**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Tampa Alumnae Chapter**

**General Meeting Minutes-DRAFT**

**College Hill Conference Center**

**10/19/19**

The meeting was called to order at **9:30am** by Soror Alicia Warren. Soror Chonta Haynes shared the inspirational word.

The agenda was adopted by consensus with no noted corrections. The minutes were accepted with the following corrections: Correspondence- change Soror Sandra **Cook** to Soror Sandra **Cooke;** change Soror **Carolyn** Marr to Soror **Carollyn** Marr; change Shalon to Shalom.

**Correspondence – Soror Sandra Cooke**

* Thank You card received from Soror Delores Statum on behalf of family of Elverta M. Mock-Harris

**Visiting Sorors & October Birthdays- Soror Sabrina Griffith & Soror Alicia Howell Banks**

* Visiting/New Sorors: **3**
* Birthdays: **13**

**President’s Message - Soror Alicia Warren**

*See full report on DSSTA website for National/Regional/Chapter Updates*

* Soror Warren had sorors recite the 2018-2020 Vision- “Developing Leaders, Member Engagement, Technology Enhancement”
* Save the Dates:
  + Cluster -November 8th -10th in Miami.
  + Bay Area Founders Day – Hosted by Lakeland Alumnae: January 25th
  + Regional Convention: Date to be determined. Location: Kissimmee, Florida
  + DDAC – February 9th- 11th
  + DDNC – February 23rd – 25th
  + Regional Conference Dates-TBA in Kissimmee
* In preparation for our upcoming elections in May 2020, the 3rd Vice President and Technology team are working together to prepare a process for electronic voting. The Chapter will be utilizing software during the upcoming elections in May. Sampling of the software will begin in December so that sorors are sufficiently prepared for the actual voting of officers in May 2020
* Policies and Procedures: Under the “Concerns Section”, the following change was not accepted: “once a sororal year the committee will also seek proactive feedback from the member items as approved by Leadership”. It was recommended that next sororal year, the Chapter include details regarding the process for obtaining feedback. Changes were submitted for approval
* Soror **Jasmine White-Bynum** was accepted into the National Leadership Academy!! Congratulations
* What is the function of Chapter Meeting? Is it a Business & Social Meeting? Soror Alicia Warren clarified that the Chapter Meeting is a “Business Meeting”. She suggested sorors join a committee for socializing and not Chapter Meeting.
* Bay Area Founders Day: Sorors were reminded that tickets are being sold on-line.

**Executive Board Recommendations/Action items**

[**Political Awareness and Involvement**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/political.html) **& Economic Development-** *Bulk Action Item*

* *Action Items*: Eboard recommended adding to the calendar to have voter’s registration at the Black Heritage Festival on January 18, 2020. Eboard recommended removing from the calendar the following: November 9th-Economic Development Investment Program Money Smart; December 21st- Holiday Bizarre; February 22nd - Political Awareness and Involvement Restoration of Felon Rights event; and Feb 24th - Political Awareness and Involvement Judicial Forum. Soror Leslie Brown moved to accept approval for calendar changes. Soror Wanda Seigler seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Yes (29,26,22,18,16) No (0).

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**Arts & Letters-** *Single Item Action*

* *Action Item:* EBoard recommended approval to reserve Friday, November 22nd for a Red-Carpet Movie Event. The name of the movie is “21 Bridges”. It is supported by National. The chapter plans to rent the movie theater. The theater can hold a maximum of 84 people. The ticket cost will be $20 including refreshments. It is only for sorors. Soror Brenna Fields Taylor moved to accept EBoard’s recommendation. Soror Gloria Riddick Williams seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Yes (29, 23.24,20, 22) No (0).

**Membership Services Single Item**

* Action Item: The budget report for the Holiday Social was presented for approval. It would be held on Dec 14th at Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association. The time is 7:30am-11:30am. The theme is Holidays with Heels and Bling. Tickets will cost $20 and available on Eventbrite. The budget included room rental, party planner, meal, beverages, insurance, DJ and Eventbrite. Plan to sell 150 tickets to cover expenses. If 150 tickets are not sold, the chapter may incur some cost; however, based on last year’s high attendance at the Holiday Social, the committee does not anticipate that occurring. Sorors are encouraged to purchase tickets early. Soror Leslie Brown moved to accept recommendation for the budget. Soror Chonta Haynes seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Yes (28, 23, 25,24,20) No (2).

**Risk Management Orientation Presentation- Soror Cassandra Thomas**

*See full Risk Management Presentation on DSTTA website*

The presentation was an overview of Risk Management and not the same as Risk Management Volunteer Training. **The overview focused on the following major concepts:** Preventive risk management for all Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. youth initiatives; Guidelines for becoming a volunteer; Volunteer screening; Policies and Procedures governing youth initiatives; and Response to child abuse and neglect. Soros were encouraged to review the **Risk Management Manual.**  All chapters must adhere to the policies set forth in Delta’s Risk Management Manual**.** The Risk Management Manual can be found on Delta’s National Website.Log on to the Members Only area and look for “National Area” at the top**.** <http://www.deltasigmatheta.org/>

**Budget and Finance -Soror Tiffany Mitchell & Soror Briana Joseph**

*See full report on DSTTA website*

* **Budget Report** for **September 2019**: Program Bank Balance$95,633.76: Administrative Bank Balance $94,837.18: Funds Managed by DELTA Inc.: $14,202.55; Lincoln Financial Investment $0.00
* **Financial Report** -**September 2019** Admin: $75,838.32; Projects: $1830.00; Total Income$77,668.64; and Grand Total $77,669.30(includes Carry-over)
* Soror Alicia Warren recognized Soror Vernell Savage for providing a detailed report on how D.E.L.T.A. INC. managed the chapter’s funds. Transparency is important and they provided it!

**Minerva Circle Elections-** Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels

Sorors listed on the ballot were introduced. There was a question on the process for sorors being on the ballot. Soror Alicia Warren provided a brief explanation but reminded sorors the process was presented at September’s chapter meeting and a presentation was completed by Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson and Soror Brenna Fields Taylor

**Election Committee-**Chairs Soror Wanda Seigler and Soror Mary Randolph**-** Provided instructions on the voting process. Sorors were provided the choice to vote using voting stations provided by Supervisor of Elections Voting Office or accessing the same ballot using their mobile device. Only financial sorors permitted to vote. Majority vote wins. If there is a need for a run-off, further instructions would be explained. Roll Call instructions were provided, and voting took place. The meeting continued while votes were counted.

**First Vice President’s Report -** Soror Brenda Webb Johnson

*See October 1st VP report* *and Chapter Meeting PowerPoint Slides 18-24 on DSTTA website*

* Political Awareness & Social Action Committee-Soror Audrey Sullivan Moore and Soror Heddie Sumpter shared the major initiative is the 2020 Census. The goal is to count everyone once and in the right place. Participation in the

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Census is important. It can result in gaining congressional seats, changes in redistricting and more. More information will be provided at later date on how to participate in the Census.

* Educational Development- Soror Deirdre Joseph provided a recap of the Career & College Expo. Acknowledgement and appreciation were expressed for soror’s participation at the Expo. There was an increase in participation from colleges and Middleton High School.
* International Awareness & Involvement- Soror Jackie Jackson thanked sorors for Bahamas Relief donations. World Aids Day is December 1, 2019. The committee is selling Worlds Aids Day t-shirts recognizing the day. Sorors were encouraged to wear the shirts on December 1st and post pictures on social media.

**Extended Meeting Past 12:00pm**

Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson moved to extend time of chapter meeting. Soror Yolanda Lee seconded the motion. Motion Carried by consensus.

**Second Vice President’s Report - Soror Sabrina Griffith**

*See attached October 2nd VP report and Chapter Meeting PowerPoint Slides 25-26 on DSTTA website*

* Announced DID Training was being held today after chapter meeting
* Round Up- Soror TeKeisha Zimmerman thanked sorors for attending. Reclaimed 12 sorors

**Third Vice President’s Report -** Soror Sabrina Griffith (on behalf of Soror Angie Brown)

*See attached October 3rd VP report and Chapter Meeting PowerPoint Slide 27 on DSTTA website*

* Queen of Hearts- Soror Paulette Walker and Soror Joyce Patterson, Chairs. The date is March 28, 2020. Location is Centro Asturiano de Tampa 1913 N. Tampa, FL. The attire is African Elegance. Tickets are $100 and will be available in November. There will be 8 people to a table. If any soror wants to be a hostess, see Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson
* Reds & Whites- It will be held on November 3, 2019 at the Sam Gibbons Alumni Center. The time is 5:00pm-7:30pm. VIP guest can arrive at 4:00pm. Sorors advised not to wear paraphernalia due to wine will be served

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER SUMMARY -Soror Sandra Cooke**

* Soror Julie Williamson is resting at hospital following her surgery. She hopes to be released on Monday.
* Soror Deirdre Joseph announced a free Fall Festival event for children ages 5-12. It will be held on November 1, 2019 at St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church. The time is 5:00pm -6:30pm. There will be games, face painting, bounce house and lots of fun
* Soror Jacqueline Graham announced her son was named 2019 Teacher of Year for Hillsborough County Public Schools and the State of Florida!!!!!!!!! She is asking for prayers as he is being considered for the title of National Teacher of the Year!!!!!
* D.E.L.T.A. INC. Board invites sorors to dine in at Shula Burger Restaurant. Part of the proceeds will to go to the nonprofit
* Soror Wanda Seigler and Soror Edith Randolph requested college financial assistance to support Arie Baldwin who will be attending Florida A&M University. Her mother, Soror Monique Griffin, recently lost her job

**Preliminary Voting Results Provided by the Election Committee. There was a run-off for Leader of Minerva Circle and**

**Convener of Odyssey Experience**

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| Minerva Circle Assignment | Name of Soror | Votes | Run-Off |
| Leader of Minerva Circle | Tayanna Richardson | 35 |  |
| Leader of Minerva Circle | Leslie Brown | 48 | 46 |
| **Leader of Minerva Circle** | **Nicole Roberts** | 54 | 60 |
| Keeper of Muses and Graces | Janette Spencer-Davis | 55 |  |
| **Keeper of Muses and Graces** | **Sandra Cooke** | 81 |  |
| **Jewels** | **Joanell Lawson** | **100** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Estella Gray** | **79** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Dioan Johnson** | **90** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Tonja Brickhouse** | **65** |  |
| Jewels | Walinda McKnight-Green | 57 |  |
| Jewels | Monica Rider | 24 |  |
| **Jewels** | **Bianca Berry** | **69** |  |
| Jewels | Jeanine Baron | 52 |  |
| **Jewels** | **Pamela Lee** | **58** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Tina Fernandez** | **65** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Areatha Morrow** | **80** |  |
| **Jewels** | **Schantel BoBo** | **59** |  |
| Jewels | Cynthia Howard | 18 |  |
| Jewels | Phildra Swagger | 44 |  |
| Jewels | Sandra Cooke | 45 |  |
| Jewels | Quicta Walters | 53 |  |
| Jewels | ~~Sherita Spencer~~ | Name should not be on ballot | |
| Jewels | Janette Spencer-Davis | 55 |  |
| Jewels | Mallory Davis | 49 |  |
| Jewels | Janice Crowley | 42 |  |
| Jewels | Nicole Roberts | *49* |  |
| Jewels | Joyce Patterson | 33 |  |
| **Convener of Odyssey Experience** | **Nadine Johnson** | 48 | 61 |
| Convener of Odyssey Experience | Mallory Davis | 13 |  |
| Convener of Odyssey Experience | Cynthia Howard | 4 |  |
| Convener of Odyssey Experience | Tina Fernandez | 27 |  |
| Convener of Odyssey Experience | Estella Gray | 45 | 45 |

Soror Kim Colston reported the following count for October’s Chapter Meeting Count: 147 members + 3 visiting Sorors= 150 total in attendance

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Alicia Warren, President Dawne Gullatt, Recording Secretary

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Lorita Shirley, Asst Recording Secretary

**Program Planning and Development Committee Reports**

[Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson](mailto:firstvp@dstta.com), 1st Vice President – November 2019

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| **[Arts and Letters Committee](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area" \l "arts):** [dsttaarts@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaarts@gmail.com) Chair [Shenika Baisley](mailto:sbaisley33@gmail.com): There will be a Red Carpet Event in conjunction with Membership Services on November 22 at Westshore AMC at 7:00 p.m. There are a few tickets remaining for purchase today. Submit your Harriett ticket stub for today’s drawing for a chance to win a 1-4 night Las Vegas stay. Circle of Sisters Book Club will be held on December 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rue, S. MacDill. We will be reading “Some Sing, Some Cry” by  Next Committee Meeting: November 17, 2019 at 7:00 conference call |
| [**Economic Development Committee**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/economic.html)**:** [dsttaecondev@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaecondev@gmail.com) Chair [Kay Lee-Smith](mailto:klee2345@msn.com):  Next Committee Meeting: November 19, 2019 |
| [**Educational Development**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/educational.html)**:** Coordinator, [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com): |
| **Delta Gems**: [tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com) Chair [Quicta Nicole Walters](mailto:tampaalumnaedeltagems@gmail.com), co-chairs [Maureen Goins](mailto:maureengoins@yahoo.com), and [Sharon Hays](mailto:semple8@hotmail.com): 61 girls enrolled. Making strides against Breast Cancer walk participation November 3, 2019. The Low Ropes course at USF was a meet and greet, building rapport session went very well.  Next Committee Meeting: November 5, Tuesday, 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting – Zoom |
| **Delta Academy**: [tadeltaacademy@gmail.com](mailto:tadeltaacademy@gmail.com) Chair [DeVonne McKeever-Daniels](mailto:devonnemc9@gmail.com), co-chairs [Jeanine Baron](mailto:jeaninebaron@yahoo.com), and [Deidre Joseph](mailto:djoseph173@aol.com): 36 girls enrolled. Bully grant awarded and a program potential will be presented to the chapter.  Next Committee Meeting: Sunday, December 1, 2019 |
| |  | | --- | | **EMBODI**: [taembodi@gmail.com](mailto:taembodi@gmail.com) Chair [Michelle Stone](mailto:famurat1990@aol.com) co-chair [Angie Fields](mailto:angie.l.fields@gmail.com): 27 young men enrolled. Embodi will see Harriet on November 1. They will also attend the Classic on November 17. PAI sponsored the October meeting and they brought in Ed Narain who was well received.  Next Committee Meeting: December 12, 2019 | | [**International Awareness and Involvement Committee**](https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/international.html)**:** [dsttaiaandi@gmail.com](mailto:dsttaiaandi@gmail.com) Chair [Jackie Jackson](mailto:msj626@aol.com) co-chair [Christine Lewis](mailto:cj2lewis@yahoo.com): *Delta House Sustainability Fund Support: World AIDS Day t-shirt sales will be used for the sustainability fund targeting Delta House and Vashti Village. There are 10 shirts available for purchase at chapter meeting. They will also conduct an education campaign via social media to educate on HIV/AIDS statistics.*  Next Committee Meeting: November 12, 2019 via conference call | | [**Physical and Mental Health Committee**](http://deltasigmatheta.org/health.html)**:** [tapmh@dstta.com](mailto:tapmh@dstta.com) Chair [Julie Williamson](mailto:juliewilliamson2003@icloud.com) co-chair [Kareen Moreland](mailto:kareenw_nylife@yahoo.com): Walk it Out  \*\*Tuesday, 6 pm at International Mall (2223 N. Westshore Blvd) meet at the entrance of California Pizza Kitchen \*\*Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 pm at the Amphitheater near Waterworks Park (1710 N Highland Ave) \*\*Thursday, 7 pm at the Brandon Parkway Trail (604 Pauls Dr) \*\*Thursday, 6:30 pm at Dick's Sporting Goods in Citrus Park Mall (8100 Citrus Park Dr.) at couches in front of the store.  Next Committee Meeting: December 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Every first Sunday via conference call 7:30 p.m. (605) 475-5900 access code 5712114# | | [**Political Awareness and Involvement**](mailto:Political%20Awareness%20and%20Involvement)**:** [dsttapolitical@gmail.com](mailto:dsttapolitical@gmail.com) Co-Chairs [Walinda McKnight](mailto:walindamckgr@msn.com) and Erica Williams: Preparing for 2020. College and career fair participation resulted in 30 new voter registrations!  Next Committee Meeting: TBD | | [**Scholarship Committee**](https://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#scholar)**:** [scholarshipdstta@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipdstta@gmail.com) Chair [Tina James](mailto:tee_jay10@hotmail.com) co-chair [Joanell Lawson](mailto:jazdst10@msn.com): Scholarship applications are live on our chapter website:  <https://www.dstta.com/scholarship> The Deadline to apply is January 31, 2020. Please share with Hillsborough County families.  Next Committee Meeting: TBD |   [**Social Action Committee**](hhttps://members.dstonline.org/National-Area#social)**:** [tasocialaction@gmail.com](mailto:tasocialaction@gmail.com) Chair [Heddie Sumpter](mailto:hmshollywd1@gmail.com) co-chair [Audrey Sullivan Moore](mailto:mammamooreasm@gmail.com): Social Action is gearing up for Census 2020. Next Committee Meeting: December 14, 2019 8:00 pm. |
| [**Risk Management**](https://members.dstonline.org/getmedia/b3270cc4-04eb-4af4-8717-e876aa303f2e/Risk-Management-Manual-September-2017_Amended.pdf)**:** [dsttariskmng@gmail.com](mailto:dsttariskmng@gmail.com) Coordinator [Cassandra Thomas](mailto:bbzephyr01@aol.com) Trainers: Angie Fields, DeVonne McKeever-Daniels, and Gloria Williams: Training sessions for 2019-20 volunteers has concluded. 2 new GEMS volunteers were approved last month. 2 new applications pending. |

**Respectfully submitted by Dr. Brenda Webb Johnson, 1st VP, 813-789-1691,** [**firstvp@dstta.com**](mailto:firstvp@dstta.com)



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**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**2nd Vice President Report**

**October 2019**

**Archives**

* **Chair: Soror Tonja Brickhouse tbrick4140@aol.com** Properties/Storage sub-committee - **Co-chair, Soror Schantel Bobo, tcbfl2000@aol.com**

No report at this time.

**Nominating Committee**

* **Chair: Soror DeVonne McKeever-Daniels devonnemc9@gmail.com Co-Chair: Alicia Howell-Banks achowell75@yahoo.com**

*Report submitted separately.*

**Grants**

* **Chair: Soror Tina Fernandez,** [**tfernandez35@gmail.com**](mailto:tfernandez35@gmail.com)

No report at this time.

**Membership Services**

* **Chair:**  **Soror TeKeisha Zimmerman Zimmerman.tekeisha@gmail.com,**

*Round-Up 2019 was a success. Thank you to the committee for planning a fun-filled, sisterly event. Thank you to all sorors that join us. TA 101 will be held Saturday, October 19th at 8:15am.*

***Concerns***

* **Co-Chair: Soror Wanda Seigler poppye53@gmail.com**

***Courtesy***

* **Co-Chair**: **Soror Leslie Woods-Brown, drbrown427@verizon.net**

***Delta Connection***

* **Co-Chair: Soror Theresa Cross tcross499@gmail.com**

***Hospitality***

* **Co-Chair**: **Soror** **Alicia Howell Banks** [**achowell75@yahoo.com**](mailto:achowell75@yahoo.com)

*Orders for DSTTA nametags will be taken during November and December chapter meetings.*

***Social***

* **Co-Chairs**: **Soror Jacquelyn Bogen yvonne33617@yahoo.com,** **Soror Lateshia Milton lateshia.barnes@gmail.com**

*Report submitted separately- Holiday Social*

*Please contact the sub-committee immediately to notify them of any events you anticipate using their services throughout the sororal year.*

***Delta Internal Development***

* **Co-Chair**: **Soror Nadine Johnson, njdelta40@aol.com**

*Pre-MIT DIDs will be held on October 19th at 1pm.*

***Collegiate Connection***

* **Co-Chair**: **Soror Jasmine White-Bynum, jswhiteb@ncsu.edu**

***Reclamation***

* **Co-Chairs: Soror Estella Gray estellagray@yahoo.com**

***Founders Day***

* **Co-chair: Soror Edith Randolph edithrandolph27@yahoo.com**

**Technology and Communications Committee**

* **Chair: Soror Katina Robinson ebonykat@tampabay.rr.com Co-chair –Soror Dioan Johnson, djatlast1913@gmail.com**

No report at this time.

**Ritual and Ceremonies**

* **Chair: Soror Janice Crowley crowleyj002@yahoo.com, Soror Joyce Patterson patsjoy127@yahoo.com**

No report at this time.

**Public Relations**

* **Chair: Soror Jamel Lanee jlanee1@gmail.com, Co-Chair: Soror Mallory Davis mal.davis1913@gmail.com**

*The committee asks that requests for publicity be submitted 8 weeks prior to the event so there is ample time to create and implement an appropriate plan.*

*During the month of September, the committee promoted the Bahamas Donation Drive, the College and Career Expo, National Rad-a-book day, Remembering those we lost on 9/11, and voter registration. The committee is actively recruiting new members. Please contact the chair if you are interested in joining.*

**Policies and Procedures**

* **Co-Chair: Soror Tayanna Richardson tqsarichardson@yahoo.com**

No report at this time.

**Protocol and Traditions**

* **Chair: Soror Imani Coles Imani.coles@spartans.ut.edu, Co-chair: Soror Marian Lauria-Gibson mslauria1@verizon.net**

No report at this time.

**Audit**

* **Chair: Soror Gloria Williams glojean29@earthlink.net**

No report at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabrina Griffith, 2nd Vice President

