

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING**

The Basileus, Soror Tamara Cubit, called the December 19, 2009, 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 Piere Mitchell 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: Regina Prevost, Katherine Brown, Patricia McGill, and Aleice Conley.

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

<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
Acct. Bal. as of Nov. 1, 2009	\$ 80,631.44	Acct. Bal. as of Jan. 1, 2009	\$ 108,384.01
Total Income	\$ 10,295.72	Total Income	\$ 171,645.62
Total Expenses	\$ <u>10,137.01</u>	Total Expenses	\$ <u>199,239.48</u>
Acct. Bal. as of Nov. 30, 2009	\$ 80,790.15	Acct. Bal. as of Nov. 30, 2009	\$ 80,790.15

Introduction of Hostess Committee/Service Project: Soror Piere Mitchell recognized the hostess committee and informed the chapter that the service project was a new clothing drive for Children in the custody of the Children Protective Agency.

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 November 21, 2009, minutes. The motion carried, the minutes were accepted.

Correspondence: Soror Edwina Johnson presented the correspondence report submitted by Soror Karen Grays. Thank you cards were received from the following sorors: Lillian, Rene, and Jennifer Bourgeois and Karen Grays. The chapter received holiday well wishes from Soror Gwendolyn Brinkley, South Central Regional Director; Soror Juanita Sims Doty, South Eastern Regional Director; and Bullseye Storage. The chapter received an invitation from Texas Children's Hospital to support "2009 Radio-thon...Tune In, Help Out"; December 11th-12th on Cox Radio. The Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) encouraged the chapter to make contributions.

Committee Reports

Executive: Soror Jo Carolyn Goode presented the report of the Executive Committee, which met at the Power Center on Wednesday, December 15, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. The Executive Committee had the following recommendation for action: that the chapter does not appeal the recommendation coming from the Heritage Committee to suspend the Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for five years due to allegations of hazing. Soror Cubit made a motion to accept the recommendation, the motion carried.

Connection: Soror Mary Shockley reminded the chapter that we will be working in 2010 with the census. She also introduced Patricia Love, Census Partnership Specialist; Mrs. Love informed the chapter of the importance of the census and changes to the 2010 Census. Soror Shockley shared with the chapter that the committee is also spearheading a letter writing campaign to government officials supporting health care reform. Sorors were given an opportunity to complete a letter indicating the importance of healthcare to be mailed by the committee.

Constitution: Soror Rita Roberts presented the Constitution report. She indicated the Committee's proposed change to the definition of "active membership" and the rationale that will be voted on at the January 2010 sorority meeting. The committee defined the term active membership for MIP purposes, the change excluded special circumstances. Soror Roberts made a motion to accept the report, the motion carried.

Economic Development: Soror Sandra Campbell presented the Economic Development Committee report. She reminded that chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha-Bucks were distributed during 2009 to sorors who participated in chapter and committee activities. She also announced the sorors that collected the most Alpha Kappa Alpha-Bucks; Sorors Jo-Carolyn Goode, Rita Smith, Marsha Jackson, Donna Myles, Vaniecia Williams, Margie Taylor, Stephanie Meads, and Demetria Williams.

Health: Soror Camilla Jackson presented the Health Committee report. She acknowledged the health committee members for ensuring the 2009 activities were a success. She called special attention to the contributions the chapter raised for the Teen Summit, AIDS Walk, Relay for Life Walk, March for Babies Walk, UNCF Walk, Sisters Network Walk, and Susan G. Komen Walk totaling \$6,792.00. Soror Patricia Sibley shared information regarding the Mental Health Forum that was held on Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event was a success because of the support of the volunteers and guest speakers, there 151 people in attendance. Soror Beverly Marlin presented the information regarding the First Responders training that will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2009; 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Teen Enterprise Center.

Non-Traditional Entrepreneur: Soror Cheryl Taylor presented Non-Traditional Entrepreneur report. She recognized the efforts of the committee in partnering with the Houston Area Urban League to host "Dialogue in Business Opportunities". The networking event was held on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Houston Area Urban League Building.

Standards: Soror Shirley Johnson presented the Standards Committee report. She informed the chapter that 293 sorors were in attendance at the November meeting and 208 participated in the standards evaluation. Soror Johnson noted that the chapter voted yes in every category, her goal for 2010 is to get participation in the evaluation from half of the chapter membership.

Graduate Advisors' Reports:

Gamma Psi: Soror Mary Smith Johnson shared holiday well wishes.

Omicron Gamma: Soror Pamela Lazard shared holiday well wishes.

2009 State of the Chapter: Soror Tamara thanked the chapter for their efforts for 2009. She also shared the accomplishments of the chapter and highlighted the chapter activities for 2009 that met the International platforms. Soror Cubit recognized the executive committee members and committee chairmen for their hard work in 2009.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.


Announcements: There were no announcements

Birthday Recognitions: Soror Kenya Parks recognized all Sorors born in the month of December. Each Soror was presented with a small gift.

2010 Installation of Officers: The 2010 officers were installed by Soror Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, South Central Regional Director.

Adjourn: Soror Cubit adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



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