

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE January 16, 2010 MEETING

The Basileus, Soror Tamara Cubit, called the January 16, 2010, meeting of Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Power Center, 12401 S. Post Oak Road, Houston, Texas 77045. A motion was made to accept the agenda as printed, the motion carried. Soror Rita Roberts reminded sorors of the rules governing all chapter meetings.

Meditation/Prayer: Soror Erica Smith provided the meditation and prayer.

Update on "Challenged" Sorors: Soror Cubit asked the body to please keep these sorors and their families in our prayers: Lillie Jones, Mamie Dell Terry, Alice Christian, Polly Sparks Turner, and Aleice Conley.

Introduction of Hostess Committee/Service Project: Soror Rosa Rush recognized the hostess committee and informed the body that the service project was a visit to the Manda Ann Convalescent Home.

Introduction of Visiting Sorors: Soror Rhonda Richardson recognized the distinguished guests, visiting, transferring and reactivating Sorors.

Approval of Minutes: Soror Staci Taylor Fullmigher moved for the approval of the December 19, 2009, minutes with a correction to the financial statement date. The printed minutes read "financial report ending October 31st" The correction indicated "financial report ending November 30th." The motion carried, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Soror Yavaunda White presented the Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2009. The report was referred to audit.

<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
Acct. Bal. as of Dec. 1, 2009	\$ 80,790.15	Acct. Bal. as of Jan. 1, 2009	\$ 108,384.01
Total Income	\$ 4,758.62	Total Income	\$ 174,181.76
Total Expenses	\$ <u>12,997.92</u>	Total Expenses	\$ <u>210,014.92</u>
Acct. Bal. as of Dec. 31, 2009	\$ 72,550.85	Acct. Bal. as of Dec. 31, 2009	\$ 80,790.15

Correspondence: Soror Karen Grays presented the correspondence. Thank you cards were received from the following sorors: DiAnn Robinson, Regina Prevost, Shalondra Moore, Sheri Cole, Angela Williams, and Tamara Cubit. The chapter also received thank you cards from Sister Eva Martin, and the Julia F. Thompson, Inc. Holiday well wishes were acknowledged from the following sorors Barbara McKinzie, Deborah Dangerfield, Cynthia Finch, Met Printing, Varnett School, and Texas Children's Hospital.

Committee Reports

Executive: Soror Marianne Walker presented the report of the Executive Committee, which met at the Power Center on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The Executive Committee had the following recommendations for action: 1) that the chapter purchase a full page ad in the Humble Intercontinental Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction 25th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet 2) that the chapter reimburse Soror Pam Lazard \$750.00 for attendance at the 2009 Leadership Conference 3) to make Diamond Soror, Mary Collins an automatic delegate to Regional Conference.

Soror Faye Bryant asked for a rationale for reimbursing Soror Pam Lazard. Soror Tamara Cubit indicated that Soror Pam requested the \$750.00; she was not serving as Graduate Advisor. However, her appointment was ratified in September. The \$750.00 is the stipend amount provided to graduate advisors. Soror Bryant inquired if the reimbursement was constitutional. Soror Cubit stated that the

constitution did not support paying or not paying. After further discussion Soror Cubit made a motion to accept the recommendations, the motion carried.

Constitution: Soror Rita Roberts presented the Constitution Committee report. She reviewed the Committee's proposed bylaw changes and rationale. The chapter voted on the bylaw changes.

AKA-nomics: Soror Yavaunda White presented the AKA-nomics topic. She informed the chapter of the criteria to be considered a financial member.

Health: Soror Camilla Jackson presented the Health Committee Report. She introduced Dr. Jennie M. Bennett, Director and Founder of the Reconstruction and Survivor Organization. Dr. Bennett presented information related to Breast Cancer research and early detection.

Nominating Committee: Soror Pamela Branch presented the Nominating Committee Report. She indicated the eligibility requirements for Regional Conference Delegate. Soror Tamara Cubit opened the floor for nominations for the 2010 Regional Conference. Sorors voted.

African American History: Soror Diana Merritte presented the African American History Report. She informed the body that the committee would be hosting "A Day at the Gregory School with AKA" on Saturday, February 6, 2010. The committee will also have a black doll display at the February sorority meeting. The committee is also providing sorors with an "AKA History of the Day...365" via email in celebration of Black History month.

Chapter Directory: Soror Janice Warner presented the Chapter Directory Report. She informed the chapter that data forms are available at the meeting and on-line. The committee is requesting that all sorors complete the data form even if their information has not changed. She also highlighted a new category "area of expertise", which will be used to identify sorors that can provide specialty support to the chapter.

Founders' Day: Soror Theardoesia Williams presented the report the Founders' Day Report. She shared with the body that Founders' Day will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Power Center; rededication will begin at 10:00 a.m. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the attire is business. The deadline to purchase tickets is Saturday, January 16, 2010.

Houston Pan-Hellenic Council: Soror Darlene Johnson presented the Houston Pan-Hellenic Council Report. She informed the body that the Houston Rockets and the National Pan-Hellenic Council will host Greek Night on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.; the ticket cost range from \$15.00 to \$45.00. Soror Johnson stated that the committee will be participating in the Relay for Life on April 9, 2010.

2010 Regional Conference: Soror Tamara Cubit informed the body that the South Central Regional Conference will be held on April 8-11, 2010 in Shreveport Louisiana. Registration is available on-line and the password information was e-mailed; the registration deadline is February 20th. She mentioned to the body that hotels for Regional Conference will be available on Monday, January 18th. Soror Melba Henry mentioned that she was working to arrange bus transportation; she asked sorors that were interested in traveling by bus to sign up using the form on the table.

Graduate Advisors' Reports:

Gamma Psi: Soror Mary Smith Johnson referred the sorors to the packet.

Omicron Gamma: Soror Pamela Lazard referred the sorors to the packet.

Special Recognition: Soror Melba Henry recognized Soror Mary Collins for 75 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Soror Tamara Cubit asked sorors to donate \$5.00 to support efforts to help Haiti.

Announcements: Soror Karen Grays announced a request for volunteers to perform with the AKA chorale for Founders' Day; a date and time for rehearsal will be forthcoming.

Birthday Recognitions: Soror Rita Smith recognized all sorors born in the month of December. Each soror was presented with a small gift.

Soror Cubit recessed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Soror Cubit reconvened the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Tellers Report: Soror Jamelle Woodard presented the Tellers Report. She stated the following: **Bylaw Change:** Voting Strength 259; **Article VIII**, Section 2: **In Favor: 224** Against: 33; **Article VI, Section 15: In Favor 245**; Against: 2; Article X, Section 6: **In Favor: 240** Against 18; Abstain 1. **2010 Regional Conference Delegates: Yavaunda White: 238**; Melody Collier: 108; **Carolene Goffney: 202**; **Thedrial Jackson: 131**; Donna Miles: 69; Endria Chachere: 67; Glorina Moody: 75; **Rene Bougerious: 118**; Nkenge Berry: 114; Erica Smith: 77; **Margie Taylor: 137**; Pippa Andrews: 59; **Susan Bynam: 153**; Shelly Davis Smith: 45; Pierre Mitchell: 43; Courtney Brown: 68; Sandra Campbell: 109; **Faye Phillips: 148**; Michalyn Demaris: 61.

Adjourn: Soror Cubit adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Please email staci_fullmigher@yahoo.com or call 713-471-4706 before Wednesday, February 17, 2010 with any corrections.