

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED**

**LAMBDA ETA OMEGA CHAPTER**

**Chapter Sorority Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, September 11, 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 in which she asked that we all remember those who were killed and harmed during the September 11th Terrorist Attack. Adoption of the Agenda as presented without any changes by Madame Basileus was completed by consensus. Approval of the minutes was motioned by Soror Sylvia Ferguson and seconded by Soror Iesha Williams. Minutes were accepted with a unanimous vote.

**Officers Report**

**Basileus**

**Soror LaKiesha Harris**

- The Basileus report was submitted in the chapter's newsletter F.I.R.S.T., she mentioned the items below for emphasis.
- Madame Basileus presented a memorial presentation for the September 11th Terrorist Attack.
- Madame Basileus ask that everyone read the Weekly Wednesday Update email and the chapter newsletter.
- We no longer have to submit for advance approval for service projects if there are under 50 sorors present. Each soror present must show proof of vaccination. Madame Basileus must have a copy of the sorors vaccination record prior to attendance. Sorors will also be required to wear a mask when participating in person.
- Each soror needs to send a copy of their vaccination record to Madame Basileus and Soror Patricia Granger, chair of the Risk Management Committee.
- The SER Cluster will be held on October 23, 2021. Cluster will include all three states and will be virtual. Cluster is not a part of the intake fee paid by newly initiated sorors so they will have to pay for that registration. The cost should be less than \$50.
- SER Conference will be 03/03-06/22. There will be some pre-conference activities on the 1st and 2nd.
- Soror Charleena recommended that the chapter take the \$35/each soror and the \$350 chapter donation out of the funds budgeted for sending officers to Boule or Regional Conference. Soror Deborah Hill motioned and Soror Sylvia Ferguson seconded the motion. The cost is \$3,700 plus the \$350 chapter dues. The motion passed with a 98% in favor and 2% not supporting the motion.
- Soror Yvette questioned if this would impact the budget moving forward. Soror Charleena stated that the only impact would be that the carryover from this year

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will not be as large as planned but would not impact the budget discussed during the finance committee meeting.

- ❑ SER is asking for each soror to raise an additional \$100 for Win for Ten HBCU Donation. The dates for the drive will be from 09/05/21 - 09/15/21. Sorors are asked to solicit \$10 from 10 people during the 10 days. Sorors will be recognized on either the Varsity (\$100) or MVP (above the \$100) Squad. Madame Regional Director would like to present a check from SER in the amount of \$20K to the corporate office.
- ❑ Delegates presented their reports from Boule part 2.
- ❑ **Anti-Basileus** **Soror Sylvia Ferguson**
  - ❑ Soror Sylvia's Anti-Basileus report was submitted in the chapter's newsletter F.I.R.S.T., she mentioned the items below for emphasis.
  - ❑ The committee is revamping the survey and is making an internal and external survey.
  - ❑ **Target 1: HBCU:**
    - ❑ The committee discussed upcoming activities/projects for the remainder of the calendar year
    - ❑ September 11th All sorors are asked to wear an HBCU shirt and change to an HBCU logo/photo background during the virtual chapter meeting
    - ❑ Sept.20th Impact Day- Virtual Fundraiser – Flyer with Paypal link to donate the dollar amount an HBCU founding year or \$19.08
  - ❑ **#CAP**
    - ❑ will have a Meet and Greet on September 22 with the participating Students (10).
  - ❑ **Target 2 Women's Healthcare and Wellness**
    - ❑ Sept 16, 2021- Girlfriend Gala Preview Day 11 AM-1 PM
    - ❑ Our Chapter and Foundation are sponsors and a Volunteer Signup sheet was distributed for members to help with the initiative.
  - ❑ **Target 3 Economic Legacy: Grow w Google launched**
    - ❑ Sept. 27, 2021 – Session 1 11-12 AM, Session 2 6-7 PM
      - ❑ Workshop – Small Business Training/Resources via Zoom
  - ❑ **Target 3 – Building Your Economic Legacy- Spotlighting Black Businesses**
    - ❑ Black Dollar 365- Request that all chapter members complete the Black dollar log sheet. Reporting/Updating third-quarter purchases this month.
    - ❑ Spotlight businesses owned by Sorors to assist in growth.
      - ❑ Action Items: Develop a list of candidates to interview
      - ❑ Action Items: Request chapter members to provide Name of Business, Contact info, Short Bio of Business, Product/rep photo, and Business Logo

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**❑ 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.
- ❑ Soror Charleena presented the recommendation from the Connections Committee to use \$300 from the contingency account to cover the extra cost over the \$100 budget for the Connections Committee Voter Forum. The motion was carried with a vote of 98% yes and 2% voting no.
- ❑ Soror Charleena mentioned an oversight in writing \$1000 check out of the operating account instead of the scholarship account. The money has been transferred from the scholarship to the operating account.
- ❑ Operating Account:
  - ❑ Beginning Balance: \$63,779.32
  - ❑ Ending Balance: \$65,304.32
- ❑ Fundraising Account:
  - ❑ Beginning Balance: \$1,671.85
  - ❑ Ending Balance: \$3,421.85
- ❑ UNCF Account:
  - ❑ Beginning Balance: \$606.49
  - ❑ Ending Balance: \$606.49
- ❑ Scholarship Account:
  - ❑ Beginning Balance: \$2,558.57
  - ❑ Ending Balance: \$56.57
- ❑ Savings Account:
  - ❑ Beginning Balance: \$2,273.61
  - ❑ Ending Balance: \$2,274.17

**❑ Pecunious Grammateus Report**

**Soror Tanyeka Boley**

- ❑ Soror Tanyeka has submitted the report to the Tech Committee and it will be available on the secure page of the website for members to view.
- ❑ Total Funds Collected June: \$865.00
- ❑ Total Funds Collected July: \$440.00
- ❑ Total Funds Collected August: \$60.00
- ❑ Sorors were reminded about payment options. Payments for Ivy & Pearl Foundation should be sent to their specific PayPal account.

**❑ Epistoleus**

**Soror Renita Davis**

- ❑ Kimberly Campbell sent a thank you note to the chapter for the wonderful experience during MIP.
- ❑ Pearl Soror Beulah expressed her gratitude for everyone's participation in her drive-by birthday party.
- ❑ The Hall family sent a thank you note for the sympathy card sent during their bereavement.

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- ❑ Soror Frances Hall also sent a thank you note.
- ❑ **Hodegos** **Soror Betrina Thomas**
  - ❑ Sympathy cards were sent to Madame Regional Director, Soror Terri Sewel, Sorors Manisa Wilson, Te'Arra and Tyviesha Hall, Soror Jonetta Terry, Teresa Williams, and Whitney Hall.
  - ❑ A get well soon card was sent to Sorors Yolanda White, Rose Atkins, and Benita Foster.
  - ❑ Thinking of you card was sent to Yolanda White, Madame Basileus, and Jan Avery.

**Committee Reports**

- ❑ **Bylaws Committee** **Soror Portia Foster**
  - ❑ Soror Portia relayed the following information gathered at the 69th Boule Part II on Thursday, July 15, 2021.
    - ❑ The proposed amendment to the Constitution failed; did not pass. The Regional Directors will continue to be elected to serve a two-year term with the ability to run for a second two-year term.
    - ❑ All proposed Bylaws amendments, with the exception of number seven, were passed. Number 7 was withdrawn by the Directorate. The Supreme Basileus stated, "Undue burden on the Corporate Office."
    - ❑ All changes made during Boule have been made and are in effect.
- ❑ **Finance Committee** **Soror Charleena Walker**
  - ❑ The committee has met several times and has projected dues for each soror to be \$150 and \$55 for assessments.
  - ❑ If there were any changes to the different committee budgets Soror Charleena asked that those changes be made as soon as possible
- ❑ **Connections/Social Actions Committee** **Soror Yvette Latham**
  - ❑ The Connection State Coordinator, Soror Pam Pruitt, is asking all Sorors to collaborate with the National Urban League by completing the requests in the Connection Committee Folder dated Sept. 2, 2021, eblast from SERD, Soror Mitzi Paige. We need a count by September 20, 2021.
  - ❑ Soror Yvette mentioned that she failed to report this motion during the executive meeting. It was moved by Soror Deborah Smith & seconded to suspend the rules and allow for courtesies up to \$100.00 value to each speaker for the Sept. 16, 2021, Voter Engagement Forum. The motion was carried with a vote of 97% in favor and 3% decline the move.
  - ❑ The Chapter's (Virtual) Voter Engagement Forum is September 16, 2021, ~ Time:7:00 – 8:15 PM.
    - ❑ All Sorors are asked to register & invite others.
    - ❑ Sorors should log on at 6:30 PM for 'Mocktail' and no later than 6:45 PM for 'Pre-Dinner' entertainment. We are expecting 500 attendees.

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- ❑ Georgia Congresswoman Nikema Williams and Soror Juada Maxwell, South Eastern Representative to the International Connection/Social Action Committee are the guest speakers.
- ❑ Everyone in attendance must register.
  - ❑ Attire: Black jackets w/pearls.

**❑ Technology Committee**

**Soror Iesha Williams**

- ❑ The committee met to plan and discuss the plan for the Voter Registration Forum. The Graphics and Technology Committee has been separated. The committee plans a form run-through to work out any kinks in the form.

**❑ Basilei Council**

**Soror Michele Bradford**

- ❑ The Basilei Council met by ZOOM and email several times to plan the Leadership/Retreat. Their plans are as follows:
  - ❑ The Leadership/Retreat will be held by ZOOM on August 14, 2021 from 9:08 a.m. - 12:48 p.m.
  - ❑ Program participants will be members of the Basilei Council.
  - ❑ Door prizes will be given. The session will be recorded. There will be no expense to the chapter.
  - ❑ The committee submitted the program's finalized agenda. The survey results were an average of 4.83 on a 5 point scale. There were some recommendations given and they will be discussed among the Basilei Council.

**❑ Sisterly Relations**

**Soror Sandra Graham**

- ❑ The sisterly relations committee met to begin planning for an activity to be held on October 22 for the Lambda Eta Omega 45th Anniversary Celebration and to discuss the Legacy Parade to be held at the September 11 meeting.
- ❑ The committee decided to send out a survey asking members to participate in a talent showcase to unmask hidden talents in LEO. The performers will be masked during the virtual performance but will be revealed during the activity.
- ❑ For the Legacy Parade, Soror Mandisa Perry will post a link in Groupme with instructions on how to send photos and information to Google Slides for the Legacy Parade.
- ❑ On August 30, 2021, the committee met and decided to extend the date for participants to register for the talent showcase to Monday, September 13, 2021, and to set the deadline for photos for the Legacy parade to Monday, September 6, 2021.
- ❑ The Legacy Parade was presented by Soror Betrina Thomas

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- ❑ **Education Committee** **Soror Jonetta Terry**
  - ❑ The committee met and welcomed all new committee members, reviewed the purpose of the committee, and discussed ideas and projects for the year.
    - ❑ The committee discussed the following:
      - ❑ Possibly assisting Thompson Elementary and Striplin Schools with their intervention programs
      - ❑ Possibly assisting #CAP with the planned activities for the high school students
      - ❑ Possibly hosting webinars for middle school students
- ❑ **Strategic Plan** **Soror Sylvia Ferguson**
  - ❑ The Beck Conference Center is now available for leasing for Chapter Sorority Meetings. All of the scheduled sorority meetings are available and the sorority has been penciled in. We will have to have a certificate of liability. The facility meets all the requirements for in-person meetings. The fee is \$75 per hour. The rental fee is waived/reduced for 501-3C organizations (we are not one).
  - ❑ The Venue was not available for 2 of the dates of the sorority meeting. We would need to use Rainbow Community Center at a rate of \$300 for a 6-hour block.
  - ❑ Soror Deborah motioned and seconded by Soror Darlene to revisit the meeting location and bring the new option of the Beck Conference Center to the chapter. The motion was passed to move our chapter meetings to Beck Conference Center.
- ❑ **Founder's Day** **Soror Celeste Harris**
  - ❑ The committee made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee and Chapter
    - ❑ Virtual Founder's Day Program to be held on January 8, 2022, after sorority meeting. The committee suggested renting a venue for the designated committee members and designated Sorors to present each program ritual.
    - ❑ An open Founder's Day Program in 2023
  - ❑ Other items discussed by the committee include:
    - ❑ A projected budget was not put in place as it will be reduced.
    - ❑ Recognizing Soror of the Year along with the Outgoing Basileus
    - ❑ Attire, black, and pearls, Sorors present will wear the chapter corsage
    - ❑ The ritual table will be visible during the live broadcast of the program.
- ❑ **45th Anniversary Celebration** **Soror Eloise Turk**
  - ❑ The committee met to discuss changing the date of the final celebration from Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, to Friday evening Oct. 22, 2021, because the Southeastern Regional Cluster is planned for Sat. October 23, 2021.
  - ❑ The Sisterly Relations Activity was planned for Friday so the Committee moved this activity to Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021. Some adjustments were made to Friday's program.

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- ❑ The Committee made plans to start our Celebration on Monday and conclude on Friday. The program for the Friday culminating celebration event was presented.
  - ❑ **MONDAY, October 18, 2021: "Let's Break Bread Together"**  
Sorors will post on Group Me a picture of a healthy meal they
  - ❑ **TUESDAY, October 19, 2021: "Then and Now"**  
"Silver Stars, Golden Girls, Perpetual Pearls"  
(Sorors will post a picture of themselves ago and a recent picture)
  - ❑ **WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2021: "Legacy Parade"**  
(Sorors will post a picture of themselves and their legacy)
  - ❑ **THURSDAY, October 21, 2021: "Sisterly Relations Activity"**
  - ❑ **FRIDAY, October 22, 2021 "45th Anniversary Celebration"**  
Theme Song: "Celebration Time, Come On"  
Attire: Business Pink and/or Green with Pearls  
Time: 6:08 - 8:08  
Soror Deborah Smith, Moderator

**Unfinished Business**

- ❑ No unfinished problems

**New Business**

- ❑ No new business

**Sisterly Concerns/Announcement**

- ❑ Soror Paulette Lipscomb has been admitted to Riverview Hospital but will be released soon.
- ❑ Happy Birthday Celebration Video for July, August, and September Birthdays. Sorors were reminded to complete the Google Sheet for Birthdays.
- ❑ Cluster is 10/23/2021
- ❑ Soror Turk thanked everyone for everyone's concerns
- ❑ We have currently raised \$26,801 in the popcorn fundraiser. The fundraiser ends at 5:00 pm.
- ❑ Soror Sandra Graham reminded everyone to sign up for the masked singer talent show.

**Adjournment**

- ❑ 1:30 pm