

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Soror Heather Allen, Soror Ameesha Smith, Soror Kayren McDuffie, Soror Ellen Shaw, Soror Jean'Year Horton, Soror Kimberlyn Brown, Soror Nichelle Williams, Soror Chanti Lyons, Soror Edna Grier, Soror Shannon Bailey, Soror Donna Woodson, Soror Megan Nedd, Sororo Willie Mai Chavis, Soror Linda Lloyd, Soror Tessie Wilkins, Soror LaKeisha Williams, Soror Kendra Jones, Soror Jesika Penny, Soror Betty Johnson

- I. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.
- II. Sorors stood and recited the Lord's Prayer and Sorority's Pledge.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Sorors unanimously approved agenda as written.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Sorors unanimously approved agenda as written.
- V. Correspondence:
 - A. No correspondence provided due to inclement weather.

VI. Officer and Committee Report Updates

- A. Basileus Soror Teresa Brown
 - 1. The chapter gained 1 new soror since the last meeting; Soror Dr. Nichelle Willaims.
- B. **1**st **Anti-Basileus** Soror Quintina Bartolomei
 - The Informational will take place next Saturday, December 16th at Ettrick Library. Please have any interested ladies RSVP.
- C. **2nd Anti-Basileus** Soror Antashia Robinson-Jeffers
 - 1. Received a call from Area II Coordinator Sellers regarding an incident that occurred in Spring 2017. It is alleged that a Beta Xi Sigma financial Soror fought an Alpha Zeta member. An Executive board meeting was held to receive information from Soror Robinson-Jeffers. All participants were interviewed. The Beta Xi Sigma Soror was not interviewed because she is not currently financial. Both undergraduate Sorors stated that she was not involved but was a bystander. All finding have been presented to Soror Sellers an no response has been received to date. The issue lies on Beta Xi Sigma as we were present and did not break it up and that Soror Robinson-Jeffers did not inform Soror Brown. The Beta Xi Sigma Chapter is the advisor of the chapter. Soror Robinson-Jeffers only leads the undergrads but we are all responsible. Alpha Zeta has chosen not do to do Spring intake.

D. 3rd Anti-Basileus –Soror Donna Woodson

- 1. The ladies have been focused on their academics. Requested that grades be sent as soon as they receive them. There are currently 3 active members on campus. The ladies plan to conduct Spring Intake and the calendar has been submitted to the Beta Xi Sigma Basileus.
- E. Grammateus and Tamiochus Soror Nakiva McDowell and Soror Shawniece Moore



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- 1. Still accepting dues for the 2017 2018 sorority year. If you know sorors that are deactivating, have them consider Campaign 2022. We will start accepting dues for next sorority year in January. Most funds coming in are from the cruise.
- 2. The Central Virginia donation is dues from Philo Melton.
- 3. Soror Johnson requested information on the hold up with the money in the VSU account. Soror Teresa Brown stated that sorors must be present to make changes. There is no update on the VSU account. There is \$1,600 in the account and we don't have access to it.
- F. Anti-Grammateus Soror Heather Allen No Report
- G. **Epistoleus** Soror Chanti Lyons
 - Continuously updating social media. Most attention was from the coats for kids, Founder's Day and Rhoer Informational meeting. Newsletter will come out before Christmas. Any flyer request can be sent to Soror Lyons to be made an posted.
- H. Philo Coordinator Soror Quintina Bartolomei
 - 1. There are currently 2 Philos active this sorority year.
- I. Rhoer Advisor Soror Teresa Brown
 - 1. The December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The December discussion will be moved to January. A meeting was held in November with a discussion about saving money. The rhoers have a goal of saving \$22. All of the Rhoers attended the International Day of Service.

J. Rhosebuds

1. There were 3 ladies in attendance at the informational. Applications have been submitted. The ladies are in between the ages of 8 – 11 years old. If you know of any young lady between these ages contact Soror Kimberlyn Brown. Meetings are occurring once a month. The calendar will be submitted next month. A welcoming ceremony will occur at the end of January. Still working on locking in a date.

K. **NPHC Representative Report –** Soror Edna Grier

1. The officers are in place for the term beginning January 1st. Officers will stay as previous year. Soror Grier will remain as VP and Programs Chair. The Unsung Hero event went really well. We should be hosting the January meeting. There is a dollar amount budgeted and funds will be requested for food. Holiday Social is scheduled for December 17th. Comments received that there were not a lot of events. The Program Committee has come together to have more events. Tickets for the Holiday Social are \$25. This is a jazz brunch. Soror Grier is requesting that sorors support the event. Each organization was asked to sell 10 tickets. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday. A reminder email will be sent out with a deadline of today.



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- L. Programs Committee Sorors have expressed concerns that some programs have not been held in Petersburg. Many times Petersburg locations do not respond. We are not restricted to the Petersburg area. The Programs Committee needs additional help. If you have any suggestions on what the chapter should be doing then be prepared to chair the program.
 - 1. Coats of Love with Puritan Cleaners Delivered 155 coats to Puritan Cleaners and were interviewed by the news. Some of the coats will be distributed in the Petersburg area.
 - 2. Nursing Home The chapter will not be participating in the nursing home donations as there was not enough time to set it up. If anyone from the chapter is willing to coordinate this project please let Soror Teresa Brown know.
 - 3. Breast Cancer Committee Over 150 items donated to Virginia Cancer Institute. They want to know if we are able to do another donation at a later date. Since this program, the chapter has learned that there is a location in Petersburg. The ladies were extremely gracious of the donations.
 - 4. International Day of Service The event went very well. The chapter partnered with both the undergraduate chapters. At least 70% of the chapter was present for the event and 100% of both undergraduate chapters were present. The committee did not go over budget and receipts will be submitted to Soror McDowell this week.
 - 5. Ronald McDonald House The chapter will be volunteering on January 6th at 8 AM. Volunteering activities include providing breakfast. We will need at least 8 volunteers. Please let Soror McDowell know if you are able to participate. We can only have a maximum of 10 volunteers. Soror Kimberlyn Brown suggested that we call a day or so before to confirm how many families will be there to not prepare too much food.

M. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1. Branding Committee
 - a. Business attire should be worn for the informational.
- 2. Hospitality Committee
 - a. January through June chapter meetings have been rebooked at the Petersburg Library. The library is no longer allowing food to be brought. Birthday cards were sent out. The Committee did purchase food for today's chapter meeting. Soror Brown might be purchasing food for the Rhoers.

3. Scholarship Committee

a. The Scholarship Ball is done being planned. The committee has reserved a band – Mahongany Soul. The chapter just needs to sell tickets. The Eventbrite link is live. If you need paper tickets please contact Soror Teresa Brown and she will get them to you.



4. Social Committee

- a. Founder's Day dinner was held at Longhorn Steakhouse. There were about 12 sorors in attendance. This was great fellowship for the chapter. Soror Smith is looking for venues for January. Please feel free to join the committee to assist Soror Smith.
- b. The Holiday social will be held next Friday. This is a BYOB in Hanover, VA. This event cannot be advertised because we are offering liquor. Please RSVP by Wednesday for food purposes
- 5. Fundraising Committee If there are any suggestions please let the committee know.
 - a. Carnival Cruise. The cruise is moving along. A total of 8 rooms have been booked. If you are still interested in booking please let Soror McDowell know. If the chapter sells one more room we would double our profits. Confirmation numbers have been provided to all but one room block.
 - b. Pancake Breakfast. Unable to move forward with the Pancake Breakfast due to fear of not having enough participants.
 - c. Barbeque Cookoff Discussion This will be taken to the committee and brought back to the chapter for the January meeting.
- 6. Professional Development Committee No Report
- 7. Technology No Report
- VII. **Old Business**
- VIII. **New Business**

IX. For the Good of the Sisterhood

Reminder: Boule and Regional information has been sent out. Please think about if you want to attend and if you would like to be a delegate. Soror Robinson-Jeffers would like to volunteer to be a delegate. Please make payments regardless of if you are requesting to be a delegate or not.

With there being no further concerns to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

"Greater Service, Greater Progress"

Respectfully Submitted,

Soror Heather Allen