

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
LAMBDA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER
Saturday, March 21, 2020
Soror JoNetta Terry, Basileus, Presiding

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

Place: Virtual WebEx Application

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order by Soror JoNetta Terry, Basileus, at 11:02 A.M.

The meditation was given by Soror Linda Sue Hill.

Adoption of the Agenda was accepted with the following corrections: No singing of the hymn.

The minutes from the February 2020 chapter meeting were accepted as submitted.

Officers' Reports

Basileus Report: Soror JoNetta Terry-

-Madam Basileus emailed the newsletter with her report and expressed her thanks for allowing her to attend the SERC as a delegate. LEO won the Walker-Rigsby Collaboration Award; Kudos to Soror LaKiesha for submitting the scrapbook for this award. LEO also won the Lillian-Dunn UNCF award. LEO was recognized as one of the Best-of-the Best medium chapters and for being a Silver EAF Sponsor.

- LEO was well represented at the SERC! Sorors Portia Foster, Michele Bradford, Debra Smith, LaKiesha Harris, and Toshiko Sims participated in some part at the Regional Conference. Sorors LaSonya White, Belinda Graham, Bernadette Bush, and Cynthia Smith were recognized as Silver Sorors. Sorors Macie Smith, Patricia Granger, and Lindy Austin also became Silver Sorors this year. Soror Doretha White was recognized as a Golden Soror.

- Soror Glenda Glover met with chapter Basilei and gave an update on AKA's standings during COVID-19. So far 5 Regional Conferences have been postponed and Membership Intake Processes are suspended until further notice. Chapter meetings, service projects, and all large gatherings are to be held virtually, if possible. No decision has been made regarding Boule. She did not recommend any traveling right now. However, Sorors may continue registering for the Boule Conference and if it is cancelled, refunds will be distributed. The 2020 Leadership AKAdemy has been postponed.

-Thank you Sorors for being flexible during this uncertain time. Please check on each other and keep everyone in prayer!

Anti-Basileus: Soror LaKiesha Harris-

- Thank you all for allowing me to serve as a delegate at the SERC!
- We did a lot of great things in February, such as: our Pink Goes Red event, CPR training, raised funds to support our HBCU initiative, donated gently worn shoes that were shipped to Souls 4 Souls, Bowling for Kidz Sake, and celebrated Black History

Month by creating art projects with the children at Shea De's Successful Learners Day Care.

- Sorors, you all are outstanding and it showed at the Regional Conference as LEO showcased its support of our International Programs and we won the Walker-Rigsby Collaboration Award for our work in 2019!
- Due to COVID-19, the upcoming activities that are planned will be postponed until further notice.
- Gadsden State Community College has 33 International Students that remain on campus during this pandemic. We were asked to assist them with essential items/toiletries. A majority vote was received from the Global Impact, HBCU, and Economic Legacy Committees to donate \$100 from these targets to purchase items and donate them to the students.
- Special thanks to Soror Portia for leading the school activities and Soror Sabrina for collaborating with other organizations for our Women's Health activities.

Tamiouchos Report: Soror Mildred Woody-

- The HBCU Jam party made a profit of \$2,821.25. The financial report was uploaded to LEO's website, akalambdaetaomega.org. Please view online.

Epistoleus Report: Soror Vallery Brown-

- Invitation from the Gadsden, Etowah County NAACP Chapter
- Thank you card from MANNA
- Thank you card from Soror Patricia Granger & the Tolbert family

Hodegos Report: read by Soror Patrice Marbry-

- Courtesies were extended to the following: Sorors Angela Nelson, Jan Avery, Paige Patterson, and Linda Sue Hill who were hospitalized.
- Soror Chaun Spruill's mother, Mrs. Frances Spruill, passed and Soror Patricia Granger's mother, Mrs. Daisy Tolbert, also passed. Please continue to encourage both of our Sorors with your acts of love and kindness.
- A courtesy was extended to Soror Taja Underwood.
- Please continue to pray for Sorors Jasmine Scott, Doretha White, Andrea Hester, TeMeika Franklin, Deborah Allen, Gertie Lowe, Paulette Lipscomb, and Mr. Otwalla Thompson (Soror Teresa Thompson's husband)
- Congratulations to Soror Gertie Lowe for being recognized as a "Hometown Hero" during the city-wide Black History Program in February. We are truly proud of you!
- At this time, we are all experiencing drastic changes and challenges that are unfamiliar to our society. We ask that you all remain prayerful and mindful of each other. Try to remain calm, stay positive, and be safe Sorors!
- Many Thanks expressed by Soror Doretha White, our newest Golden Soror!

Action Items

1. Favorable vote for a \$500 budget increase for The Outstanding Mothers Program
2. Favorable vote for \$500 loan to the Fundraising Committee to secure the Venue for our 2020 Debutante Ball
3. Favorable vote for an additional \$110 each to be given to Sorors Sylvia Ferguson and Charleena Walker to cover expenses for attending the Financial Certification Workshop on February 27th at the South Eastern Regional Conference.

Program and Committee Reports

Membership Committee, Soror Sylvia Ferguson-

- The committee met via conference call on March 5, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. Members present on call: Sylvia Ferguson, Cynthia Smith, Jan Avery, Jennifer Rowe, Belinda Graham, Sandra Graham, Tanyeka Boley, LaSonya White, and Ashley Lewis
- Membership & Sisterly Relations joint activity for March will be postponed. We planned to highlight the Awards/Certificates received by LEO during the 88th SERC.
Theme: **MARCHI ing toward Membership PEARLFLECTION & EXCELLENCE**
- **Activity:** Laminate chapter members 2020 financial cards. We will do this when we come together again.
- Mentorship Program Development- Assignments given to take initial steps to develop survey of chapter members as well as design program, implementation, monitor program progress, mentor/mentee pairing, etc.

MIP committee, Soror Nancy Mitchell-

- The MIP committee met on March 9, 2020 at the Downtown Activity Center. Assignments were made for each item on the agenda for the Prospective Candidate Information Session that was scheduled for Sunday, March 15th. Soror Mandisa demonstrated how Zip Grade works and the committee agreed to use this method as a quicker way to obtain voting results. It uses a mobile device as a scanner.
- Soror Betrina Thomas emailed all of the prospective candidates immediately notifying them of the postponed Membership Intake Process.
- Due to COVID-19, we will not know if we can proceed with MIP until May 15th and hopefully we can resume where we left off.

Education Committee, Soror Patrice Mosley-

- The committee met and discussed scholarship application requirements. It was suggested that we give special consideration to applicants who are former Debutantes. They are also eligible if they live out of town. The procedures of anonymous scoring of applications will stay the same for the remaining applicants. The scholarship applicants should include area schools. Daughters of Lambda Eta Omega Sorors that live out of town will be eligible to apply.

- Letters & Applications will be mailed to high school counselors. The deadline for all application packets will be announced at a later date due to COVID-19 school closings.
- A sample scholarship packet was given to each committee member. It included an application for the Nancy G. Sewell Education Program Award. It will be awarded at the SERC, and we will be making plans to meet the requirements to win at the next conference.
- Members present on call: Patrice Mosley, Bernadette Bush, Jan Avery, Susie Adams, and TeMeika Franklin

Outstanding Mothers' Committee, Golden Soror Eloise Turk-

- The committee is on target and everything is ready to go for the event. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was proposed that the Outstanding Mother's event be cancelled.

Debutante/Fundraising Committee, Soror Michele Bradford-

- The HBCU Jam party was a success!
- Debutante is scheduled for Sunday, December 20, 2020 at The Venue at Coosa Landing at 6:00 P.M. We made a deposit and have booked the entire Venue. Until the mandate on gatherings is lifted, we are not able to schedule the orientation and activities.
- We will send out letters of invitation to the 2018 Junior Debutantes and names submitted by Sorors.
- Due to COVID-19, the Debutante Season will be shortened to the following activities: Orientation meeting, Education Presentation, Mother/Daughter Tea, Father/Daughter challenge, and Etiquette/Attire workshop.

Pecunious Grammateus, Soror Charleena Walker – Powerpoint Presentation

- Payments can be made via PayPal, Mail Check or Money Order to: 2221 Western Hills Drive W, Southside, AL 35907, Please **DO NOT MAIL CASH**.
- **REMINDERS:** We will not accept any postdated checks or will not hold any checks. Payments can be made at any time and any amount using PayPal or at any chapter meeting. Payments can be accepted by the Pecunious Grammateus & Anti-Pecunious Grammateus.
- Balances are expected to have a \$0 balance by December 2020 chapter meeting.
- Balance includes 2021 National Dues & EAF (chapter assessments, local dues, Founders' Day assessment, etc. are for 2020)
- Balances are sent via email on a monthly basis and if there is a discrepancy, please see PG or Anti-PG as soon as possible.
- Total amount collected today is \$5,091.00.
- UNCF pledge amount isn't a requirement, but strongly encouraged to follow through with your commitment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- **Soror Paulette Lipscomb-** NAACP membership forms will be distributed at our next in person sorority meeting. The dues are \$30 per year.

Announcements

- All delegate reports were submitted and will be emailed. All 10 proposed amendments voted on at the South Eastern Regional Conference were approved.
- Soror J. Patrice Marbry was selected as a recipient for the "40 Under 40 Champions Award of the National Alumni Association of Alabama A&M University. She will be honored at the national convention in Atlanta. She is asking for donations to help her raise \$1,000 to be used to help provide scholarships awarded to incoming or continuing students at AAMU. if anyone would like to give a generous donation, checks or money orders can be mailed to Soror Patrice. You may also send a donation via Cashapp or PayPal. The money is due April 15th. More information will be emailed to the chapter.

Sisterly Concerns- Please stay safe and continue to keep all of our Sorors in your prayers!

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Soror Toshiko Sims, Grammateus

Minutes approved by: Soror JoNetta Terry, Basileus