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Meeting Minutes June 16, 2018

The Basileus, Soror Marsha Penn, called the June 16, 2018, regular meeting of the Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated to order at 11:02 AM. There were **371** sorors in attendance at the meeting that was held at The Power Center, 12401 South Post Oak Road, Houston, TX 77045.

Approval of Agenda: Soror Penn presented the meeting agenda.

Action: A motion was made for approval of the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Soror Cherise Story.

Discussion: No discussion heard. Vote by Voice: The motion was adopted.

Invocation: Soror Charlyn Kyles, Chaplain, gave a meditation and prayer on "Being content and at peace." The song RESPECT by Aretha Franklin played as sorors sang and danced along.

Update of Sorors on Quiet Time: Soror Penn asked all to continue to say a prayer for the many sorors that are facing health strife's.

Leadership Moment: Soror Penn explained the reason that we have developed the 174 committees is so all sorors can find something that interests them. The committee topics focus on service to mankind as well as service to each other.

Introduction of the Hostess Committee: Soror Jamie Watson, Chairman of the June Hostess Committee. Co-Chairmen Sorors Joy Sorce, Daisy Stiner, and Mamie Dell Terry. The monthly Service Project is to benefit the Manna House. It is a community based food pantry that distributes food to low income families in the zip code areas of 77004 and 77021. The pantry is a co-op of (7) local churches with a mission to provide sustenance to those in need.

Introduction of VSM's: Soror Christie Newsome, Protocol Chairman, introduced our Very Special Chapter Members: Soror Mattelia B. Grays, 18th Supreme Basileus; Soror Faye B. Bryant, 21st Supreme Basileus; Soror Polly Sparks Turner, 20th South Central Regional Director; Soror Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, 23rd South Central Regional Director; Soror Berna Greer, former Supreme Tamiouchos and former Chairman of the International Investment Committee; Soror JoAnn Brown, Chairman of the International Conference Planning Committee; Soror Regina Carrington, South Central Region Representative to the International Program Committee; and Soror Tamara Cubit, South Central Region Representative to the International Reinstatement Task Force Committee. Appointments to the Launching New Dimensions of Service Investigation and Evaluation Team – Sorors Darlene Johnson, Diana Johnson, Pamela Lazard, Felicia Ransfer, Patricia Roberts, and Tishauna Washington. South Central Regional appointments recognized: Sorors Ulonda Crawford Eurey, Strategic Planning Chairman; Carol McCree, Mentoring Program Chairman; Karen Grays, Logistics Co-Chairman; Kim Topps, Texas Statewide Connections Chairman; and Mary Smith Johnson, Membership Committee.

Soror Newsome made a correction to the Ritual Attire. A communication from the International Rituals Committee Chairman came out stating that exposed gold and silver zippers will be allowed. □

Introduction of Visiting Sorors: Soror Mary Smith Johnson, Hodegos, welcomed and introduced 17 visiting sorors and one transferring soror.

Reading of the Rules: Soror Karen Grays, Parliamentarian, presented the special rules of order related to debate that were adopted December 17, 2005 to govern all chapter meetings. Soror Grays reminded us that to be recognized during the meeting, lights have been placed on each microphone to alert the presiding officer that someone wishes to speak.

OFFICER REPORTS

Approval of the Minutes: Soror Pippa Brown-Andrews, Grammateus, announced that the May 19, 2018 meeting minutes were uploaded to the Alpha Kappa Omega website for review. She moved for approval of the minutes with corrections.

Action: A motion was made for approval of the May 19, 2018 minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Soror Cherise Story. **Discussion:** No discussion heard. **Vote by Voice:** The motion was adopted.

Correspondence: Soror Brenda Morris Davis, Epistoleus, reviewed the Correspondence Report as printed in the monthly packet listing Thank You Notes and Additional Correspondences. Soror Davis also presented these announcements, not listed in this month's packet.

- Today is the final day to purchase the T-Rose Crocheted Bracelet and Brooch for a cost of \$5.00. A pick-up time and date will be announced via the eBlast. Soror Renee Bourgeois is the contact person.
- A thank you from the Childhood Hunger Committee and the May Hostess Committee for your donation of 672 juice boxes benefitting Kids' Meals.
- A thank you for the beautiful Ivy plant from Soror Rhonda Wiley-Keith.
- An IEACF survey is on each table. The IEACF would like to hear your voice regarding their annual charity event. Please complete the survey if you have not done so via Survey Monkey. Please leave today's survey on the table after completion.

Executive Committee: Soror Pippa Brown-Andrews, Grammateus, reporting for Soror Andrea Bonner, Anti-Grammateus, presented an oral report of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter met at the Power Center on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. There were 32 Executive Committee Members, Committee Chairmen and other members present. There were no recommendations to bring forth this month.

Soror Penn announced that Soror Charlotte Bryant's request about the Living Legends Gala will be addressed at the September Executive Committee Meeting. She stated that she did not see Soror Charlotte's email until right after the Executive Committee meeting had adjourned.

Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Tishauna Washington, Pecunious Grammateus, presented the Financial Summary Report for May 1-31, 2018 (please see the detailed report in the Monthly 2018 packet): The Pecunious Grammateus collected \$7,208.37 and the Anti-Pecunious Grammateus collected \$634.50 totaling \$7,914.87 collected in the month of May. Soror Washington brought to our attention for the month of May the selling of 90th Anniversary Gala and Gala Raffle tickets have begun. The year to date total activity is \$465,698.77. This report will be referred to the Audit Committee for review.

Treasurer's Report: Soror Diana Johnson, Tamiouchos reported the results of two questions that were posed to her in the last meeting. The first question is related to the total income for April. She stated that she reviewed the reports with the Pecunious Grammateus; The total money received for April was \$27,502.50 a correction from the reported \$31,493 on last month. Subtracting Gamma Psi's \$14,075 from the \$27,502.50 received, Alpha Kappa Omega's April Month End Income was \$12,927.50. Deposits made in the month of April were \$2,194.00. There were deposits of \$11,008.00 in transit. Subtracting Gamma Psi's \$275.00, Alpha Kappa Omega's deposits in transit were \$10,733.00. Alpha Kappa Omega's income for April's month end was \$2,194.00, deposited on April 12th and a deposit in transit of \$10,733 deposited on May 4th, both equaling \$12,931.94 which includes \$4.94 interest.

Question 1) Soror Glenniece Stewart asked if the revised total income for April will be corrected on the report? Soror Johnson replied, Yes, it has been corrected.

Question 2) Soror Monica Baynard asked if the adjustments reported today were in the monthly packet? Soror Johnson replied, No. Soror Baynard asked if they would be uploaded to the website in the members only section? Soror Johnson stated they could send out the revisions with a password protection.

Soror Johnson stated that the second question is related to accounts receivables and the funds from the chapter that were given to Gamma Psi to operate the chapter and the MIP. The financial team is still working on reconciling and managing monies collected and disbursed and they hope to close that out before the end of June.

Soror Johnson reported on the May Monthly statement. This report will be referred to the Audit Committee for review.

Bank Reconciliation for May 2018	
Bank Balance as of May 31, 2018	\$216,160.77
Grant and Self-Sustaining	\$ 49,825.07
Housing	\$ 87,640.90
Savings	\$ 19,161.05

Question 3) Soror LaDonna Harris asked regarding, check # 12152 to the Hilton Americas for \$9000, for what reason was the check written? Soror Johnson responded it was for the 90th Anniversary Deposit voted on last month.

Soror Penn asked for those sorors on the waitlist to eat, to please relinquish their seats to sorors that rsvp'd. Soror Polly Turner stated that she and her table members were not able to follow the financial report. She suggested that page numbers be placed on all pages and that the report be presented in a format that is easy to follow.

Graduate Advisors Report (please refer to the monthly distribution packet for the written reports):

Gamma Psi- Soror Erica Smith, Graduate Advisor, reported that the chapter is on summer break. The Chapter GPA for the semester was 3.04 and the cumulative GPA was 3.06. This summer sorors are taking summer classes, working, preparing for Boule, for the fall semester, as well as the Undergraduate Round-Up. The Bench Dedication is scheduled to take place this Tuesday on campus. The sorors have been preparing the surrounding area for the bench and are anxiously waiting for all to come join to the dedication. Soror Smith stated that 100% of the Gamma Psi Sorors are registered for Boule.

Epsilon Lambda- Soror Patricia Roberts, Graduate Advisor, asked the sorors of Epsilon Lambda to join her on stage. She reported that several of the sorors are working on summer internships. Those sorors that graduated have already secured jobs. The Chapter GPA for the semester was 3.12 and the cumulative GPA was 3.12. She announced that at the Boule, the chapter will be participating in the EAF Parade as a platinum chapter. Soror Karen Jones, the Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate Coordinator, will introduce the Dais at the Undergraduate Luncheon. The chapter will serve as hostess during the Boule at the Legacy Dinner, Public Meeting, the Closing Gala and other events. Soror Roberts introduced the Southeast Texas Cluster Undergraduate Coordinator, Soror Karen Jones. Soror Kierra Castleberry introduced each Epsilon Lambda soror in attendance.

Omicron Gamma- Soror Dina Williams, Graduate Advisor reported that the chapter had many accomplishments with a chapter GPA of 3.27. Five sorors graduated this semester and their bios are in the packet. Sorors are preparing for the Longest Day and the Boule.

Legacy Parade-Sisterly Relations: Sorors Shalondra Moore and Charvela Fearon, Chairmen, presented sorors participating in the Legacy Parade. Soror Mattelia Grays lead the Legacy Pledge. Soror Penn announced that if your mother or grandmother is in heaven, you are still a legacy and are encouraged to participate in the next parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boule Updates: Soror Diedra Fontaine recognized the honorary Boule Chairmen, Soror Mattelia B. Grays, Soror Faye B. Bryant, Soror Polly Sparks Turner and Soror Gwendolyn J. Brinkley. Soror Fontaine gave a verbal report on the Boule updates. She announced that Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter has the highest number of registrations in the world for 2018 Boule. The 29 moments of service recognition will continue Monday at the Prairie View A.M University at 10:30 a.m. for the Bench Dedication with Madame Supreme, and on Tuesday, at Texas Southern University at 10:30 a.m. for the Bench Dedication also with Madame Supreme. Suggested attire is a Salmon Pink Jacket with a white bottom (not the boule attire pink jacket). Soror Fontaine said that sorors wishing to swap Boule Attire instead of sending it back, are asked to contact Soror Elnora Flewellen. The black bling boot shirt, the cowboy hat and green bandana will be distributed next weekend. Check your emails for details for location and times. The Kit committee has already started stuffing kits at A-Rocket Storage 3401 Corder St. Soror Fontaine highlighted items on the Boule Agenda for the week. Soror Diedra thanked everyone for all that they have done so far to make the Boule a success. Soror Clara Cooper asked if it was appropriate to wear the western attire to the Mayors Reception? Soror Fontaine replied that the attire is business casual but don't feel that you cannot come with wearing the western attire.

Chapter Website Design (adhoc): Soror Barbara McFarland, chairman, reported verbally, that she is working with the website designer to fix the many issues with the site. They are looking into changes to the website to add to the look, feel and functionality.

Chapter Directory: Soror Thearodesia Williams, Co-Chairman, reported verbally that the Directory Data Forms have been placed on the Financial and Reactivation tables mainly for new members to the chapter. The older members information can be updated on the chapter website. The target date to distribute the physical copies of the directory is scheduled for the September meeting.

Bylaws (Second Reading of Proposed Amendments): Soror Karen Grays, Chairman, asked the Bylaws Committee panel to be seated at the front of the stage. Panelist are Sorors Christie Newsome, Latosha McGill Clayton, and Soror Yolanda Murdock-Wiltz. Soror Pippa Brown-Andrews will scribe.

Soror Grays stated the nominating committee will facilitate the voting process today after the second reading. All amendment changes will require a 2/3rds affirmative votes cast. She stated that after the first reading last month, there were 66 questions/comments, and all were read and considered. The revised proposed amendments received today is a direct reflection of the comments received. Soror Grays proceeded to read the proposed language for the amendment (please see the Bylaws packet). She gave her sincere thanks to the members of the Bylaws Committee and asked them to stand and be recognized. Soror Grays stated that the committee is asking for the full support of the body. With the growth of this chapter to greater than 850 members and being the largest chapter in the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., we must be open to change and to doing things differently.

Soror Penn thanked the Bylaws Committee for the wonderful job; We could not have done this without you. The floor was opened for discussion.

Amendment #	Soror Comment/Bylaws Committee Response	Comment by Soror:
8	The amendment speaks of per capita and EAF fees but does not include hostess fees. If we pass this the sorors will be free for the first year if we pass this. She encouraged sorors to read all the bylaws.	Angela Williams
	This is not our interpretation. As discussed in the Bylaws Committee meeting it was decided to leave the language as it is.	Karen Grays
	What the committee was trying to do was to clarify what the undergraduate sorors would have to pay coming into the chapter. The EAF and Per Capita which is what required. The article now reads Financial Consideration as specified by Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter shall be given to first year college graduate sorors... The purpose is to give them that financial leeway their first year since the chapter can determine what should be paid.	Latosha McGill Clayton
28	The rationale says that Increase it to 3 years as if everyone has the same amount of years. That is what you had when it was four years; the same as the basileus. Is the rationale the same?	Angela Williams
	It is the same rationale. That chapter officers possess a minimum number of active chapter membership in Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter.	Karen Grays
24	What is the rationale for having five Members At Large? This leads to more appointed officers for the chapter.	Angela Williams
	It was submitted and based on the growth of our chapter.	Karen Grays
30	It says an external audit to be performed at the end of the Tamiouchos' term of office, or on other occasions as deemed necessary by ...it used to say by the chapter, now it says by the Audit Committee. The concern is that we are no longer a small organization, we are very large, and I am concerned about potential delays to external audits. It might be in our best interest to have an extra external audit.	Glenniece Stewart
	Our rational is that we are basing all proposed amendments on the Financial Fundamentals and Guidance of Chapter Financial Procedures revised November 2016; So, we are following our national documents.	Karen Grays

Nominating Committee (Bylaws): Soror Laura Rouseve Allen, Chairman, reviewed the Scantron Success details as listed in the monthly packet.

Question 1) Soror Yolanda Murdock-Wiltz asked, What the Voting Strength is?

Soror Penn replied that the voting strength does not matter when voting on bylaws since each amendment needs a 2/3's affirmative vote and each one is counted individually having its own voting strength. She stated that this is how voting is done at the national level.

Question 2) Soror Patricia Roberts stated that we do need to know how many sorors are voting today so that we will know how to calculate the 2/3's vote. Soror Penn replied that so far there are 368 sorors who have checked in today's meeting.

Question 3) A soror asked "Are we supposed to vote on amendments 1-3 since it says No Chapter Vote Required"? Soror Penn replied that those amendments are recommended by the Regional and National Directives and will not matter if you vote or don't vote on those.

Question 4) Soror Monica Baynard asked for example, if we have 10 sorors only to vote on an amendment, will we still only count 2/3's of the vote for that amendment in order to determine if the amendment passes or fails? Soror Penn replied, yes, just as we do when voting on candidates for membership intake...one person individually.

Soror Penn announced the members of the tellers committee: Soror Bayana Sumbry-Taylor, Chairman; Soror Jacqueline Smith, Co-Chairman; Members are Sorors, Lisa Parks, Evelyn Holloway, Cambrea Meriwether, Cynae Johnson, Emma Maddox, Patricia Denkins, Nancy Perry, Ivy Ricketts, and Elizabeth Carswell.

Soror Laura Rousseve Allen mentioned that the election guidelines are in the monthly packet. She stated that every office is up for re-election. She encouraged all to be empowered and if you are led to lead or want to become an officer, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee (names are listed in the packet). They will begin to work on the ballot in September.

Chapter 90th Anniversary Gala: Soror Joyce Jacquet, General Chairman, introduced Mr. Fred Hoyer of Bayway Lincoln. Mr. Hoyer stated that he appreciates the support that the chapter has given to the dealership. He announced that they will provide a raffle prize for a round trip to Dubai for 5 Nights/6 days and accommodations will be at a five-star hotel. He also stated that the 55-inch TV has been upgraded to a 75-inch TV as a second raffle prize. He also invited all to attend the reception on October 12th; Those that show up early will also get a free gift. He encouraged all to support the 90th Anniversary Gala. Please see the monthly packet for the details related to the series of 90th Anniversary Special Events.

Membership: Soror Wondy Weston, Chairman, gave a verbal report that the Membership Committee met June 11, 2018 at Escalante's in Meyerland at 6:30 p. m. The committee met to discuss the chapter retreat and the dues incentive program. Dates and details are still being planned. The committee also had discussion about having an MIP in the fall/winter of 2019. A MIP survey will go out consisting of one question, asking sorors if they are in favor of having an MIP or not. Soror Weston stated that this is not a vote to decide if we are having an MIP but just a vote to find interest. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Question 1) Soror Belinda James stated that she had some concerns regarding the past MIP. She stated that during the last MIP she was deprived of the opportunity to attend her son's graduation. Also, other initiates were not allowed to attend their own graduations, however there was one initiate that was able to attend her graduation. She said that was not fair and asked that this issue be considered for future MIPs. Soror Weston replied that we would take that into consideration when planning dates.

Statement 1) Soror Mary Smith-Johnson, prior Membership Chairman, stated that the previous Regional Director, Chellie Luper Wilson, approved initiates to attend their graduation after they showed proof that their degree was conferred and instructed them to report to the MIP immediately following the graduation. Soror Smith-Johnson stated that Soror James requested to go to her son's graduation the Friday before the long weekend session. She involved Soror Faye B. Bryant, the sponsors and several people to write letters and speak on her behalf however, Soror Chellie Luper Wilson, said "no" to Soror James attending her son's graduation. Soror Smith-Johnson said she did what she was told.

Soror Penn asked Soror Smith-Johnson if there were others that Soror Chellie Luper Wilson said could not go because their child was graduating? Soror Smith-Johnson stated no one else passed on information about their child graduating. There were four that were receiving their master's degree and they had to show that their degree was conferred. Soror Chelle Luper-Wilson made the decision.

Statement 2) Soror LaDonna Harris stated that with MIP no one can miss any of the process. She stated that Soror Chelle Luper-Wilson approved for them to attend those graduations.

Soror Penn stated that other questions will be discussed at the next membership meeting.

Statement 3) Soror Diana Merritte asked if we "sacked" the idea of looking at the Membership Incentive program that was discussed in the Membership meeting. She stated that she was hoping that the vote would come before the body today. In the membership meeting there was discussion about chapter not being financially able to do so but others said that the chapter is able. Soror Penn replied that in the meeting it was stated that the issue would be brought to the finance committee for review before bringing it to the body. She stated that it is an International requirement that we have a dues incentive program. We should hear more information about it in September.

Plugged in with the Reactivates and Transfers: Soror Geraldine Brown, Co-Chairman, reported that partnering with the Reactivation Committee and the Finance Team, we have assisted 145 Sorors to successfully complete their reactivation or transfer through April 2018. We have successfully implemented and hosted a chapter orientation of 62 sorors in March of 2018.

Strategic Planning: Soror Sandra Wiley, Chairman, reported that the committee has completed the update for the first quarter of 2018 of the Strategic plan and is available for you to review on the chapter website. She encouraged all to review the message from the Supreme Basileus regarding the proposed Sorority's Strategic Plan. Soror Wiley stated to feel free to call or email her with any questions or comments. There will be a meeting at Boule about the Strategic plan on July 8th and delegates will vote on the Sorority Plan. She stated that the chapter has already incorporated many of the changes into our plan and at the end of the year the committee will provide you with a plan to include any bylaws or other changes with the new incoming administration.

Standards: Soror Betty Merritte-Williams, Chairman, gave a verbal report on the Chapter Standards Survey. The forms are on each table and she asked that each member complete the survey. The survey is asking how your chapter and membership is doing with regards to the regulations of the sorority.

Spa Day: Soror Piere Mitchell, Chairman, helped us to envision a soothing day at the Fiori Spa with luxurious amenities, service and more. She walked us through the underground mineral pool and spa, the treatments, the tranquility room and serenity area for peace and relaxation, or just catching up with sorors over a cup of tea. Spa Day is August 11th at the Fiori Spa on 2613 Potomac at Westheimer. The prices (including service charges and gratuity) are \$54 -\$150. Beginning July 12th, you can contact the Spa for your appointment. A price list is included in your monthly packet.

Environmental Ownership 1908 Acts of Green Program Target: Soror Robertine Jefferson, Chairman, reported that to create a substantial environment, we must reduce, reuse and recycle. She discussed that water bottles add to our carbon footprint. If we cannot reduce we can purchase items that can be reused and recycled. To help us all be environmentally responsible, the committee has started a recycle program and has partnered with CompuCycle. The company, which is a woman owned and operated Houston business, sponsors a non-profit for inner city youth where they learn to use the technology and services of the gadgets so that they can be reused. She thanked those that brought donations today.

Health Program Target- The Longest Day: Soror Kim Topps, Sub-Team Leader, asked those who have been affected by Alzheimer's to raise their hands. She gave facts about the disease. To bring awareness The Longest Day is celebrated at the Fountain of Life Center this Thursday, June 21st, 11 a.m. -1::30 and then 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please register at the table in the back or online via the link. The committee raffled off a Kendra Scott necklace and bracelet valued at more than \$225. Soror Pamela Cormier highlighted the video that showed the NAMI Check presentation from the Health Committee. Soror Cormier thanked all for their donations of \$2365.00. The goal was achieved, and the mission was accomplished. A video announcing the upcoming longest day, was shown.

Childhood Hunger Program Target: Soror Christina Allen-Crowder, presented for the Chairman, Soror Rose Austin. Soror Allen-Crowder reported the Manna House and Kid's Meals projects. She asked those sorors that donated towards these projects to stand and be recognized. She announced the committee would continue in the Fall, so stay tuned for the next activity.

National Pan-Hellenic Council of Houston: Soror Darlene Johnson, Chairman, reported that from June 19, 2017 to June 11, 2018, the council has completed 16 service projects (listed in your monthly packet). Upcoming events and details are also included in the report.

Medals of Commendation: Soror Marsha Penn announced the sorors being recognized for the Medal of Commendation. Hostess Committee – Chairman, Soror Mary Barnett, Co-Chairmen Sorors, Eunice George, Michelle Lastrapes and Sandrina James; E-Automation Committee – Chairman Sorors, Rhonda Williams and Evelyn Gates; Technology Committee - Chairman Sorors, Carolene Goffney and Rhonda Haralson; Decorations Committee – Chairman, Soror Deneen Ford, Co-Chairmen Sorors, Johnetta Alfred, Etta Hill, and Alicia Lacey-Castille.

Boule Candidates and Proposed Amendments: Soror Penn reported that the 2018 Boule Delegates have met to review the profiles of the candidates and would meet again to review the amendments. The delegates will also caucus once we get to Boule and hear the speeches and presentations. Soror Penn asked the body if they would entrust the delegates to take this on and if so please give a round of applause. The body responded with a round of applause. She also asked if anyone had anything that they wanted to communicate to the delegates, they are welcome to do so. Soror Penn stated that a survey would be coming out to get feedback on how the delegates should vote on the bylaws.

Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation Scholarships: Soror Lillian Bourgeois, Scholarship Chairman, presented the 2018 Scholarship Recipients of the Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston.

Scholarship Name	Recipient	Scholarship Name	Recipient
Gladys Davis Simon	Kailyn Thiboudeaux	ASCEND	
Dorothy J. Lawson	Royce Hooks	Annie Brew	Charles Hooper
Lillian V. Chester	Kiara Richardson	Jewel McFarland-Thomas	Sophia Haralson
Anna Belle Stokes	Kevin Taylor-Jarrell	Historically Black Colleges & Universities	
Erma Sweatt Wallace	Jalon Jackson	IEACF General Scholarship	Doriana Green
Hazel Hainsworth Young	Sadie Randall	General Scholarships Undergraduate	
Hazel Hainsworth Young-Jack Yates	Jillian Lewis	M. Viola Butler	Anaya Valentine (TSU)
Charlotte Bryant	Amber Scott	M. Viola Butler	Kathryn Grant (UHC)
IEACF General Scholarship	McKenna Sanders	M. Viola Butler	Sania Broom (UHD)

Soror Cherise Story, President of the Ivy Educational and Charitable Foundation of Houston, thanked everyone for their support and stated that the foundation needs your feedback. She also, thanked all that took the IEACF Survey electronically and those who will take the survey manually today.

Bridging Ceremony- Transition from Undergraduate to Graduate: Soror Wondy Weston conducted the bridging ceremony. She states that this is a time to celebrate and is recognition of our lifelong commitment. The bridging is for those sorors that have graduated and are transitioning from an undergraduate chapter to a graduate chapter. Each soror is encouraged to immediately transfer to a graduate chapter, attend chapter meetings, participate in chapter activities and join a chapter committee. Pomp and Circumstance played for the processional of Alpha Kappa Omega Basileus, Undergraduate Advisors and graduating Undergraduates to begin the bridging Ceremony. The bridging sorors are:

Graduating University	Bridging Soror
Epsilon Lambda	Karen Jones
Gamma Psi	Nancy Osazuwa
Gamma Psi	Jasmine Hall
Gamma Psi	Ashley Collins
Omicron Gamma	Sheronda Higgins
Omicron Gamma	Crystal Williamson
Omicron Gamma	Catherine Gore

Unfinished Business: Chapter Shirt-Soror Anitra Provost encouraged sorors to purchase the shirt which is displayed at the table located at the back of the room. Orders are being taken at this time. The price is \$16 and \$19 for sizes 2X and above.

New Business: No new business.

Open Mic: 1) Soror Donna Miles announced that on Thursday, July 5h at 4- 5:30 p.m. the Houston Public Library exhibit will highlight Soror Mattelia B. Grays, Soror Faye B. Bryant, Soror Polly Turner and Soror Gwendolyn J. Brinkley and other Southeast Texas Cluster Directorate members. 2) Soror Bettye Narcisse announced today is the last opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for the trip to Dubai. 3) Soror Betty Roberson made a statement about dialysis. 4) Soror Yolanda Murdock announced that the time is now to roll out the Basileus Signature program. The details will be highlighted at the September meeting. The program will be called, "Queen, Goddess or Diva, which one are you?". A survey will come out in the next few weeks.

Announcements: Soror Brenda Morris Davis read a thank you note from Soror Sandra Weber Fullerton for the support during her sister's, Donna, illness and transition. Also, Soror Morris Davis announced, the chapter along with Dow Chemical Company would help pack up the library of Yates High School as they prepare to move to their new building. Please plan to participate June 29th from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tellers Report: Soror Bayana Sumbry-Taylor reported the voting results from the Bylaws election. The voting strength was 348.

Amendment #:	Percentage of "Yes" Votes	Amendment #:	Percentage of "Yes" Votes	Amendment #:	Percentage of "Yes" Votes
1	87%	11	91%	21	84%
2	87%	12	90%	22	81%
3	88%	13	77%	23	87%
4	92%	14	86%	24	69%
5	87%	15	85%	25	81%
6	87%	16	89%	26	78%
7	88%	17	82%	27	74%
8	72%	18	81%	28	75%
9	94%	19	90%	29	77%
10	92%	20	86%	30	73%

Soror Penn announced that all Bylaws passed and that 2/3's of the vote was needed for each amendment.

Birthday Recognitions: Soror Jamie Watson asked all Sorors with birthdays in the month of June and July to come to the front of the room to be recognized and to receive their chapter gift. The Stevie Wonder version of Happy Birthday was played as we celebrated and took pictures.

Action: A motion was made for approval of the Tellers Report by Soror Angela Williams. The motion was seconded.

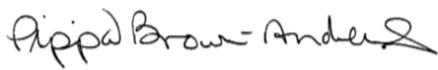
Discussion: No discussion heard. Vote by Voice: The motion was adopted.

Raffle Results: Soror Kim Topps announced the results of the raffle for the Kendra Scott Necklace and Bracelet set; was won by Soror Lillie Jones. Soror Topps thanked everyone who participated, \$400 was raised.

Inspiration June Benediction: Soror Charlyn Kyles gave a farewell benediction prayer for our summer break. Soror Penn asked that we all say a little prayer for each other over the summer and be safe as we listen to Aretha Franklin's "I Say a Little Prayer".

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned by the Basileus at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted By:



Pippa Brown-Andrews
2018 Grammateus



Marsha Penn
2018 Basileus

Please contact Soror Pippa Brown-Andrews via email at Grammateus.AKOmega@gmail.com with any suggested corrections.