**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter

May 8, 2021 Regular Meeting # 6

Madam Basileus Trina Cooper, called the meeting to order on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10:03 a.m. via Zoom. The agenda was presented and moved for adoption with no additions by Soror Dianne Davis seconded by Soror Sheila Walker. Soror Sheila Walker gave mediation, *AKA Sorority, A special place in my heart,* followed by a prayer. Roll call of sorors vetted 34-chapter members present. (see attached attendance list) A quorum was established at 10:10 a.m. Soror Tasha Hoffler greeted with “May you have Enough” blessings for the month of May.

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| **READING AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** | **Reading of minutes (x) Yes ( ) No**  Minutes read by Soror Sonia Riggins and Soror Mary Mitchell. Soror Tracey Jarrett moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Soror Veronica Byrd; All agreed. |
| **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS** |  |
| **Basileus Report** | Madam Basileus reported   * Boule is July 12-17 and it is virtual. * Letter received from former Regional Director, Soror Joyce Henderson asking each chapter to make a donation of $50 for a gift for our present Regional Director Soror Jennifer Congleton; to be sent by February 25, 2022. * Tidewater Cluster, October 1 and 2 in Norfolk. * Dress code - When we return to face to face meetings, we will adhere to the sorority dress code. * Relay for Life – will be ordering a tent that was approved last year in hopes we will have a face to face celebration. * Returning to face to face chapter meeting – no information has been received to date. * Chapter newsletter will come out after chapter anniversary. * Thanked sorors for birthday wishes. |
| **Tamiouchos** | **Summary of financial statement or explanation of budget:**  Soror Shevara Chandler reported  Basic Account ~ $9,839.71  Scholarship 9,503.91  Expenditure $124 |
| **Pecunious Grammateus** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Ashlynn Wright reported:  Collected $265.00; *breakdown*  Chapter dues - $80  Badge - $30  Reactivation Dues - $155 |
| **Epistoleus** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Sierra Smith reported the following correspondence   1. Donation request from ESCC to provide hygiene products to students due to the pandemic. 2. Celebration of Juneteenth Festival, 6/19/2021 10:00 a.m. Exmore Park 3. Collegiate day at Shiloh Baptist Church 5/30; 10 a.m. service   Soror Sierra moved to give $150 to ESCC; Seconded by Soror Dianne; chapter agreed.  Madam Basileus encouraged sorors to participate in the Juneteenth Festival. |
| **Hodego**s | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Tasha asked sorors to continue to keep each other in prayer. Sorors Brenda, Roneqah and Bertina in the loss of a loved one; recovering sorors, Sorors Veronica and Sylvia; Soror Zakiya Sample’s mom who is in the hospital.  Birthday wishes to Soror Nequai, Soror Doris, Soror Mary Laretta, Soror Lummie, and Soror Joyce.  Celebrate Soror Zakiya on receiving her Masters in Special Education today at ODU. |
| REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE, STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES  Disposition of committee report was: | |
| 1. Referred back to committee 2. Postponed 3. Placed on file | 1. Adopted in part (explain) 2. Adopted in its entirety. 3. Referred to another committee (explain) |
| Executive Committee Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No | |
| **CONNECTIONS** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Nequai McLendon reported she received information from the Virginia Connection Committee to remind everyone of the upcoming primary. In person/absentee starts April 23 for 45 days.  Republican primary is today.  Democrat primary is June 8th.  Soror Alice Rogers is a contact for the Democratic party in Accomack.  There are 100 members of the House of Representative who are up for reelection; Election for state senators is 2023.  Last day to register to vote in the primary is May 17; last day to vote in person for absentee voting is June 5. June 8th is election day.  An email has been sent to the Virginia Connection Committee; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has contacted all of the candidates and sent out questions for them to answer on what their views are on certain areas. The four categories are access to healthcare, economic justice, criminal justice, voting rights. |
| **MISS FASHIONETTA** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  **NO REPORT** |
| **BY-LAWS** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Lise reported information on the constitution and bylaws. Bylaws itself will be voted on by the delegates at the Boule.  Proposed constitution and bylaws to be voted on by June 1:  Proposal 1 Regional Director serve one term 4 years versus 2 years 2 terms  *Chapter voted 8 to 3 remain the same*  Proposal 2 Word change from Connection committee to *Connection and Social Action Committee*; Chapter agreed  Standing committee – rewording – insert *a minimum of 5* - to allow flexibility  Technology committee – strike out 6 other members; change to a *representative from each group.*  Membership status – strike out co-sponsor; insert *recommending soror*;  Presently there are one sponsor and two co-sponsors. One sponsor may be a member from another chapter provided they are in good standing and meets the criteria. Rationale: should not lose the members from an active role.  Regional Conference proposal, Diamond Sorors will no longer have to pay. |
| **EAF** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Diane reported anyone planning to get a Masters or Doctorate degree can apply for an EAF scholarship. Deadline 8/15 |
| **MEMBERSHIP** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Sheila Walker reported mentoring orientation workshop was 4/24. There were 19 participants. Next meeting 5/10 @ 7:00. The mentoring flip book has been emailed to all sorors. Thanks to Soror Ashlynn for completing the book. Chapter anniversary is 5/22 10-12. |
| **MIP** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Veronica Byrd reported two locations are being checked out for MIP: ESAAA-CAA Senior Center offered by Soror Donna Smith at no cost. Committee is working on a timeline; Goal is to submit all papers by 9/1. Sorors are asked to submit sponsor/co-sponsor eligibility report by next meeting. Reports will be vetted by grammateus and anti-grammateus for eligibility. Please send reports to Soror Veronica and/or Soror Tasha. |
| **TECHNOLOGY** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  NO REPORT |
| **Protocol** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Veronica reported the committee is working in conjunction with MIP. Check email for online series of true/false questions. In June there will be multiple choice questions. |
| **Program/Anti- Basileus**  **Programs:**  **Target I: HBCU**  **Target II – Women’s Health**  **Target III – Building Your Economic Legacy**  **Target IV – The Arts**  **Target V – Global Impact**  **#CAP** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Sylvia Stanley reported there is not an impact day for May and June. August 22 is AKA International Day of Prayer.  No Report  No report  No Report  Soror Keyona Mapp reminded sorors that the Arts Committee will be doing a paddle craft 5/22. Sorors are asked to paint your paddle the night before. If paddles are needed the cost is $10.  Soror Joyce Terry reported the T-shirts will be mailed to Haiti instead of delivering to Virginia Beach. The cost is approximately $29 to $30 to send.  Soror Lise reported the committee discussed a farewell for the #CAP participants. A certificate and small going away college gift will be given to each. Committee proposes a luncheon to present the items. Participants will be asked to do a small video on where they are going or what school they will be attending. |
| **SISTERLY RELATIONS** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Sierra Smith reported the theme for the month of May is “Showering our Legacy”. They are:  Soror Trina and Soror Ayanna  Soror Loretta and Sorors Marie, Armjeanne and Jamielle  Soror Thais and Soror Autumn  Soror Joyce and Soror Nequai  Soror Regina and Soror Janell  Soror Juanita and Soror Tonya  Soror Lummie and Soror Stephanie  Soror Sierra will be sending out information to the above sorors inviting them to attend the June chapter meeting and express what it means to be a legacy. |
| **SCHOLARSHIP** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Bonita Byrd reported scholarship applications will be reviewed by 5/15. There were nine applicants: 5 Accomack and 4 Northampton. Only three have submitted letters of recommendation. Will reach out to the others. Deadline will be 6/4. An article will be submitted to the newspapers. |
| **MANUAL OF STANDARD PROCEDURES** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  No report |
| **standards** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Deborah Griffin – All documents have been signed and returned. Thanked all sorors who replied. |
| **RELAY FOR LIFE** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Deborah reported there were 57 virtual raffles, six winners. We have 129 in Memory of luminary bags and 67 in honor of. Bags are now $10. Lanterns are due by 7/30. We have one sponsorship, 28 team members of which 26 are sorority members. Please register. |
| **AUDIT** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  NO REPORT |
| **STRATEGY PLANNING** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Marie Billie reported they have been unable to get the template of the video. Will be contacting the Mid-Atlantic region for assistance. |
| **BudgeT** | Disposition of Report Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  NO REPORT |
| **Fundraising** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Tasha reported the committee is looking into a Community Yard sale as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Table rental would be $10. More details will follow. Asking sorors to find 1 or 2 people to buy tables. A suggested location is Nandua High School parking lot. Any suggestions or questions, let the fundraising committee know. |
| **Risk Management** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Veronica stated they are revising information for MIP. |
| **SIGNATURE EVENT** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  NO REPORT |
| **PUBLICITY** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  Soror Joyce reported an article appeared in Eastern Post in reference to the Hidden Figures essay contest at Kiptopeke Elementary School. Sorors Keyona, Dianne, Sheila M. were featured in the article. The students who were winners were also named. |
| **Unfinished Business** | Soror Alice Rogers encouraged Sorors to vote. A former graduate from Northampton High School is running against Delegate Bob Bloxom. Soror Alice is a member of the electoral board. Would like chapter members to have a ZOOM meeting for information. Need 40% of the vote in Accomack county to win. |
| **New Business** | none |
| **Announcements** | none |
| With no additional information to be discussed, Soror Dianne Davis moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Soror Tracy Jarrett at 12:15 pm. | |

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Date Approved

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