



**Fredericksburg Area Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
February Chapter Meeting**



**Massaponax High School
8201 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Fredericksburg, VA
February 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**

A. Call to Order

The February Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm by Soror S. Drummond. There were sorors 39 in attendance and one visitor. A quorum was not present during voting times.

B. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Soror D. Barnes-Gaines to adopt the agenda.

Approve: 28

Oppose: 0

C. Review of January Minutes

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D. Correspondence

Soror K. Cummings presented the report.

1. Humbling Experiences Incorporated – Humbling Experiences Incorporated is a nonprofit organization based in Fredericksburg, VA. This organization exists to uplift our youth into faith-filled and successful leaders and ensures that the youth fully prepared and equipped for any and everything they may encounter. In August, the organization launched a mentor program and each participant has an opportunity to attend the inaugural spiritual enrichment retreat to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky from May 30 to June 2, 2020. Each participant's registration fee is \$500, which includes transportation, lodging, meals and admission to both attractions. The organization is seeking financial support from sponsors and generous donations.

Past donation: None

Executive Board Recommends:

2. Dy'Mon Blaze – Contestant Number One in the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant presented by the Epsilon Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha at Norfolk State University. I am a sophomore, pre-nursing Major from Caroline County, VA. I am a reliable young lady who is committed to my family, friends, academics and church. I have maintained a 3.7 GPA while serving as Miss Sophomore on the 2019-20 Emerald Green and Citrine Royal Court, Student Representative on the New Organization Committee, Student Representative on the University Assessment Advisory Committee and a member of the Norfolk State Women's Initiative. I also mentor kids from local Norfolk schools and with Caroline Promise's summer lunch program when I'm home on summer break. I am asking for your support with a monetary donation. Each contestant is responsible for raising a minimum of \$350. The

contestant who raises the most money will receive the title of Miss Fundraiser and a scholarship. Each contestant who earns a title will also receive a scholarship. All contributions are due by February 15, 2020.

Past donation:

Executive Board Recommends:

3. Courtland High School African American Heritage Night – Courtland HS is celebrating Black History Month through food, dance and a vendor fair. We appreciate your support of the event. Please contact Assistant Principal Veronica Jackson at vjackson@spotsylvania.k12.va.us or call 540.898.4445, ext. 5116.

Past donation: none

Executive Board Recommends:

E. Response to Correspondence

There is not a quorum, therefore the chapter is not able to vote on the donation requests.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Prince William County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – *It's Complicated: A Visual Examination of the Relationship* by Dr. Yemonja Smalls. The even will be Saturday, Februrary 8, 2020 from 6 to 8 pm. The location is 9419 Battle Street, Manassas, VA.
2. Fairfax Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Leadership Development Conversation: A Clear Understanding of One's Own Leadership Style and Clarity Around Development Goals is Imperative for Success. Conversations with Sorors Linda Wilson (NC) and Andria Jeffries (S) Past Regional Directors. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center.
3. UMW James UMW James Farmer Multicultural Center 26th Annual Cultural Awareness Series:
 - Black History Month Keynote speaker Etan Thomas – Feb. 12, 2020, 7pm, Chandler Ballroom
 - Step Show Competition – Feb. 22, 2020, 7 pm, Dodd Auditorium
 - Women's History Month Keynote, Dr. Mecca Jamilah Sullivan – Mar. 23, 2020, 7pm, Chandler Ballroom
 - Multicultural Fair – Apr. 4, 2020, 10am to 5pm

F. Financial Secretary's Report

Soror C. Roy presented the report.

G. Treasurer's Report

Soror R. Graves presented the report.

H. President's Report

In by 6:30 pm winner for February is Soror T. Givens. There is one visitor, Soror Anita Shell.

National Level:

- If you are not receiving emails, please check your information on the Sister's Only Portal.

Regional Level:

- Call to Conference for the upcoming Regional Conference, July 30 – August 2, 2020.
- March 14th – South Atlantic Region 60th Anniversary. The celebration only limited to 1000 people. The location is Durham, NC.
- Please read through the conference workbook if interested in participating in the raffles for the regional conference.
- Alpha Eta will be celebrating their 90th anniversary at Virginia State.

Local Level:

- Kudos to the Membership committee for the Founders Day brunch and the Dance committee for wonderful events.
- 40th Anniversary co-chairs announced – Soror M. Davis and Soror P. Fetherson.
- The Northern Virginia chapters are working on an MOU regarding events held in other service areas.

I. Committee Reports

a. Arts and Letters

Soror B. Young presented.

Delta Red Carpet event – “*Just Mercy*” was hosted on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at 3:50 pm.

The committee will start a mini book club to begin reading Author/Spotlight Book “*The Deal, the Dance and the Devil*” by Soror V. Murray, Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10am to 12:30pm. The event will take place at the Fredericksburg Downtown Library.

b. Delta Academy and GEMS

Soror T. Givens presented.

The Gardens of Stafford event was held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 from 10am to 12pm.

Next event – Saturday, Feb. 8 from 2 to 4pm; Paint party – “*Respect My Crown*”; True Faith Community Church.

c. Internal Audit

Soror D. Poole presented.

The chapter has satisfactory financial control.

Summary of findings:

- 1) Three missing vouchers
- 2) Reconciliation of records that were not being performed properly
- 3) Financial officers use a deposit slip when making deposits into the AJL account

All corrections are to be submitted by Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020.

d. Membership

Soror J. Diggs presented.

Love on a Delta Dear – Chapter members will receive their Delta Dear assignments at the end of February.

2nd Annual Soror in Business Directory – If you are a business owner, please submit your information in the Google form located in the *Crimson Alert* by Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020.

Reclamation Contest – The winner will be named at the June chapter meeting.

Potluck Game Day – April 25, 2020 with invited guests from local fraternities.

e. National Pan-Hellenic Council, Fredericksburg

Soror Y. Mose' presented.

US Census Bureau Forum – Tues., Feb. 18, 2020

Democratic Policy Forum – Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020

All Greek Social – Sat., June 28, 2020 at the Snowden House. FAAC has been assigned to bring variety of greens, potato salad, starchy, salad dressings and baked beans. At least four people will need to volunteer with receiving food and setting up the buffet.

f. Nominating Committee

Soror A. Jackson-Zaremba presented.

This is election year and the committee will present a voting slate of qualified candidates at the April meeting. Nominations are being accepted for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chair of Nominating Committee and members, Chair of Internal Audit, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain, and Historian.

g. Physical and Mental Health

Soror D. Poole presented.

Cancelled events – Health Fair and Zumba Party

Woodrow Wilson Walk – Saturday, Mar. 21, 2020. If interested in participating, a sign up sheet will be given out during the chapter meeting.

Red Heel Monthly Walk – River Trail (4pm) or Stafford Elementary (8am).

h. Projects

Soror W. Ackers presented.

Community Baby Shower – Saturday, Mar. 28, 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm. The location will be at the Garrison Woods Community Center. Please see the *Crimson Alert* for the size of clothing to donate according to your last name.

i. Social Action

Soror T. Langston presented.

Dates to keep in mind: Feb. 10, 2020 – last day to register to vote; Feb. 25, 2020 – the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you; Feb. 29, 2020 – the last day to vote on an absentee ballot in person.

Election Day – Mar. 3, 2020.

j. Ways and Means

Soror T. Baskin presented.

The winners of the “Pay My Dues” Raffle have been notified with the following payouts:
First place – Soror K. Lawson (\$325); Second place – Soror L. Spruill (\$200); Third place – Soror P. Safford (\$200). The committee sold 221 tickets.

7th Annual Crab Feast – Saturday, May 30, 2020

J. Unfinished Business

none

K. New Business

Soror D. Poole and Soror K. Hill volunteered to help with the AJL Scholarship committee. Soror Poole has been selected to check on a new external auditor due to the recent passing of the previous external auditor.

L. Announcements

Soror K. Cummings presented.

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by Soror L. Jenkins to close the chapter meeting at 8:01 pm.