson | None needed-Motion from committee | Carried (112 for 0 against). |
| Move that the Austin Alumnae plan a holistic community event, engaging local partners, including the Divine Nine organizations, to provide and promote activities that align with the national programmatic thrusts of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. | Sherri Fleming | None needed-Motion from committee | Carried (106 for 0 against). |
| Move adoption of the final proposed amendments to the Austin Alumnae Chapter Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 sorority year by unanimous consent. | Patricia Shorter | None needed-Motion from committee | Carried 101 for 2 against with no discussion |
| Move to adjourn | LaKisha Crenshaw | Brenda Hanson | Carried on consent |

Approved:

Robin Blackmon, President Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer