

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**  
**LAMBDA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER**

**Sorority Meeting Minutes – Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**Present:** Executive Committee Members of Lambda Eta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Place:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Quorum:** Yes

**Presiding:** Basileus, LaKiesha Harris

The Basileus called the meeting to order. Soror LaSonya White gave the prayer. The agenda was adopted without correction.

The minutes from the December meeting were accepted without correction

### **Officers Report**

- **Basileus Soror LaKiesha Harris**

- Soror LaKiesha expressed her excitement about where we are and where we are going as a chapter. She is thankful for the opportunity to serve. Her full report was sent out in the WWU email. There were dates that she would like to draw attention to. They are as follows:

- January 10- A Pearl Luncheon will be held at 2 pm on both the Corporate Facebook page and YouTube page. Our very own Soror Beulah Harrell will be recognized during the ceremony.
- January 29-31: The Basileus Retreat will take place and Soror LaKiesha will attend. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend.
- February 8: Executive Committee Meeting will be held. The Zoom link will be sent out at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.
- February 13: The February Chapter meeting will be held on that Saturday. The meeting link will be emailed out.
- Charter Day for the Southeast Region will be on April 6, 2021. Once details have been received they will be distributed to chapter members. Southeast Regional Conference will be held April 8 - 11, 2021. The conference will be virtual and registration is \$75. The registration link is being sent out. Soror LaKiesha reminded the chapter that attendance at a regional conference is part of the criteria to sponsor someone for membership intake.
- All graduate chapters are responsible for paying the \$200 Award Fee. The fee is due by 01/31/21. A voucher will be sent to Soror Charleena to attend to that and any other financial chapter responsibilities. The awards will be digital. Soror LaKiesha and Soror Iesha are the only two that can submit the chapter awards. Soror LaKiesha would like to encourage sorors who qualify for Golden or Silver Soror Awards to apply. She asked that we apply for the awards that we won last year. In addition to those, Soror LaKiesha spoke of her wishes to apply for the Women's Healthcare and the Arts Award. If you have any questions about the awards please reach out to either Soror LaKiesha or Iesha.

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- Soror LaKiesha will serve on both the Awards and Plenary Committees for SERC.
- Soror LaKiesha asked for sorors to use the link provided to update their contact information. Both January birthday Sorors and Reclaimed and Transfers were recognized. The chapter Charter Members received a dozen pink roses on January 8, 2021 and were acknowledged during the Basileus report.
  
- **Anti-Basileus Soror Sylvia Ferguson**
  - Soror Sylvia’s report was included in the WWU email. Soror Sylvia discussed our first Community Impact day on Monday, January 18, 2021. Each soror will sign up for a time slot and indicate their “individual” acts of service. Pictures should be sent to our GroupMe. The Twelve Hours of Service will take place between the hours of 8:08 am - 8:08 pm. All sorors are asked to follow all CDC guidelines and safety precautions. The 2021 Program calendar has been sent to all members of the chapter.
- **Tamiouchos Soror Charleena Walker**
  - Soror Charleena presented the Financial Report for December 2020. The financial report is uploaded to LEO’s website, [akalambdaetaomega.org](http://akalambdaetaomega.org). Please view online in the Members Only section. The report was accepted for filing and auditing purposes.
- **Epistoleus Soror Renita Davis**
  - Letter of thanks from Andrea Fitzpatrick for the donation during the Thanksgiving holiday season. She was injured in a car accident. She is extending prayers and thanks for each of us.
  - Two thank you notes from the two families that were helped during our Christmas project.
  - Etowah County DHR sent a thank you note for our kindness and sponsorship of the children during our Christmas project.
- **Hodegos Soror Betrina Thomas**
  - Get well cards were sent to Soror Linda Sue Hill who was hospitalized and is currently at home resting and Andrea Hester’s husband who was sick from COVID-19.
  - Sympathy cards were sent to Soror Linda Sue Hill for the death of her niece. A sympathy card and resolution was sent to the family of Soror Loraine Deramus who passed away on December 5, 2020.
  - Prayers are continuing for all who are sick, hospitalized, recovering from surgery, and bereaved.

**Committee Reports**

- **Founders’ Day Observance** **Soror Eloise Turk**
  - Founders’ Day will be observed immediately following the chapter meeting. The committee invited and asked everyone to participate.
  
- **Foundation** **Soror Sylvia Ferguson**
  - The committee met on 12/28/20 and discussed web page development on the Lambda Eta Omega webpage in an effort to create an imprint and

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identity in the community. The foundation will send the letter of determination, EIN number, and all other needed documentation to Soror Iesha to complete the process of establishing the webpage. The financial relationship between the foundation and the sorority was established by adopting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and submitted a partnership agreement to the board members.

- Funds were transferred from the HBCU account to the foundation. A proposal for the UNCF scholarship donations. It was suggested that all donations be directed to the foundation to ensure the 100% tax deduction for all donations. Also, any dues and donations from sorors are also tax deductible. The foundation does have a PayPal account and a mailbox.
- The foundation will act as the philanthropic arm of the sorority. Soror Jonetta will serve as member at large.
- There was a discussion about problems with banking with Soror Charleena. There was no resolution at the time of the meeting.

● **Membership**

**Soror Melcie Guyton**

- At the time of the meeting 16 sorors have been reclaimed and or transferred to Lambda Eta Omega. This includes six transfers and ten Reclaimed Pearls.
- The committee met on 12/28/20. The discussion revolved around the transition of new leadership on the committee, the pairing of mentor and mentees; and our J15 celebration.
- Our J15 Reactivation plan will be held on 01/14/21 due to the national Founders' Day Observance with Madam Vice President. There will be a J15 t-shirt contest, which will include t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweaters. All picture submissions should be made by 01/12/21 via Soror V. Watts email.

● **Technology Committee Soror Iesha Williams**

- The committee will meet Tuesday 01/12/21. The responsibilities of the committee has been expanded and in the extended virtual world, so has the name of the committee. The committee is now the Technology and Communications Committee. All flyers should be created via the Tech and Communication committee.

● **Connection Committee**

- It was suggested that each soror reach out to friends and family in GA to encourage voting on 01/05/20. Each soror contacted their family and friends encouraging/reminding them to vote. Each that made contact notified Soror Yvette of the number of contacts made. As a result of this effort there were 44 sorors to participate and 238 connections were made. Sorors posted on various social media outlets stressing the need to get out and vote. Sorors also thanked those contacts who participated during early voting. The Chucks and Pearls event will take place on 01/20/20 celebrating the Inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President, Soror Kamala Harris.

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● **Budget & Finance Committee**

**Soror Charleena Walker**

- The committee met 01/07/21 to discuss the members; newly elected officers and their duties; the number of bank accounts; financial procedures; due dates for dues and assessments; and the relationship between the foundation and the sorority. Currently we have two banking institutions Regions and Exchange bank with a total of six accounts between the two institutions. The recommendation from the committee was to move the accounts from Exchange Bank to Regions Bank in order to streamline the financial process. Exchange Bank currently holds our UNCF, Fundraising, Scholarship, and savings account. After the consolidation of banking institutions, the committee also proposes that we close all accounts at Exchange Bank. The proposal further includes the suggestion of consolidating the number of accounts. The committee proposes that the UNCF, Fundraising, Scholarship accounts all be consolidated into one account that will be deemed Fundraising Account. This change would be made with the capability of earmarking funds within the one for specific purposes and reporting on those individually. This would leave use with a Fundraising, Checking, Savings, and a PayPal account.
- The reason for closing the accounts at Exchange Bank is because there are no branches outside of Etowah County. While, Regions Bank has several locations across the South East.
- The 2022 dues were also discussed. The committee will meet in the summer to develop a preliminary budget and project the amount deemed necessary for our 2022 dues. This will be done in an effort to provide enough time for members to pay their dues before the end of December.
- Soror Iesha will upload the Check Request Voucher to the Members Only page of the website. If you need to complete the Voucher Soror Mandisa will assist in facilitating
- Soror Turk voiced concerns over closing all accounts at Exchange Bank. She acknowledged the rationale in changing but voiced support of Exchange Bank due to their continuous support of the local community and the sorority specifically. We are able to use the conference room at Exchange Bank free of charge and they are a continued supporter of the Debutante Ball with a continuous donation. That support is not given by Regions Bank. Soror Turk has established a very good report with the bank's former owner who has passed and the relationship has continued with his children.

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**Soror Tanyeka Boley**

- LEO received a total of \$11,829.80 in the month of December. Soror Tanyeka displayed her report and it is available on the. Payments can be made by four methods: cash, check/cashier's check, money order, or PayPal. Please DO NOT send cash in the mail. To make payments via PayPal the preferred method is via your bank account. This method will ensure that you are not charged any fees. If you use a debit card the transaction will incur a fee. If you use a credit card the fee will be taken from the amount that is being paid.

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If you need to make cash payments please call Soror Tanyeka to make arrangements.

- If mailing payments, please mail them to:
  - Soror Tanyeka 244  
Kaiser Blvd Apt 2505  
Madison, Al 35758  
256-328-3779
- The 2020 assessment and fees should be paid at this point. If your fees have not been paid please contact Soror Tanyeka. 2021 Assessments of \$60 are due by 03/01/21. 2022 EAF (\$10) and National Dues (\$125) are due by 12/11/21.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Christmas Project** **Soror Beulah Harrell**
  - \$1000 provided for the Christmas Project. Of the amount provided, \$984 was spent to complete the project. There was a remainder of 15.66 returned to chapter at the completion of the project. 3 families were assisted (2 from DHR and 1 from a soror who knew the situation). Through this outreach, 10 children received ready to wear shoes and clothing. Sorors Benita and Renita completed the shopping. Soror Beulah and Soror Benita delivered the items to DHR. Soror Renita delivered the ready to wear items to the family.
  - All three of the above mentioned sorors provided toys and other gifts to children in the family. These items were donated by the sorors with no expectation or want for reimbursement or compensation. This was an act of the heart.
  - Soror Michelle discussed the reason why we only provide ready to wear and not toys. The decision was made due to the fact many organizations provide toys and not ready to wear items.
- **MIP** **Soror Betrina Thomas & Soror Nancy Mitchell**
  - We must decide on a spring or fall MIP. The regional director must be alerted prior to beginning the process. 2021 MIP is strongly encouraged, restart must be discussed in the January chapter meeting.
  - The MIP Committee will meet after the Webinar on either the 01/19 or 01/21.

### **New Business**

- **UNCF**
  - The Radiothon will take place on 02/06/21. We will use WMGJ for the radio-thon and will market with Flyers for the collection of pledges and

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donations. Soror Beulah will contact David Lawson to plan how we can continue this fundraiser following pandemic guidelines. Soror Beulah asked for ideas to further involve the community. Soror Michelle suggested inundating social media with information from UNCF. Soror LaKiesha suggested that we have a meeting to further discuss the process in terms of the pandemic.

- Soror Beulah expressed the need to determine the amount that each soror would need to raise.
- Soror Latham motioned that each chapter member adhere to the \$100 individual contribution. The motion was seconded by Soror Lipscomb. Soror LaKiesha asked for an amendment to the motion to be “a minimum of \$100”. Soror Michelle clarified that the funds do not have to be your personal funds.
- The final motion was for each member to adhere to the \$100 minimum requirement which can be fundraised. The motion was seconded again by Soror Paulette Lipscomb. The motion was passed with a total of 40 in favor.
- Money will not be taken up at the radio station. Soror Beulah asked for \$100 to support WMGJ MLK Day initiative. Soror Beulah made the motion and it was seconded by Soror Darlene Jones. The motion passed with a majority vote. If it was not budgeted, we can get the funds from the Contingency Account.
- **Code of Ethics** **Soror Portia Foster**
  - Soror Ashley and Soror Portia had a transfer of duties meeting. Soror Ashley will send out a fillable link for us to complete this by the end of February. She will also prepare a game to help drive home the importance of this document.
- **Checking Account**
  - This will be taken back to the committee for further discussion.

**Sisterly Concerns:**

- **Announcements:**
  - Founders Day Rededication Ceremony immediately following January Chapter Meeting
  - Executive Committee Meeting, February 8, 2021 6:00 pm
  - Next Chapter Meeting February 13, 2021 11:00 am
  - South Eastern Regional Conference April 2021
  - Please destroy all bylaws earlier than 11/2020. These were sent out by Soror Jonetta in December.
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- **Unfinished Business**

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- **Questions/Concerns**

- Please send Committee Reports to Soror Patrice in a timely manner

**Adjournment**