

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

LAMBDA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER

Sorority Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 19, 2021

11:00 am

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 meeting was called to order by the Basileus, Soror LaKiesha Harris at 11:00 am. The meditation was given by Soror LaSonya White. Adoption of the Agenda as presented with an addition of meeting location to new business. Adoption of the agenda was carried by general consensus. Minutes from the previous Chapter Meeting were approved as printed with corrections. Approval of the minutes were made by general consensus.

Officers Report

Basileus

Soror LaKiesha Harris

- Madame Basileus' report was submitted to the chapter on June 1, 2021.
 - Special attention and or announcements were made for those celebrating June birthdays

Anti-Basileus

Soror Sylvia Ferguson

- Soror Sylvia Ferguson presented her report to the chapter on June 1, 2021 via the FIRST Newsletter. Below are special mentions and updates from the various Target Committees.
 - Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy**
 - Black Dollar 365- Request that all chapter members complete the Black dollar log sheet. Reporting/Updating second quarter purchases this month.
 - Spotlight businesses owned by Sorors to assist in growth.
 - Develop list of candidates to interview
 - Target 3 is requesting chapter members to provide the following information to be used to develop a Black-owned business directory
 - Name of Business
 - Contact info
 - Short Bio of Business
 - Product or representative photo
 - Business Logo
 - Target 4: The Arts!**
 - Black Wall Street Watch Party
 - June 1, 2021 - "The Legacy of Blackwall Street" OWN TV Network
 - June 8, 2021, Part 2 "The Legacy of Blackwall Street" OWN TV Network
 - The committee will create and publish flyer to announce to Chapter members via email and GroupMe
 - Juneteenth Black Artistry Virtual Trivia Night via Facebook Live

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- ❑ When: June 19, 2021@ 6:00 PM: Prizes- 1st Place \$50.00, 2nd Place \$40.00, 3rd Place \$35.00
- ❑ **Target 5: Global Impact**
 - ❑ WORLD Refugee Day: Committee members will provide facts recipes etc. to post on social media in observance of WORLD Refugee Day. Donations will be made to Full Cart, an international food drive.
 - ❑ Initiated efforts to contact International Chapters to forge Pen Pal Relationship. The committee will provide you with the contact information once received.
 - ❑ Committee Chair announced Soles for Souls Shoe drive following the summer break. Date: TBD

Tamiouchos

Soror Charleena Walker

- ❑ Soror Charleena has submitted the report to the Tech Committee and will be available on the secure page of the website for members to review.
- ❑ The financial report is based on the financials available through the end of May. The ending balances are as follows:
 - ❑ Operating: \$66,788.53
 - ❑ Fundraising: \$1,671.85
 - ❑ UNCF: \$606.49
 - ❑ Scholarship: \$2,557.93
 - ❑ Savings: \$2,273.61
 - ❑ MIP: We were over budget for location by \$172.
- ❑ Our financial audit is under way. Bonnie Banks has received all financials from both Soror Charleena and Soro Tan. The audit should be completed by the end of the summer.
- ❑ The finance and budget committee will meet this summer to complete the 2022 budget. Committee Chairs were asked to submit their budgets to Soror Charleena Walker as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.
- ❑ Sorors was asked to submit any receipts for reimbursement by using the form on the secure page of the website.
- ❑ We went over budget for the facilities used for the initiation ceremonies. The overage was in the amount of \$622. \$450 of the overage is refunded from the event location deposits, leaving a balance of \$172. Soror Charleena made a motion that the chapter cover the balance using funds from our contingency account. There is currently \$900 available in the fund. The motion was seconded by Soro Mandisa Perry and carried with a majority vote.
- ❑ The HBCU and #CAP budgets have been separated for the upcoming year.

Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Tanyeka Boley

- ❑ Soror Tanyeka has submitted her report and it is available on the secure page of the chapter website. An overview of the financials are as follows
 - ❑ EAF: \$20.59
 - ❑ Chapter Assessments: \$9.71
 - ❑ Per Capita: \$39.41

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- Other: \$4.02
- MIP: \$61,408.00
- Total: \$61,497.39
- Sorors were given payment information options and reminded to chose “Bank Account” and chose the “family and friends” option when paying via PayPal to avoid fees.
- Sorors who have not paid the 2021 assessments need to do so as soon as possible. EAF and Per Capita fees are due in December 2021.

Epistoleus

Soror Renita Davis

- Soror Charletta Wilson-Jacks sent the chapter a congratulatory for being “award-winning at the 2021 SERC”. She encouraged us to keep leading and keep serving.
- Madame Basileus sent her thanks for all of the care and concern showed to her.
- Pearl Soror, Soror Harrell sent a thank you expressing her gratitude for all of the gifts and acknowledgments as she reached Pearl status.
- The chapter has received thank you notes from both Eddie and Justin Harris.
- LaRon White and his mother Selena Edwards are both home and doing well. They both send thanks for the cards and well wishes.

Hodegos

Soror Betrina Thomas

- June Courtesies
 - A Sympathy Card was sent to Soror Sabrina Morgan Graves in the loss of her mother, Bernice Morgan.
 - A Get-Well Card was sent to Soror Yolanda James’ son DeeJay James and his wife.
 - A Get-Well Card was sent to Soror Jan Avery who had heart surgery.
- A Get-well card will be sent to Madame Basileus Lakiesha who went home from the ER on Monday, June 14th.
- A Get-well card will also be sent to Soror Yolando White, who had outpatient surgery.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

Soror Portia Foster

- Soror Portia Foster reported the Bylaws Committee met on Monday, May 17, 2021. The amendment to the Bylaws was tabled at the last Chapter meeting on May 8, 2021. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to rescind the proposed amendment to the Bylaws to allow the Anti-Tamiouchos to sign checks.
- Based on the recommendation from the Bylaws Committee, it was moved, seconded by Soror Patrice Maxwell, and passed to take from the table the proposed amendment.
- The Chapter then voted, on the motion from the Bylaws Committee and was seconded by Soror Eloise Turk, to rescind the proposed amendment. The present Bylaws will continue.
- The Chairman extended an invitation to all Committee members to participate in presenting “How we are governed” during the MIP. This information was presented on May 29, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

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☐ Membership Intake Process

Soror Betrina Thomas

- ☐ Soror Betrina reported that in Mid-May we received the approval that all 33 Prospective Candidates were approved. We were approved to move forward to the next step. 32 Candidates decided to move forward and by the end of May, we were given approval by Madam Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige to move forward and proceed with our Membership Intake Process.
- ☐ The MIP Committee planned to meet on June 8th and after the virtual session on June 12th to discuss the plans for moving forward.
- ☐ May 28th was the 1st Face to Face Session, which was held at 210 at the Tracks. May 29th, June 4th, June 5th, June 11th, and June 12th was all Virtual Sessions.
- ☐ June 13th will be our Final Commitment Ceremony which will be held at The Venue.
- ☐ Soror Turk reminded everyone that the badge should be placed on the left side of the chest above the heart during pinning, not on the right side. Soror Michele Bradford reminded sorors that pictures should not be taken while in the ceremonial room and should not be posted anywhere.

☐ Connections Committee

Soror Yvette Latham

- ☐ Five (5) sorors participated in the NAACP membership drive; to date, the number of Sorors who are active NAACP members is 12. This was not a success. The committee needs the number of Sorors who attended AKA Day at the Capitol and emailed the form letter from the SERD to her senators.
- ☐ The committee has planned a (Virtual) Voter Engagement Forum I on September 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The maximum number of attendees is 500; registration dates TBA. Speakers: Senator Vivian Figures and Soror Juana Maxwell.
- ☐ We will recognize Juneteenth at the June Chapter meeting. Sorors are asked to send pictures related to our Black Heritage to the Basileus by no later than June 14.
- ☐ 15 sorors attended AKA Day at the capitol and 28 sorors forwarded the letter to their senator.
- ☐ Soror Frances Hall and the Connections Committee presented a wonderful video celebrating Juneteenth. Several members gave the history of Juneteenth.

☐ Sisterly Relations

Soror Sandra Graham

- ☐ The Sisterly Relations Committee met via zoom on May 26, 2021, to discuss several upcoming Sisterly Relations activities. Plans were made for the MIP Sisterly Relations Activities on May 29 and June 5. The committee discussed the virtual slumber party which will be held on June 18, 2021, 7:08 p.m. -8:08 p.m. This activity is a joint venture with the Membership Committee and is named "Soror Soiree".
- ☐ The committee decided to Celebrate Legacies at the June meeting. After the meeting and after polling the members, it was decided that we will postpone the legacies

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activity until September since the Connections committee will be celebrating Juneteenth at the June meeting.

- ❑ Soror Doris Watkins will be recognized as a Silver Soror at the June Chapter Meeting.

❑ **Education Committee**

Soror JoNetta Terry

- ❑ The committee has purchased yard signs as an innovative way to acknowledge our scholarship recipients. The cost was \$111. 75. We will be delivering the signs this weekend to our four winners:
 - ❑ Aniya Manning - Etowah High School - Needs Base (Troy University)
 - ❑ Camille Jenkins - Gadsden City High - Education (Wallce State Community College)
 - ❑ Zia George - Gasdsden City High - HBCU (Alabama A&M Universisty)
 - ❑ Kinleigh Sheffield - Gadsden City High - Academic (UAB)
- ❑ Once delivered, we will submit pictures of the yard signs, committee members and the scholarship recipients to our technology committee to have posted on our social media pages.

❑ **45th Celebration**

Soror Eloise Turk

- ❑ The celebration plans are underway by each of the charter members. The celebration will take place virtually on October 22nd and 23rd, 2021. On October 22, 2021, there will be an event from 7:08-8:08 pm. There will be a virtual program on October 23, 2021, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Supporters and donors of Lambda Eta Omega will be recognized during this program.

Unfinished Business

- ❑ No unfinished business

New Business

- ❑ Meeting locations were researched and a motion was made by the Strategic Planning Committee and seconded by Soror JoNetta Terry for the following options:
 - ❑ There will not be any hybrid option
 - ❑ The following were considered in the decision: technology, availability, accessibility, comfort, parking, corporate and CDC guidelines
 - ❑ When planning for a meeting we must plan for the total of chapter members
 - ❑ The Venue at Coosa Landing (primary location for one year)
 - ❑ \$75/hr (\$150/month)
 - ❑ The start date will be from September-June
 - ❑ Rainbow City Community Center (alternate location)
 - ❑ \$300/6hr
 - ❑ The capacity is 200 people
- ❑ The motion was carried with a majority vote

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Announcements

- Please let Madame Basileus know if you plan on attending Boulee
- Please let Soror Michele Bradford know of someone who graduated in 2021 with a C average who is attending college
- Complete the sorority vaccination survey

Adjournment