



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter ♦ Houston, Texas

MINUTES ♦ FEBRUARY 18, 2012

The Basileus, Soror Tamara Cubit, called the February 18, 2012, regular meeting of the Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, to order at 11:13 am (due to extreme weather conditions), at The Power Center, 12401 South Post Oak Road, Houston, TX 77045.

Adoption of Rules: Soror Nekeidra Brown presented the rules governing all chapter meetings. A motion was made to adopt the rules; the motion carried. Soror Brown provided the following parliamentary tip:

Approval of Agenda: Soror Cubit moved for approval of the agenda with the following corrections: Soror Tamara Cubit replaces Soror Jo-Carolyn Goode; and, Soror Honornell Sandling replaces Soror DiAnn Robinson. The motion carried.

Meditation/Prayer: Soror Margie Taylor provided a meditation and prayer.

The Negro National Anthem: In remembrance of Black History Month, sorors stood to sing the Negro National Hymn.

Update on "Challenged" Sorors: Soror Tamara asked the body to continue to pray for "challenged" sorors and their families. Sorors were asked to pray for Soror Beverly Maddox, who is hospitalized, and Soror Gervasia Anglin.

Special Presentation: Soror Cubit introduced members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Houston Alumni Chapter; who provided blood pressure screening in recognition of "Pink Goes Red for a Day." Soror Cubit presented a plaque in a show of appreciation in the partnership with the chapter.

Hostess Committee/Service Project: Soror Rosa Rush recognized the members of the February Hostess Committee. Soror Shewanna Rochon informed sorors of the service project wherein the chapter partnered with several local chapters of The Links, Incorporated, to donate items for the "Haiti Survival Kits."

Introduction of Visiting Sorors: Soror Cheryl Mitchell recognized the chapter's distinguished sorors, and welcomed all visiting, transferring and reactivating sorors.

OFFICER REPORTS

Approval of Minutes: Soror Karen Grays moved for approval of the Saturday, January 17, 2012, meeting minutes, as printed. The motion carried; the minutes were approved.

Finance: Soror Paulette Frederick presented the Treasurer's Report, for the period ending January 31, 2012, as follows: *Comparison of Budget to Actual*; *Statement of Financial Position*; and, *Monthly Bank Reconciliations*. A motion was made to refer the above-referenced reports for audit; the motion carried.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION -- ASSETS			
Chapter Operations	185,774.19	Savings	19,090.68
Grants and Self-Sustaining	17,882.02		
Housing	65,253.09	Total Assets	\$287,999.98

Correspondence: Soror Karen Grays presented the Correspondence Report, in the absence of Soror LaDonna Harris. The chapter received a "thank you" card from Sorors Veronica Johnson and Teyonda Williams. Correspondence was received from: Ivy League Educational and Charities Foundation (ILEACF); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Phi Omega Chapter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Bay Area Houston Alumnae Chapter; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Zeta Chapter; and a "Save the Date," 80th South Central Regional Conference Public Luncheon, Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 12:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Soror Karen Aubrey presented the report of the Executive Committee, which met at The Power Center on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m., with 19 committee members present. The Executive Committee approved the following recommendations for action: (1) that the chapter supports the ILEACF of Xi Alpha Omega Chapter, 4th Annual Educator's Ball, with the purchase of a full-page ad at the cost of \$125.00. A motion was made to approve the recommendation; the motion carried; (2) that the chapter supports the Bay Area Houston Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the purchase of a full-page ad, at a cost of \$75.00. A motion was made to approve the recommendation; the motion carried; (3) that the chapter supports Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Zeta Chapter, with the purchase of a ticket at \$60.00, for the Basileus or her designee, to attend the 15th Annual Evening of Brilliant Jewels Gala. A motion was made to approve the recommendation; Soror Regina Carrington requested that the chapter consider the purchase of an additional ticket for the escort of the Basileus or her designee. The motion carried. (4) That the chapter suspends the rules and appoints Soror Patricia Roberts, as a delegate to the 65th Boule; the motion carried.

Nominating/Election of 2012 Boule Delegates: Soror Bianca Anderson presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Election guidelines were provided for the election of delegates to the 2012 South Central Regional Conference. Soror Anderson also informed sorors of those who are ineligible to serve as delegates. Soror Cubit reminded sorors of the previous vote to suspend the rules and to add Soror Patricia Roberts as an automatic delegate to the 2012 Boule. Soror were instructed to vote for seven (7) individuals. Soror Cubit opened the floor for nominations; the following sorors were nominated: Diana Johnson, Edwina Johnson, Karen Grays, Denne Ford, Kim Topps, Marsha Jackson, Nekeidra Brown, Christina Allen-Crowder, Wanda Kimbrough, Bianca Anderson, Yolanda Murdock, Jaime Watson, Jeania Mitchell, Natasha Roberts, Cheryl Taylor, Lillie Jones, Erica Smith, and Debra Forge. Soror Tamara also informed sorors that only financial members of Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter are authorized to vote.

Soror Cubit appointed the following sorors to the Teller's Committee: Cheryl Johnson, Chairman, Felecia Ransfer, Zenith Green, Angela Johnson, Darlene Johnson, Jamelle Woodard, Elnora Flewellen, Anitra Provost, Mary Thompson, Tracy McFolling, and Connie Steward. Sorors were instructed to vote using the official ballots provided; the Teller's Committee members collected the ballots.

African-American History: Soror Marianne Walker presented the wrap-up report of the MLK Day of Service. Sixty sorors, graduates and undergraduates, participated and supported the Veterans of the Armed Forces. A special guest, Mr. Wendell Robbins, a Buffalo Soldier, attended in full military uniform, and delivered an inspiring speech. Sorors served a "Sunday Supper," to 37 veterans; who rated the catered lunch as "super satisfying and delicious!" No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

All Care Action: Soror Dorothy Booker presented the committee report and thanked soror for their participation. Soror Booker stated that committee members visited 13 sorors, as follows: Marva Adams, Shirley Brewster, Mary Collins, Aleice Conley, Lillian Cook, Vivian Harrison, Franceta Lane, Yvonne McCree, Gloria Melton, Silena Morris, Ruby Mosley, Ora Lean Piper, and Babara Roberts. Sorors were presented with gifts that included Christmas plants, and donated items from Body Works. Soror Booker also provided Christmas cards for everyone; and, Soror Tamara provided the poinsettias. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

High School Leadership: Soror Martina Judge provided a recap of the High School Career Day, on December 10, 2011. The committee partnered with male and female professionals at Wheatley High School. Soror Judge thanked all participants, including expert panelists, workshop presenters, and coordinators—Soror Vaniecia Williams, Soror Yavuanda White, Soror Quincy Mitchell, and school staff. 2012 Calendar of Events was provided. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

Membership: Soror Lillian Bourgeois allowed sorors who received Valentine Cards as a part of the sisterly relations activity, to share a few moments with the soror who sent them a message. Small tokens were presented to sorors who participated. Soror Lillian informed sorors that the chapter passport design is completed. Sorors were informed to save the date of August 11, 2012 for the upcoming chapter retreat. In addition, new name badges are provided at this meeting. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

Soror Cubit informed sorors that all regional conference committees are in need of additional assistance. Committee meetings will meet briefly immediately after sorority meeting. Soror Karen Aubrey provided an update registration report and requested that sorors sign-up on the work schedule.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Emerging Young Leaders (“EYL”): Soror Margie Taylor reported that 25 EYL students created thank-you cards in honor of our veterans. The cards were distributed to the veterans at the Houston Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Apartments. Upcoming calendar events were presented. Soror Tamara Cubit thanked those sorors who attended the awards luncheon in Austin, Texas; and, displaced the TAPE Award for all to see. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

Health Initiative: Soror Sandra Wiley provided the following committee report: the AIDS Walk is on Sunday, March 11, 2012, at the Sam Houston Park; the Sister’s Network, Inc. is sponsoring a “Stop the Silence” Walk, April 14, 2012, departing from Discovery Green. The “Pink and Green Challenge,” kick-off is moved to the first week of March and ends on the 5th day of June. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

GRADUATE ADVISOR REPORTS

Gamma Psi Chapter: Soror Cubit presented the report, in the absence of Soror Jo-Carolyn Goode. Gamma Psi sorors are actively involved with service projects and preparing for regional conference. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

Omicron Gamma Chapter: Soror Pamela Lazard stated that the sorors are preparing for the 8th South Central Regional Conference; participating with the EYL Committee; and, attended the TAPE awards luncheon in Austin, TX. Soror Pam thanked the 2012 Graduate Advisor’s Council and recognized the campus advisor. No recommendations were presented; the report was accepted.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business: No new business

Birthday Recognitions: Soror Honornell Sandling recognized all sorors with February birthdays. Sorors sang happy birthday; each soror was presented a small, token gift.

Teller’s Committee: Soror Cheryl Johnson presented the election results, with a voting strength of 206, as follows: **Diana Johnson-94, Edwina Johnson-145, Karen Grays-99, Deneen Ford-55, Kim Topps-105, Marsha Jackson-43, Nekeidra Brown-91, Christina Allen-Crowder-56, Wanda Kimbrough-44,**

Bianca Anderson-102, Yolanda Murdock-63, Jaime Watson-71, Jeania Mitchell-62, Natasha Roberts-71, **Cheryl Taylor-86**, Lillie Jones-85, Erica Smith-83, and Debra Forge-22.

Soror Tamara Cubit declared and presented the following elected sorors who will serve as delegates to the 2012 Boule: Edwina Johnson, Kim Topps, Bianca Anderson, Karen Grays, Diana Johnson, Nekeidra Brown, Cheryl Taylor. Soror Tamara Cubit declared and presented the alternates (in raking order) as follows: Lillie Jones, Ericka Smith, Jaime Watson, Natasha Roberts, Yolanda Murdock, Jeania Mitchell, Christina Allen-Crowder, Deneen Ford, Wanda Kimbrough, Marsha Jackson, Debra Forge. A motion was made to accept the Teller's Committee report; the motion carried.

Announcements: Soror Karen Grays presented the final announcements.

Sorority Hymn and Pledge: Sorors sang the sorority hymn, directed by Mary Butler; and, recited the pledge.

Adjournment: Soror Cubit adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Submitted For Approval By:



Karen Grays, Grammateus



Tamara Cubit, Basileus

Please contact the Grammateus, via email at kyg08@aol.com or call 713.799.8038, by Tuesday, March 14, 2012, with any suggested corrections.