

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
Minutes of the September 18, 2010 Meeting

The Basileus, Soror Tamara Cubit, called the September 18, 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 Margie Taylor 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: Ruby Mosley, Ruth Strange, Mary Shy Scott, and Aleice Conley.

Introduction of Hostess Committee/Service Project: Soror Janice Granger recognized the hostess committee. Soror Yolanda Eugere and Patricia McGill informed the body that the service project for September was a blood drive hosted in partnership with the Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston, and Bobby English.

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

Approval of Minutes: Soror Marianne Walker moved for the approval of the Saturday, June 19, 2010 minutes. The motion carried, the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Soror Sandra Campbell presented the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2010. The report was referred to audit.

<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
Acct. Bal. as of August 1, 2010	\$ 89,549.42	Acct. Bal. as of Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 72,550.85
Total Income	\$.77	Total Income	\$ 191,905.05
Total Expenses	\$ 2,404.20	Total Expenses	\$ 177,309.91
Acct. Bal. as of August 31, 2010	\$ 87,145.99	Acct. Bal. as of August 31, 2010	\$ 87,145.99

Correspondence: Soror Karen Garys presented the correspondence. Thank you cards were received from the following sorors: Demetria Williams, Mattelia B. Grays, Lillian Bourgeois, Grafton Jones, Ever Nell Carothers and Family, Kim Harris, Dr. David Poplack and the St. James School. The chapter also received an invitation to the Ace Awards Gala; Saturday, August 2010 at the Power Center. The Julia Thompson Foundation, Inc. requested the chapters participation in the "Pink to Green" Golf Tournament; October 18, 2010 at the Sugar Creek Country Club. St. John Missionary Baptist Church extended an invitation to their Day of Celebration; 11th year anniversary; Kansas City Missouri. Soror Rhonda Newhouse invited the chapter to the American Diabetes Association, annual fundraiser, 10th Annual "Step Out-Walk to Fight Diabetes" November 20, 2010; Minute Maid Park. The chapter received an invitation to the Periwinkle Foundation's 20th Anniversary; Sunday September 12, 2010. Soror Shirley Howard requested the chapters support as an honoree at the Baptist Sisterhood of Houston luncheon; October 9, 2010, Brady's Landing, 11:00 a.m. Soror Gwendolyn Brinkley, Regional Director sent a copy of the 2101 Special Edition South Central Newsletter. Soror Grays personally thanked the chapter for their thoughts and prayers in the illness of her mother, Mattelia B. Grays and father, Horace Grays.

Committee Reports

Executive: Soror Marianne Walker presented the report of the Executive Committee, which met at the Power Center on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The Executive Committee had the following recommendation for action: 1) That the chapter purchase a full page ad for the Gamma Psi

Chapter 60th Anniversary celebration. Soror Cubit made a motion to accept the recommendation, the motion carried.

AKA Texas License Plates: Soror LaDonna Harris presented an AKA Texas License Plate update. She informed the chapter that the license plates are available for purchase. Sorors have the option of selecting from the Design Series, Custom Series, and Luxury Series. She stated that the Design Series will be a random combination of numbers and the cost is: \$55.00 for 1 year; \$195.00 for 5 years, and \$295.00 for 10 years. The Custom Series allows you to select 3 letters, 2 number combinations or letter combinations, or 3 letter combinations, the cost is: \$85.00 for 1 year; \$225.00 for 5 years; and \$325.00 for 10 years. The Luxury Series consist of up to 6 letters and numbers with any combination, the price is: \$195.00 for 1 year; \$495.00 for 5 years, and \$595.00 for 10 years. She informed the chapter that when 300 license plates are sold, Alpha Kappa Omega will be reimbursed the \$5,000.00 deposit and Sorors who paid the \$20.00 for the deposits will be reimbursed. All specialty fees for license plates are in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. For additional information, sorors can go to <http://www.myplates.com>.

Archives: Soror Jo-Carolyn Goode presented the Archives Committee Report. She shared with the body that the committee was saluting, "Pearlific Profiles". Soror Odessa Davis was the flashback soror. Soror Davis was a Golden Soror initiated at Beta Psi on the campus of Southern University; she was member of the first ticketron committee, and lifelong learning committee. Soror Goode highlighted Soror Margie Taylor as the flash forward soror. Soror Taylor accomplishments include educator, Golden Soror, and chairman of the Lifelong Learning Committee. Both Sorors received national recognition for implementing the Reading is Fundamental program when they served as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Life Long Learning Committee.

Delegates' 2010 Boule Report: Soror LaDonna presented the 2010 Delegates' report. She thanked the chapter for allowing the delegates to serve at the 64th Boule in St. Louis Missouri. She referred sorors to the chapter website and in their packets to review the delegates' reports. Soror Tamara Cubit shared with the chapter that Soror Carolyn House Stewart is the New Supreme Basileus and she will serve from 2010 until 2014. Soror Cubit also informed the chapter of the names and positions of the new directorate members. Soror Cubit mentioned that the constitutional amendments voted on in Boule passed with the exception of Article IV-Section 13 and 29. She stated that Soror Gwendolyn Brinkley, South Central Regional Director scholarship was endowed; Soror LaDonna Harris won the Silver and Golden Soror trivia challenge, and Soror Faye B. Bryant, 21st Supreme Basileus won the Keri Preston award. The chapter received 1st place for Connection Award and 2nd place Media in Excellence Award.

Soror LaDonna Harris shared that the new Program is "Global Leadership through Timeless Service" The signature program is I: Emerging Young Leaders (EYL), a program that will impact 10,000 girls' grades 6th through 8th by providing leadership development, civic engagement, enhance academic preparation and character building; II: Health Initiatives, programs that encourage healthy lifestyles and prevention; III: Global Poverty, focuses on ending hunger and empowering women; IV: Economic Security, stresses the awareness of wealth building, home ownership, and urban enterprises; V: Human Rights, addressing gender equality; VI: Internal Leadership Training for External Service, allows Alpha Kappa Alpha members to have leadership training opportunities to reach their full potential.

Connection: Soror Mary Shockley presented the Connection Committee Report. The committee will partner with Houston Area Urban League Young Professionals to conduct voter registration drives Sunday, September 19, 2010 through September 25th. She invited sorors to come and participate in a voter registration drive on Saturday, September 25th at Frenchy's on Scott and Wal-mart on the North Freeway. Soror Shockley also stated that we will have a meet the candidates' forum after the sorority meeting.

Debutante: Soror Anita Wallace presented the Debutante Committee report. The chapter will host a debutante ball on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at the Wortham Center. The committee recommends that the fee be increased from \$950.00 to \$1,000.00. A debutante must be a graduating high school senior, accepted into college or enrolled as a freshmen or sophomore. A debutante must not have been married

or engaged to be married; and a debutante cannot be a mother. The committee's goal is to present 20 young ladies. All debutantes must submit a \$200.00 non refundable deposit with the completed application by November 1, 2010. The Debutante Committee met Saturday, June 19th at the Power Center. Soror Wallace stated that all verbal and written contracts must be approved by the Basileus. The committee requested \$2,000.00 to pay the deposit on the venue, which is due October 1, 2010. The deposit is refundable, sixty days prior to the event. The committee will reimburse the chapter the \$2,000.00 deposit based on revenues that will be generated from the committee budget. Debutante Ball Committee sign-up sheets are on the table for sorors interested in working on the committee. Soror Wallace made a motion to accept the report, the motion carried.

Finance Committee: Soror Sandra Campbell presented the 2011-2012 proposed budget. She informed the chapter that the budget will be voted on at the November sorority meeting. The budget is based on chapter membership of 500 and annual dues of \$310.00 and \$220.00 for Life Members. Pending approval, the IEACF will pay a portion of EAF platinum status; a portion of cost of the directory; and provide a grant to the HSLD committee. The chapter will purchase an additional computer for administrative purposes. Soror Campbell shared that the Finance Committee would like to encumber the remaining balances and allocate \$2,500.00 of the free balance to the hostess fees.

Health and Human Services: Soror Camilla Jackson presented the Health and Human Services Committee Report. Soror Jackson invited sorors to take part in the Health Care Issues Forum, "What Does Health Care Reform Mean for You"; Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the TSU School of Public Affairs, room 114. The committee is also taking part in the March of Dimes Walk on April 25th at Roberson Stadium. The coordinators are Nicole Montgomery and Saundra Willey. Sorors Kenya Neal and Rhonda Barnes informed the chapter that the committee is preparing for the 2010 Komen Houston Race for the Cure; October 2, 2010. Soror Jackson made a motion to accept the report, the motion carried.

Soror Demetria Williams presented the 2010 ESP Walk wrap up report. She shared that the Alpha Kappa Alpha Solidarity Walk, was held on Saturday, June 26, 2010; at Tom Bass Park I-Arts Pavilion.

High School Leadership Development: Soror Kim Topps presented the High School Leadership Development report. Soror Topps informed the chapter that the committee hosted its Back to School Retreat on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at the University of Houston. Participants and parents took part in workshops aimed at helping increase awareness and education on issues critical to teens. The committee will be hosting "Sista 2 Sista and Brotha 2 Brotha: Conversations and Cupcakes" on October 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Joint Chapter: Soror Mary Smith Johnson presented the Joint Chapter Report. She informed the chapter that the Joint chapter meeting will be on Saturday, October 16th at the Power Center; 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The theme is "Think Pink: We are Breast Friends". The service project is donating gently used wigs to be donated to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Life Long Learning: Soror Margie Taylor presented the Life-Long Learning committee report. The committee hosted summer tutorials for students in grades 3rd through 5th at Whidby Elementary; June 21-25, 2010, in addition to tutorials each day sorors conducted activities focused on each international platform.

Membership: Soror Lillian Bourgeois presented the Membership committee report. The membership committee hosted the chapter membership retreat on June 12, 2010 at Brady's Landing. The committee facilitated workshops on topics relevant to enhancing membership. At the June sorority meeting the committee also hosted an undergraduate transition ceremony and legacy parade.

Non-Traditional Entrepreneur: Soror Sherry Williams presented the Non-Traditional Entrepreneur committee report. Soror Williams shared that the committee will host a job fair on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at the Holiday Inn-Southwest; 9:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. Over twenty employers are scheduled to be

in attendance and hiring for various positions including experienced professionals and new college graduates.

Nominating Committee: Soror Faye Phillips presented the Nominating Committee Report. She reviewed the preliminary ballot. Soror Phillips asked that sorors contact a member of the Nominating Committee to nominate sorors for the upcoming election. Soror Phillips made a motion to accept the report, the motion carried.

Graduate Advisors' Reports:

Gamma Psi: Soror Mary Smith Johnson indicated that Gamma Psi is in the final stages of preparing for the 60th Anniversary. The 60th Anniversary celebration is October 29th-31st, 2010; and she asked sorors to purchase tickets.

Omicron Gamma: The report was in the packet.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Soror Tamara Cubit acknowledged that the chapter will be honored by the Houston Independent School District as a 2010 Hall of Fame Partner. She thanked the former basilei and members for their contributions.

Birthday Recognitions: Soror Barbara Hayes recognized all sorors born in the month of August and September. Each soror was presented with a small gift.

Announcements: The chapter received an invitation to Whidby Elementary School's 5th Grade White Coat Ceremony on Wednesday, September 22nd. If any soror was unable to donate blood today, but would like to do so; please go to your neighborhood blood center and use the code U752.

IEACF Announcements: Soror Staci Taylor Fullmigher shared that the IEACF Fundraising Committee has several fundraising initiatives and would like the support of IEACF members. The 2010 Kids Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, November 13th at Hartman Middle School. The Scholarship Cruise will be October 20-24, 2011 and the committee is taking deposits today. She also encouraged sorors that have not honored their 30 for 30 pledges to please do so today.

Sorority Hymn and Pledge: Sorors sang the sorority hymn and recited the pledge.

Adjourn: Soror Cubit adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Meet the Candidates Forum

Submitted by:



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Tamara Cubit, Basileus

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