

**Lake Charles Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
February Chapter Meeting
Held February 13, 2020
Allen P. August Center**

Chapter President Carla Clark called the Lake Charles Alumnae Chapter meeting to order at 6:09 PM on February 13, 2020.

Invocation was said by Soror Barbara Tousand.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Soror Alice Danclar and seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Greetings – Carla Clark

Greetings were extended to everyone present. Please update your personal information on portal; our region now has the capability to send you direct messages. Also, if asked to write a letter of recommendation for someone seeking membership, there is a special letter that you must print from the members portal to accompany the letter. There was a letter sent to all members as it relates to an incident in regards to our organization. She encouraged everyone to read Code of Conduct. Nomination forms are due tonight. Registration opens on March 1, 2020 for Regional Conference. Also, Red and White Day at our state capital will be on March 1, 2020.

Communications – Patricia Clarence

A correspondence log was provided for members to review for the month of January 2020 with two additions: Sorors Katherine Jean and Betty Sims. (Exhibit 1) The scholarship applications are being held by our correspondence secretary.

Minutes – Janet Levy

Minutes are on our Delta website. It was moved by Soror Dora Kennison and seconded that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried. (Exhibit 2)

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Piggee

A printed report was presented for members to review. (Exhibit 3)

Chapter Reports

Courtesy- Lillie Wilson

Soror Lillie Wilson presented a written report of all courtesies that were extended during the months of January and February. There were one sympathy card, five congratulatory cards, three thinking of you cards, and one get well card. (Exhibit 4)

Delta and Diamonds Gala –

Gala tickets are available for distribution tonight. The Gala will be on April 4, 2020 from 7:30 PM to midnight at the VFW Post, 5676 Lake Street. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Sorors are asked to arrive at 7:00 PM. Sorors are responsible for their own decorations. The decorations include the shades of silver tablecloth and white centerpiece. A coat and tie are required for men. The suggested attire for financial sorors is a red cocktail dress. Pictures will be taken for financial sorors and another with all sorors in red. Dinner will be served from 7:45 – 8:45 PM. We are in need of items for our silent auction. (Exhibit 5)

Senior Citizens – Ivy Mouton

The Senior Citizen activity was held on January 14, 2020 at Allen P. August Multipurpose Center at 4:00 PM. The presentation was entitled "Mental Illness." Mrs. Lolita Ceasar who is CCOA Executive Director NAMI SW Region 5 and Mr. Chance Savant, Program Director NAMI Region 5 were the presenters. (Exhibit 6) They gave us an invitation to join them for their annual NAMI Walk Mental Health Rally on April 18, 2020. There were 13 guests present. The Senior Citizens also had a workshop on January 21st at Whispering Hope at 1:00 p.m. The topic was "Long Term Care". The presenters were Betty Lavergne and Kat Crappel. There were 21 residences in attendance. Our next workshops on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 and Tuesday, February 18, 2020 are entitled, "Heart Disease and Strokes". Our presenter for the workshop held on Tuesday, February 11th, Dr. Veronica Woodard, unexpectedly became ill and was unable to attend; but she did send her message notes. Dr. Demetria Boutte will present on February 18th.

Nominations – Alice Danclar

Nominations for all elected positions are due at today at chapter meeting. Please read your Policies and Procedures. Do not forget about sending in nominations for our Delta of the Year Award, Delta Public Service, and the Non-Delta Public Service Award that is also due today. Elections will be held April 2020. (Exhibit 7)

Youth Initiatives – Nina Jones

On February 1, 2020 the youth initiative groups met at Foreman Reynaud Center. The topic was "Emergency Preparedness". The Fire Department spoke to each group about safety. There were 13 Delsprites, 7 Academy, and 9 GEMS. There were 29 youth and 15 sorors present. (Exhibit 8)

Scholarships – Carmen Gordon-Williams

The deadline date of January 31st has passed and has received 15 applications from the following schools: Alfred M. Barbe – 3, DeRidder High – 1, Hamilton Christian – 1, Iowa High – 1, LaGrange High – 1, St. Louis High – 1, Sulphur High – 2, Washington-Marion High School – 3, and Westlake – 2. The application from DeRidder High will not be included because it is outside of the Calcasieu Parish service area. Applications with the January 31st deadline will be reviewed by the scholarship committee on Monday, February 17, 2020 at Central Library in the DeBakey Meeting Room from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Interviews will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. and may be adjusted to accommodate the number of qualifying candidates. (Exhibit 9)

Operation Homeless – Nina Jones

Committee group for February met at Foreman Reynaud Center to prepare 25 bags for the homeless at Abraham's Tent on February 1, 2020. All bags were given out. The following persons have committed to completing this task monthly: Regina Burton, Megan Cross and Mary Ceasar. Please contact Mrs. Hicks if you don't know your month to prepare bags. (Exhibit 10)

Parades – Jacynthia Carlin

The chapter will participate in the Omega Parade on February 22, 2020. The committee members will arrive at noon for setup. All other sorors may arrive by 1:00 p.m. The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. The cost per soror is \$20. Sorors must provide their own throws and you may bring a chair. Water and light snacks will be provided. Attire is Delta paraphernalia and/or Mardi Gras attire. There will be a sign-up sheet at chapter meeting on Friday. (Exhibit 11)

Panhellenic – Angela Perkins

Literary Extravaganza will be held at 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM on March 21, 2020 at Washington-Marion Magnet High School. (Exhibit 12)

Healthy Lifestyle – Etta Pete

Healthy Lifestyle will collaborate with the Membership Committee to assist with Sisterhood Month on March 28, 2020. In recognition of “Go Red for Women”, which is the first Friday in February, we are asking sorors to wear red. This will show our solidarity in taking care of ourselves to prevent heart problems and strokes. The Sickle Cell luncheon will be on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Reeves Uptown at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each or \$280.00 for a table of 8. (Exhibit 13)

Membership Services – Gisele Hawkins

We have 49 sorors who have signed up for Secret Sisters. We will go bowling on March 15, 2020. Biscuits and Bonding will be held on March 28, 2020. Names will be pulled at the February meeting. Secret sisters will be revealed at the biscuits and bonding activity in March. There will be healthy yoga with Healthy Lifestyle. (Exhibit 14) Soror of the Month of February is Soror Sybyl Coleman.

Old Business

New Business

IMPACT – Yvonne Manning-Smith, Ethel Fields, Carla Clark

A recommendation was brought to the chapter to present a STEM Program along with a Career Interest Workshop for students in middle and high school. The STEM Program portion will be \$1,500.00 and tables will be set up for students to visit tables for career opportunities.

Soror Carmen Williams moved that we go forward with the STEM Program and Career Interest Workshop as an IMPACT event on April 25, 2020. It was seconded and motion carried with the following votes: Yes – 50 / No - 2.

Financial Collections Report:

Omega Parade	\$ 440.00
Dues 2020-2021	\$5,890.00
President Stole	\$ 25.00
Sickle Cell Luncheon	\$ 70.00
2020 DST Gala	<u>\$1,495.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$7,920.00</u>

Attendance – 53 present

Announcements – Please check calendar attached to agenda for activities.

It was moved by Soror Carmen Williams and seconded that our meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Janet Levy
Recording Secretary

Carla Clark
President