**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**

Pi Epsilon Omega Chapter

September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting # 7

Madam Basileus Trina Cooper, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda was presented with no additions. The agenda was moved for adoption by Soror Dianne Davis and seconded by Soror Eula Mizzelle and agreed by all. Soror Sheila Walker started meditation with being thankful and read a poem “Prayer of Endurance”. Soror Tasha Hoffler read a poem of encouragement, “Don’t Quit”. Roll call of sorors vetted 31-chapter members present and one visitor. (see attached attendance list) A quorum was established at 7:59 p.m.

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| **READING AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES** | **Reading of minutes (x) Yes ( ) No**  Minutes read with no correction. Soror Sheila Walker moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Soror Deborah Griffin and members agreed. |
| **REPORT OF OTHER OFFICERS** |  |
| **Basileus Report**  , | Madam Basileus thanked sorors for attending the Juneteenth Festival, International Day of Prayer at African Baptist Church, Supporting Relay for Life, and attending the Installation Services for Pastor Michael and Soror Shevara Chandler at African Baptist Church. The tent company does not print anymore. Soror Joyce Terry would like sorors to let her know if they know of another company. Cluster will be hybrid. Basileus and Anti-Basileus will only be able to attend in person. Madam Basileus will be a grandmother again. Her son, Charles and Soror Keyona are expecting. |
| **Tamiouchos** | **Summary of financial statement or explanation of budget:**  Soror Shevara Chandler reported  General Account August ~ $8321.79  Scholarship $5,265.51  Credit Card $167.00 payment  *Sorority Cashapp code:*  $PEOAKA1986 |
| **Pecunious Grammateus** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Ashlynn Wright reported:  Total collected for month $370.00 all for Chapter Dues |
| **Epistoleus** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes () No  Soror Sierra Smith reported the following correspondence   1. Flyer from a soror who customizes items, So Fresh, So Greek 2. Thank you note from the family of Juanita Matthews Worsley 3. Thank you letter from Soles for Soul, appreciating Soror Terry on her hard work 4. Thank you from ESCC foundation, Save the Date for Homecoming 10/22 and Oyster Roast 1/28/2022 5. Announcing Eastern Shore Library fall basket fundraiser; Tickets $5 on the website 6. Thank you from Edward Jones for school supplies 7. Pre-fortune online college network to help find affordable college options 8. Thank you card from C.J. Cooper to Soror Lise and CAP committee for gifts |
| **Hodego**s | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Tasha Hoffler welcomed Soror Michelle White; Happy Birthday to Soror Sierra, September 20. Encouraged sorors to pray for teachers/educators and students who have returned back to school. Praying for a safe and healthy school year. |
| **REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE, STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES** | |
| 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** | |
| **CONNECTIONS** | Disposition of Report Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  Soror Alice Rogers reported early voting begins 9/17. There will be a Sunday voting in Accomack on 10/17. When mailing in votes, make certain a witness signs. Last election a signature was not required. The State Board of Election has purged 1400 people from the registry. Make sure voting status is active |
| **MISS FASHIONETTA** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  Madam Basileus reported the committee proposed not to have the Fashionetta Pageant next year in light of the pandemic and wanting everyone to be safe. Committee proposes a fundraiser instead.  Question: What are the recommendations for a fundraiser? This has not been decided.  Soror Lise moved to cancel Miss Fashionetta for 21/22 year. Seconded by Soror Dianne Davis. Chapter agreed with one abstention. |
| **BY-LAWS** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Lise reported 69 chapters voted for a virtual boule. Term of office for Regional Director was not adopted. Name change for connections to Connections and Social Activity Committee. Building Permit needs five or more members. New Standard Committee: Risk Management,  and Technology (representative from each region). New life members after 75 years, diamond, no longer has to pay.  Intake Process, sorors not in chapter was tabled and will address later  Only two changes affected our chapter: Connections and Risk Management.  By-Laws have been sent out for review. Four sorors responded. Recommends by-laws be extended until 9/30 for review and recommendation. |
| **EAF** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  No Report |
| **MEMBERSHIP** | Disposition of Report \_\_\_\_\_ Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  Soror Sheila Walker thanked everyone for attending the *marvelous* Chapter Retreat.  Welcomed Ms. Finale Johnson Norton, candidate for 3rd District Delegate. She addressed the chapter. |
| **MIP** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Veronica Byrd reported the information session is on hold because chapter has not heard from the National Office. The committee will meet to readjust the timeline.  31 sorors attended Guide to Sponsorship  19 sorors met requirements. This has been submitted to Regional Director along with the MIP Budget, Health check, schedule, and risk of safety plan.  Sorors must attend sessions or will not be able to participant in MIP  Schedule for MIP:  Friday, in person  Saturday and Sunday, virtual  Sunday, in person |
| **TECHNOLOGY** | Disposition of Report Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  No Report |
| **Protocol** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  No Report |
| **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 the 21/22 calendar will be presented during the October meeting. Impact day in September is HBCU observance.  23 Backpacks were delivered to Edward Jones office  10/9 is **Alzheimer’s Walk** at ESCC. They are asking businesses to decorate their store front door purple. There will be a vote on Facebook for the best business decoration. Sorors can register online. So far, we have 4 sorors and a total of $350. Our goal is $2000. Each soror is asked to give $50 or more. With a $100 donation you can receive a T-shirt.  Soror Lise reported HBCU week was 9/5-11. Soror Vice President Kamala Harris participated in a Roundtable Discussion at Hampton University on 9/10.  9/20 Sorority is asked to contribute to the $1 million dollar day. Show your school pride and wear paraphernalia. Asked sorors to contribute at least $35 and report to committee for the report. Committee will be making site visits to HBCU and contacting local high school to see if seniors or juniors want to participate.  Soror Tina Thomas reported the upcoming fall impact day is 10/4 Breast Cancer Awareness. Sorors are to wear their pink and acknowledge a soror who is a survivor  11/15 Caregivers Month  1/17/2022 MLK Day  February ~ **Pink** goes **Red**  Badges remain the same.  Reminded sorors to check on sorors often because of the pandemic, mental health and depression. Soror announced she will be stepping down as chair of this committee.  No Report  No Report  No Report  Soror Lise Caldwell reported six students were in the program. Cords were passed out. They were taken to lunch. Two students participated, two parents and grandmother, four-chapter members. Students received certificates, and college gift bags. A slideshow was presented. Correspondence will be sent out for 21/22 CAP program. |
| **SISTERLY RELATIONS** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Sierra Smith reported the theme for the month is “A Pearl that Binds Us Sisters Forever”. Celebrating line sisters. What sisterhood means to you. Reach out and reconnect with your line sister. A poem was read “If you are my Sister”. |
| **SCHOLARSHIP** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  No report |
| **MANUAL OF STANDARD PROCEDURES** | Disposition of Report \_\_ Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  Soror Lise Caldwell reported procedures were sent out for review. Four sorors responded. Will resend and asked sorors to respond by 9/30 |
| **standards** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Deborah Griffin reported the mid-year report was sent out. Five sorors returned surveys. New surveys will go out in October. Please return by November and comments are strongly advised. |
| **RELAY FOR LIFE** | Disposition of Report C Report Attached (X) Yes () No  Soror Brenda Laws reported we have 36 team members, 34 sorors. 26 lanterns have been sold, 276 luminary bags, and 12 sponsorships. Chapter purchased lanterns for sorors who are survivors. Soror Veronica will be the opening speaker. The theme is: Carnival for a Cure. Our team theme is: Twisting for a Cure.  29 Chapter members were present for Relay and other guest. We raised $12,864 of which Soror Alice has raised $2,285. Pictures are posted on GroupMe and Nandua Relay for Life Facebook, |
| **AUDIT** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  NO REPORT |
| **STRATEGY PLANNING** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  Soror Marie Billie reported the committee will be sending a survey out and asked sorors to return by 9/25 so a report can be completed for the December meeting |
| **BudgeT** | Disposition of Report Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  Soror Shevara Chandler asked committee chairman send budget by October meeting. November the proposed budget will be presented. |
| **Fundraising** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  No Report |
| **Risk Management** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  No Report |
| **SIGNATURE EVENT** | Disposition of Report Report Attached ( ) Yes (X) No  No report |
| **PUBLICITY** | Disposition of Report Report Attached () Yes (X) No  Soror Joyce Terry reported pictures were in the Eastern Shore Post of Soror Deborah and herself with the T-shirts for Haiti. Also sorors were visible in the Eastern Shore News and Eastern Shore Post for the Juneteenth Festival. |
| **Unfinished Business** | Soror Lise reported our chapter is responsible for the Ritual Committee at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference 2022. Sorors Lise and Ashlynn are chairmen. Planning session was held in Hampton on 8/22. The conference is 3/24-27/2022. Our chapter duties will be:   * Selecting an area * Setting up tables for ritual * Slideshow * Breaking down after ceremony * Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony * Rededication   Soror Kimberly Weatherly will provide a checklist. The committee chairman passed away recently. We may be asked to do a special ceremony.  Regional Director’s Luncheon ~ one member from each chapter attend  It will showcase Hampton University and Norfolk State University. All chapter members are involved with this committee function at the Regional Conference.  Tidewater Cluster chapters are asked to donate a minimal of $1000 for the hospitality room and other miscellaneous activities. Each chapter is asked to donate for the souvenir gift bags.  The Embassy Suites is the guest hotel. Next planning meeting is 9/18.  Madam Basileus proposed a vote for any expenses leading up to the conference will be covered by the chapter. The Regional Conference wants the Chapter Basileus and Anti-Basileus to attend a few meetings.  It was moved by Soror Mary Mitchell, all expenditures incurred by the committee members including basileus and anti-basileus be reimbursed by the chapter. Seconded by Soror Veronica and agreed by all.  As of now, it will be a face-to-face conference. |
| **New Business** | Soror Thais Davis gave the 69th Boule Report:   * 28,909 registered sorors * 4,968 delegates * 5,435 * 3,424 Mid Atlantic sorors; 637 delegates   There were 107 sorors tested positive and 47 sorors died  Installed eight honorary sorors: Sorors Debora Martin Chase, Alice Walker, Lisa Leslie, Cynthia Erivo, Ruth E. Carter, Ursula M. Burns, Tracee Ellis Ross and Robin Roberts  AKA is a seven (7) million-dollar organization.  There will not be an increase in fees  Graduate process will be seven days  Undergraduate process will be 8 days  Time and Place for Boule ~ Orlando, Florida 7/10-15/2022 |
| **Announcements** | Collegiate Day at Macedonia AME Church in Accomack is Sunday, 9/19 at 11:00  Sorors are reminded to respond to documents sent and return them timely so that they do not have to be sent a second time.  Congratulations and thank you to Soror Brenda and the Relay for Life Team. |
| With no further information to discussed, Soror Dianne Davis moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Soror Eula Mizzelle and Soror Bonita Byrd at 9:17 p.m. | |

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Date Approved

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