

**Lake Charles Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
January Chapter Meeting  
Held January 10, 2020  
Mt. Pilgrim B.C. Fellowship Hall**

Chapter President Carla Clark called the Lake Charles Alumnae chapter meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on January 10, 2020.

Invocation prayer was said by Soror Barbara Tousand.

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Soror Lydia Larce and seconded that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

**Greetings – Carla Clark**

New Year greetings were extended to the chapter. Our president mentioned about the Southwest Conference. She also discussed updating information in portal. Please read correspondence on our website from Soror Smith. She talked about the importance of the Code of Conduct roles and responsibilities.

**Communications – Patricia Clarence**

A correspondence log was provided in her absence for members to review. (Exhibit 1)

**Minutes – Janet Levy**

Minutes are on our Delta's website. It was moved by Soror Gisele McKinney and seconded that the minutes for December be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report – Nancy Piggee**

A printed report was presented for members to review. (Exhibit 2)

**Chapter Reports**

**Courtesy - Lillie Wilson**

Soror Lillie Wilson presented a printed report of courtesies that were extended during the end of December 2019 thru January 7, 2020. There were three Sympathy cards and one Congratulatory card. (Exhibit 3)

**Founders Day – Thail Pete**

Founder's Day is tomorrow at the Lake Charles Civic Center. We will take photos at 12 noon. Sorors are asked to be there by 11:45 a.m. for picture and rededication. Our guest will be able to enter at 1:30 p.m. Dress attire will be Delta red, no pants. We will have the Delta choir under the direction of Norvell Coley and a skit directed by Sybyl Coleman. Worship service will take place at Mount Calvary Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Sorors are asked to arrive at 10:30 a.m. The attire is black. Lunch will be a gift from our president. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this Founders Day a success.

**Delta and Diamonds Gala – Ethel Fields**

Gala tickets are ready for distribution. The Gala will be on April 4, 2020 from 7:30 to midnight at the VFW Post, 5676 Lake Street. The building and caterer have been secured. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Sorors are asked to arrive at 7:00 PM. Sorors are responsible for their own

table decorations. The decorations include the shades of silver tablecloth and white centerpiece. The attire for the evening is semiformal. A coat and tie are required for men. The suggested attire for financial sorors is a red cocktail dress. Pictures will be taken of 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. Gala tickets are available for pick up now. The projected cost of the 2020 Gala is \$20,400.00: 400 tickets x \$65/per ticket = \$26,000.00

$\$26,000.00 - \$20,400.00 = \$6,400.00$  Potential Profit

Soror Fields has to relieve her sorority business due to personal reasons; therefore, we are looking for a person to step up and chair the 2020 Gala. (Exhibit 4)

### **Senior Citizens – Ivy Mouton**

The Senior Citizen's activity will be held on January 14, 2020 at the Allen P. August Building at 4:00 p.m. The topic will be "Mental Illness NAMI".

### **Nominations – Alice Danclar**

All offices are open for nominations. Forms are on website. Forms will be received until February 13, 2020. Please read your policies and procedures. Nominees may shadow their office of interest. Elections will be held in March 2020. Forms for Delta of the Year, Delta Service Award, and Non Delta Service Award are on our website.

### **Youth Initiatives – Nina Jones / Carmen Williams**

The youth initiatives met on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There were 7 Delta GEMS, 12 Delsprites, and 12 Academies who participated in the youth meeting. A speaker, Rusty Haven (SWLA abolitionist), spoke to each group. The topics were Stranger Danger for the Delsprites and Sex Trafficking for the Academy and Gems. Each group had activities also. The youth group totals were: 31 youth and 14 sorors. Their next meeting will be on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

### **Scholarship – Carmen Williams**

On Thursday, January 2, 2020, reservations were made at Central Library for February 17, 2020 in the DeBaKey Meeting Room from 5:00 – 7:30, to review Delta Scholarship applications. This date reflects the two week waiting period for the arrival of applications with the January 31<sup>st</sup> postmark. The Thielen Room was also reserved for February 22, 2020 to interview scholarship recipients who will meet the criteria stated on the application. The interviews will be held at 10:00 – 3:00 PM and may be adjusted to accommodate the number of qualifying candidates. (Exhibit 5)

### **Operation Homeless**

### **Parade – JaCynthia Carlin**

We will participate in the MLK parade on January 20, 2020. Lineup is at 8:30 a.m. We will have one car to represent Delta Sigma Theta. Also, the Omega Mardi Gras parade will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020. We will have a float in this parade. The price will be \$15.00.

**Membership Services – Gisele McKinney**

For our Sisterhood Month we will have a Biscuit and Bonding activity on March 28, 2020. The committee is looking for other activity ideas. Secret Sisters forms should be filled out and turned in tonight at chapter meeting for those who are participating. Names of secret sisters will be revealed in March at the Biscuit and Bonding activity. Soror of the Month of December is Soror Michelle Myers and Soror of the Month of January is Soror Sharronda Butler.

**Old Business****New Business****Volunteer Opportunities**

Our president is asking for suggestions on community events that will make a great impact on the community and Delta. Please turn in any suggestions.

**FB Founders Day Vector**

There was no report available tonight.

**Change April Meeting Date**

Carmen Williams made a motion; to change our April 10 meeting date to April 17, 2020. The motion was properly seconded.

There are 53 members present while voting. 51 members voted yes; 0-opposition, the motion was approved by more than 2/3 of the membership.

**Finance Report – Zelda Fry**

A financial report was presented. (Exhibit 6)

There is information about yearly dues on table tonight.

54 in attendance

**Announcements**

Please look at the calendar attached to your agenda package for activities and dates.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Angela Perkins and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Motion carried.

Janet Levy  
Recording Secretary

Carla Clark  
President