

St. Louis Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Minutes of the Chapter Meeting  
Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Renaissance Hotel

Chapter President, Soror Kim Banks called the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. after the Formal Opening. There was a quorum present for the transaction of business. Soror Kim Banks presented the agenda to the chapter with corrections. Soror Odessa Chambers moved that the agenda be accepted with necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Soror Teresa Hargrow-Simmons. Motion carried.

American Heart Association Presentation – Soror Quintella Ivory, Chairperson of Physical and Mental Health and Soror Melva Jones Co-Chair of Physical and Mental Health.

- Soror Ivory presented the American Heart Association with a check in the amount of \$600.00 from the St. Louis Alumnae chapter.
- Sandy Handrick expressed her thanks from the American Heart Association for our gracious gift in their goal to reach the African American community.

President's Remarks – Soror Kim Banks

- Soror Kim Banks took the opportunity to publicly thank each and every one of you for your support and encouragement during my first 9 months of being chapter president. Despite the challenges that we have faced this past sorority year, I truly believe that the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter has shown its true strength and resilience as a chapter that can withstand all odds and adversities. In addition, I would like to thank the two vice presidents for stepping up to the plate when asked and the entire Executive Committee for all of your hard work and determination this past sorority year. Finally, I would like to thank all of the chairs and co-chairs for agreeing to take a leadership position within the chapter and for all of the sorors who committed themselves to the many committees and chapter sponsored events that we have had this year. Soror Banks was truly appreciative to everyone.
- A request was made to submit names of all deceased sorors that the chapter has performed an Omega Omega service for since the 2010 National Convention in order for these sorors to be recognized during the Memorial Observance at the 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention this summer. The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter had performed several Omega Omega services during this 3 year time period.
- Soror Kim Banks stated there is an opportunity to purchase a chance for a wonderful opportunity to dine with one of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s National Presidents. For \$50.00 per chance, the Delta Foundation will arrange for you to share a meal with one of the fabulous leaders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The presidents who you have the option of dining with are: Sorors Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, National President; Louis A. Rice, 23<sup>rd</sup> National President; Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22<sup>nd</sup> National President; Marcia L. Fudge, 21<sup>st</sup> National President; Bertha M. Roddey, 20<sup>th</sup> National President; Mona H. Bailey, 17<sup>th</sup> National President; Thelma T. Daley, 16<sup>th</sup> National President and Frankie M. Freeman, 14<sup>th</sup> National President.
- The Delta Research and Educational Foundation are sponsoring a campaign called "For Delta, Forever" where sorors are being asked to pledge \$1000.00 charitable and educational purposes. All donors will be recognized during the national convention and all donations are tax-deductible.
- On Friday, July 12, 2013, the Delta Foundation is sponsoring an event (the Delta Foundation 5K Centennial Walk and Health Fair) that focuses on health and wellness as we come together for our 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention. Registration fees are \$19.13 in honor of our Centennial and sorors are encouraged to walk with others sorors, family and friends as we gather on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.
- The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. convention travel meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Florissant Valley branch library in the auditorium room downstairs beginning at 12:00 noon. The library is located at 195 New Florissant Road South, Florissant, MO 63031. At this meeting, those sorors who are planning to attend the 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention will receive pertinent information regarding the

upcoming convention, as well as their travel information from Soror Doris Carter. Sorors who made flight arrangements with Soror Carter will receive their actual plane tickets at this meeting and will be responsible for keeping up with their own ticket will be forced to purchase a new ticket on the date of travel, according to new Southwest Airlines policies. Sorors, it is really important that everyone who is planning to attend the national convention this summer complete the convention survey that has been included in the chapter updates for the past couple of weeks. We will use this number to help determine how many convention booklets we need to print for the meeting on June 22, 2013.

- The chapter submitted names and checks for both the “Centennial Program Planning and Development Gift and the “Central Supporters of the Central Region by the respective deadline dates in May.
- There is an event being planned during the 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention for all 50 year Deltas and the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter was asked to submit a listing of all of our chapter’s Delta Dears by the Central Regional Director, Soror Billie Coachman, which was done. A request was included in the first chapter update during the month of May, for all 50 year Deltas to submit their name, year that they pledged and their chapter of initiation directly to Soror Coachman.
- The Social Action Committee has submitted a nomination for the “Action Award” sponsored by the National Social Action Commission that will be awarded at the national convention this summer. Soror Carol Strawbridge, chair of the chapter’s Social Action Committee submitted the nomination, which included a letter from the president of the city branch of the NAACP along with the Executive Director of the Myrtle Hilliard Health Clinic, where voter registration took place last year.
- The city branch of the NAACP is celebrating their Centennial Anniversary this year as well and is hosting a “Centennial Gala” on Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. A ticket is \$100.00 and today is the last day to purchase a ticket and payment can be made to the financial secretary, Soror Patricia Stewart. The reception begins at 6:00pm and the dinner/program begins at 7:00pm. The Temptation Revue featuring Dennis Edwards concert will begin immediately following the dinner at 9:00pm. The city branch has also asked if our chapter would like to place an ad in their Centennial Souvenir Book that will be distributed at the Centennial Gala on June 7, 2013. The ad sizes and prices are as follows: Quarter Page Ad - \$350.00; Half Page Ad - \$650.00; Full Page Ad - \$1250.00 and an extra \$250.00 for a Full Color Ad. If the chapter is interested in placing an ad in the NAACP’s souvenir ad book, at this time I would request a motion on this behalf.  
Soror Teresa Hargrow-Simmons moved that the chapter place a quarter page ad in the amount of \$350.00 in the NAACP’s Centennial Souvenir ad book, and the chapter may increase the size of the ad and this will be determined by the amount of donations we collect. The motion was seconded by Soror Thomasina Hassler. Motion carried. Votes: 79-For / 4-Opposed. We collected \$310.00 towards the ad.
- In addition, as part of their Centennial, the NAACP is hosting a Centennial Anniversary Celebration in Forest Park on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 9:00am to 9:00pm. The city branch is looking for volunteers to work in different capacities at this event and if you are interested, please contact Soror Angelia Elgin at 314-650-0823 or at [Angelia.Elgin@att.net](mailto:Angelia.Elgin@att.net) no later than Thursday, June 6, 2013.
- The Health and Public Safety Committee of the city branch of the NAACP would like to partner with the St. Louis Alumnae chapter to coordinate a Charles Drew Blood Drive on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the NAACP St. Louis Branch Offices 625 North Euclid-First Floor in the City of St. Louis. NAACP is also interested in other opportunities of collaboration that would benefit the community. If interested in working in this partnership contact Angelia Elgin at 314-650-0823 or email: [angelia\\_elgin@att.net](mailto:angelia_elgin@att.net).
- The following airlines are offering group discount codes exclusively for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. American Airlines is offering a 5% discount to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. National Convention. The discount can be booked on-line at [www.aa.com/group](http://www.aa.com/group) for American Airlines and American Eagle flights only, without a ticketing charge, allow at least 1 business hour for [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) loading. Use the authorization number 6473DR as the [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) promotion code. This discount may not apply to some contracts.

- Delta Airlines is offering a discount to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. National Convention Group discount code is: NMFUT. The email that was received did not specify the exact percentage of the discount for Delta Airlines. This information will be included in the next chapter update.
- The Emergency Response Team Chair, Stephanie Jackson is encouraging all sorors to help in any way you can for the Oklahoma City tornado victims. Possible ways to support is by donating to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief or the Red Cross.
- Soror Kim Banks stated the issue of printing the End of the Year books every year to be distributed at the June Luncheon was brought up with the Executive Committee at the end of the last sorority year and has been addressed again this year. The Executive Committee at the end of the last sorority year and has been addressed again this year. The Executive Committee realizes the importance of this information being communicated to chapter members at the end of the year, but feels that this information can be communicated through a better cost effective way for the chapter. It is extremely costly to the chapter to produce these books each year and many of them are left behind to be thrown away because sorors fail to pick them up at the June Luncheon. The suggestion of the Executive Committee is to only print enough books for the number of sorors who have previously identified themselves as not having access to the internet and the test of the chapter would have to download a copy of the books from the chapter update, as we are currently doing for the chapter minutes and the meeting agenda each month. So, with this being said, Soror Kim requested to take a vote as to whether or not sorors want to continue to receive a hard copy of the End of the Year books each year or if you are in agreement to only print a limited amount of books each year and the books be included in the chapter update in June each year.  
Soror Mary McCauley moved that the chapter only print a limited amount of the End of the Year books and the End of Year book be included in the June chapter update each year. The motion was seconded by Soror Susan LaGrone. Motion carried. Vote: 121-For / 2-Opposed.
- The Upsilon Omega Foundation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has given the chapter 4 tickets to their Rhapsody in Black, featuring Charles and Nicki Glenn and the Friendship String Quartet. On Friday, June 7, 2013 at 7:00pm located at Harris Stowe University. The first 4 sorors that approach Soror Kim Banks will receive the tickets for this event
- Chapter vote will be taken at the sorority meeting today June 1, 2013 where the chapter will meet for its 2013-2014 sorority year. More detailed information regarding this matter will be given in Soror Wandaleen Brown report. Please note, the exact same request was given to each facility that was contacted regarding this matter. The facilities that responded back to our request will be the facilities that the chapter will vote on at today's meeting. At this time, I will ask Soror Brown to come up and present her report on possible meeting locations for the 2013-2014 sorority year.
  - Soror Brown stated that a number of sites were investigated for leasing spaces for the sorority. There were shopping centers in St. Louis with vacant space and ample parking, and what we found is the management with the current tenants did not want to lease to churches and other organizations, because those tenants thought we would take up a lot of parking spaces.
  - Churches were investigated, Banquet Facilities were investigated, but there were conflicts with many of them concerning Weddings and Receptions.
  - Contacted Realtors that deal with commercial properties and the cost for leasing those sites were not cost conducive for the sorority.
  - As of Friday, May 31, 2013 we received responses from the following organizations:  
Gateway Classic Sports Foundation: Cost - \$550.00 which includes staff person, security and use of building for 5 hours and ample parking.  
Omega Center: Cost – \$360.00 which includes security, use of facility for 5 hours and parking for 300.  
Fortitude Foundation – No response

- Soror Odessa Chambers moved that we vote on the possible facilities (Gateway Classic or Omega Center) locations for sorority meetings to take place for the 2013-2014 sorority year. The motion was seconded by Soror Dorothy Heyward. Motion carried.
- Soror Odessa Chambers moved that we vote on the Gateway Classic Sports Foundation as the possible meeting location for the 2013-2014 sorority year. The motion was seconded by Soror Ruth Lewis. Motion carried.
  - Gateway Classic Sports Foundation: 39 - For / 55 – Opposed
  - Soror Judith Dickson-Durham moved that we vote on the Omega Center as the possible meeting location for the 2013-2014 sorority year. The motion was seconded by Soror Sancera Thomas. Motion carried.
  - Omega Center: 76 – For / 31 – Opposed.
- We have some lost and found items and sorors please see Soror Shannon Schooler to claim those items.

#### Minutes – Soror Sharon Halley

The minutes from the April 27, 2013 Executive Board meeting and May 4, 2013 Chapter Meeting were reviewed. Soror Kim Banks asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Soror Gloria Reno moved to accept the April 27, 2013 Executive Board Meeting and May 4, 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Soror Teresa Hargrow-Simmons. Motion carried. Minutes were accepted and approved. Minutes from all Executive Committee and Chapter meetings are archived in the Members Only section of the Chapter website.

#### Welcome & Kudos – Soror Phyllis Russell-Smith

Soror Russell read Kudos congratulating several Sorors on their outstanding accomplishments:

- Kudos is extended to the chairs of Reclamation and Retention, Soror Dana Bell and Soror Duchess Parker and all the members of their committee for a highly successful Delta Dear DST Tea that was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013. There were special readings by several sorors to commemorate our honored elders. The Delta Dears received a gift of a commemoration teacup candle as a reminder of this special day.
- Kudos extended to the Delta Academy for a successful She-Ro Luncheon that was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013. At this luncheon the girls celebrate their moms and mom figures in their lives and it was a wonderful display of love from the girls to their moms.
- Kudos to the Twinkles for a wonderful graduation ceremony that was held at the Olivette Bowling Lanes on Saturday, May 18, 2013.
- Community Awareness and Involvement should also be recognized for a successful “Walk of Life” project that was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013. This was in conjunction with the Community Women against hardship entity and consists of a 1K, 3K and 5K walk. Team Delta came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the number of registered walkers! This same committee also needs to celebrate for a wonderful “Moms Time Out with the Deltas on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Each mom was presented with a bud vase and red carnation, along with gift bags with all sorts of items to delight them. Congratulations to Sorors Laverne James Bady and her entire committee for a job well done.
- Delta Days at the City Hall was another highly successful event hosted by the Social Action and Political Awareness & Involvement Committee. Mayor Slay was actually in attendance and there was a lively discussion held. Kudos to Soror Beverly Goldman and her entire committee was well.
- Soror Beverly Jeanne Goldman was celebrated and recognized at a luncheon honoring her as First Lady of Christ Southern Mission Baptist Church on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 12:00noon. This is one of the 10<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Weekend Events planned. Tickets are \$25.00. Please see Soror Cynthia Harris Whitaker 314-521-7358 to purchase tickets. Congratulations to Soror Beverly Goldman.
- Kudos to St. Louis Alumnae Chapter, FOCUS St. Louis and Soror Frankie Muse Freeman for participation in the Annie Malone Parade that was held annually on the Memorial Day weekend.
- Kudo to Soror Doris Graham that completed her 4 year term as the Asst. Regional Director of the Central Region of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority (Business and Professional Sorority). Soror Graham will be installed at Regional Director of Iota Phi Lambda at their National Convention on Friday, July 26, 2013 in Minneapolis, MN.
- Kudos to Soror Margaret Williams’s granddaughter Kaitlen Crawford who is a freshman at Ladue High School. This year Katelyn received letters in 3 sports volleyball, basketball and track. Katelyn has maintained a 3.7 GPA while take advance classes. Congratulations to Kaitlen.

- Cheer Courtesy goes out to Soror Brenda Patton for the loss of her husband.
  - Cheer Courtesy goes out to Soror Nicole Martin for the loss of her cousin.
- There were 3 visiting sorors who introduced themselves and received welcome gifts.

Please send all Kudos to Soror Phyllis Russell-Smith at [prussell1913@gmail.com](mailto:prussell1913@gmail.com) prior to the Chapter Meeting.

#### Correspondence – Soror Shannon Schooler

- Thank you card received from Soror Karen Anderson Ward AME Church family in memory of Julius Crouch.
- Thank you card received from Soror Allynson Matlock, for the prayers and thoughtfulness during the Omega Omega performed for her Sister Soror Sheree Lee.
- Thank you card received from Soror Brenda Bell, for the prayers and comforting message from the chapter.
- Thank you card received from Soror Margaret Williams for the prayers, plant and card from the chapter.
- St. Phillips Lutheran Church invites St. Louis Alumnae Chapter to worship with them on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 10:00am. Soror Melva Jones is the guest speaker.
- Soror Linda R. Wilson sent a campaign letter stating she is announcing her candidacy for National First Vice President.
- Soror Kimberly A. Lloyd, sent a campaign letter stating she is announcing her candidacy for Chair, National Finance Committee.
- Soror Michelle Rose Brown sent a campaign letter stating she is announcing her candidacy for Chair, National Finance Committee.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Edwardsville/Collinsville Chapter is hosting a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the Stonebridge Golf Course located at 7700 Stonebridge Golf Drive, Maryville, IL. For more information contact John Prater.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Edwardsville/Collinsville Chapter is hosting a Summer Breeze Party on September 29, 2013. 1195 Stone wolf Trail, Fairview Heights, IL. Donations are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. All proceeds support the Guide right program.
- United Negro College Fund is hosting scholarship awards dinner and the Guest Speaker will be Cedric the Entertainer on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at the Norwood Hills Country Club from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Newsletter updates are due to Soror Schooler by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Birthdays were celebrated for June, July, August and September 2013.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

##### Financial Secretary's Report – Soror Patricia Stewart

Financial reports including April, 2013 receipts for dues, meeting space and events were announced. The financial report was shared for informational purposes and will be filed pending audit.

- Grand Chapter is now process the registrations for the 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention and in order to attend the convention sorors must be financial for the 2013-2014 sorority year, and you may pay your dues up to June 30, 2013 which is the last day before the reinstatement fees take place. If dues are not received by the time Grand Chapter completes their final confirmation, you will not be able to attend the convention.

##### Treasurer's Report – Soror Carolyn Thomas

The Treasurer reported bank statements for Ariya, Operational, Education and Social Action accounts for the month of April, 2013. Accounts were shared for informational purposes and will be filed pending audit.

- Soror Thomas request that sorors please process any outstanding checks before June 30, 2013, so that Soror Thomas can closeout her books and prepare them for the auditors.
- Soror Thomas made a request that sorors take their financial report with them after each meeting, for the security of the chapter.

Soror Kim Banks asks for a motion to suspend the formal closing and move into the installation of officers. Soror Teresa Hargrow-Simmons moved that we suspend the formal closing for the June meeting and move into the installation of officers. The motion was seconded by Soror Doris Graham. Motion Carried.

Installation of Officers – Soror Frankie Muse Freeman

Soror Kim Banks installed as President, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Soror Michelle Price installed as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Soror Phyllis Russell-Smith installed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Soror Shannon Schooler installed as Corresponding Secretary, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Soror Glenise Cloudy installed as Recording Secretary, St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

Soror Kim Banks and the entire Executive Committee presented Soror Sharon Halley with a gift because she is leaving the executive committee as Recording Secretary.

Soror Kim Banks requested that all sorors who are retiring or submitted volunteer service hours to please come up front to receive their certificates. Soror Banks congratulated all of the sorors receiving these awards.

Program Planning & Development – Soror Michelle Price

- The Program Planning and Development report can be found in the End of the Year Book.

Membership Services – Soror Phyllis Russell-Smith

- The Membership Services report can be found in the End of the Year Book.

Announcements

- None

Recommendations Requiring Chapter Vote

None

New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Halley,  
Recording Secretary