

1 **Chapter Meeting Minutes**
2 **Saturday, October 22, 2022**
3 **Online via Zoom**

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6 **Delta REaDy safety message**
7 Read by Soror Barbara Clorey

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9 The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by President Diane Martin
10 The meeting began at 12:00 with a formal opening. A quorum was present.

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12 **Adoption of Agenda**

13 The agenda was adopted

14 **Minutes**

15 The September Minutes will be sent with the October minutes to chapter by email prior to October
16 Chapter meeting and adopted at the November Chapter meeting

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18 **Opening Prayer** offered by Rev Elizabeth Sapp- Jones

19 **President's Report**

20 Our National President Soror Elsie Cook-Holmes invited the Divine Nine to a reception during The
21 Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC. On September 28 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The topic
22 was outreach and a thank you for support to the community to the Divine 9. Secondly, I participated in a
23 virtual meeting with our County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball. He invited the Divine Nine to discuss finding
24 space in the county, real-estate inventory for surplus space or a new construction site for an
25 African American culture facility to house the Divine 9 activities. While these discussions are preliminary
26 each organization was asked to submit a facility needs assessment. Our needs assessment has been sent
27 in. Which means we sent in the name of our organization as well as the number of members and some
28 of the meeting dates we have coming up. We will meet with the County Executive's team early
29 November to review options and afterwards these options will be shared with the council. Committee
30 Chairs please submit your reports at least one week before Executive Board meetings. When you
31 present to the chapter, please limit your presentations to 3 to 5 minutes. Adhere to that time frame
32 closely so we can ensure a limited time spent online and spend more time doing the work. I would like
33 to extend a special thank you to Soror Zana Watson and Soror Trina Lilley for helping us acquire space.
34 As you recall in our meeting last month we voted to have three face to face meetings. So we have
35 secured meeting spaces for our in person meetings. Which are scheduled for December 17, 2022, March
36 25, 2023 and June 24, 2023.

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40 **Financial Report-** Zana Watson for Linda Swain

41 The July 2022 & August 2022 reports were updated due to a PayPal error. The current months receipts
42 for July current and YTD is \$1,840.00 with 259 members and August current month receipts is
43 \$3,437.00 and YTD \$5,277.00 with 271 members
44 September 1-20, 2022 the current month receipts for September \$1,565.00 and YTD \$6,842.00 with 275
45 Financial members

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47 **First Vice President Committee Report- PP&D-** Teleshia Taylor for Adrienne Morrow

48 Committee meeting was held on 10/26/2022 and the meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the
49 month at 7:00. If you have questions please contact Soror Adrienne Morrow.

50 **Emergency Response Team-** Dr. Barbra Clorey

51 This month is Fire Prevention month and specifically 10/9 to 10-15 was Fire Prevention Week. A flyer
52 was submitted that was included in the chapter announcements titled learned fire safety now. Soror
53 Clorey shared a slide on exit drills in the home that was put out by the Howard County Department of
54 Fire and Rescue the acronym is EDITH. Since we are meeting in December, March and June in person,
55 the committee would like to get a list of chapter sorors who have medical backgrounds or medical
56 personnel that would be interested in assisting us if necessary. The Red envelopes will be passed out at
57 the December meeting. The committee would also like to get a list of those individuals in the chapter
58 who might be interested in taking a free course called Stop the Bleeding. It is put on by Howard County
59 Fire and Rescue and it is a hands-on free course on packing a wound, stopping bleeding, and applying a
60 tourniquet.

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62 **Economic Development-** Teleshia Taylor

63 The meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Looking for Sorors that have
64 economic development talent to join the committee. We met Tuesday October the 4th at 7:00PM with 7
65 sorors. The next meeting is Tuesday Nov 1 at 7:00 PM. Register with the shared code or the email in the
66 chat. We are finalizing some dates on a couple of activities and are still in the planning phase.

67 Financial tips will be featured in the chapter announcements. To bring awareness to the financial
68 resources. The co-lead is Soror Michelle Edwards. The Economic Development committee is partnering
69 with Physical & Mental Health to talk about finances and stress how they tie in hand in hand on
70 November 7th. This is a public event. The committee will also be partnering with Arts and Letters in
71 reading The 21 Day Financial Fast a partnership with Arts and Letters. The kick off will be in January
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73 **Physical and Mental Health-** Teleshia Taylor for Jackie Seth

74 Shared a slide to express the importance of fighting breast cancer together. Look for more information
75 in the chapter announcements in reference to breast health and to what is normal, not normal and the
76 importance of mammograms. A link was provided to view the breast cancer awareness point challenge.
77 The 4th annual head talk will include the topics of Alzheimer's facts and figures, meditation, fitness and
78 wellbeing, brain health and covid. This will take place November 12 11:00 AM.

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80 **The Scholars Leadership Program-** Muriel Mitchel

81 The Scholars Leadership Program is in all twelve of our high schools. During this period the schools are in
82 the process of identifying new scholars for their programs. To date three schools have completed their
83 identification process and have had their recognition ceremony. Those high schools include Reservoir,
84 Long Reach and Mount Hebron. On Tuesday the 25th Centennial High School had their recognition
85 program. On Nov 9th Oakland Mills High School will have their program. The remainder schools will have
86 their entire process completed by Nov 30th. Following that a complete report will be given on the
87 number of new scholars in the program for this year as well as the number of those returning.

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89 **International Awareness' and Involvement-** No report

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91 **Risk Management-** Dionne Rogers

92 A slide was presented with a Self-Checklist for Completing Risk Management Screening. If you can
93 answer yes to all the questions in the checklist then expect to be connected for an interview. As a
94 reminder if you are going to work with the youth programs you must be Risk Management trained. If
95 you didn't attend the September 21st training you can attend the Nov 1 at 7:00 PM. The volunteer

96 application and the appendix A11 form can be found on the national website and the link can be found
97 in the chapter announcements sent out on October 12.

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99 **Second Vice President- Membership- Eugenia Woodson**

100 The Membership Services Committee met on September 7, 2022/6:30PM-8:30PM at the East Columbia
101 Library. The committee formulated a Delta Dear survey that was to be included in the past
102 announcements. The link was placed in the chat, on Facebook and on GroupMe. On September 20th we
103 presented the New Member REaDi Session. We planned for our reclamation event Round-Up Shades of
104 Sisterhood "Tailgate: Rep Your School Colors or Delta Paraphernalia on Saturday, October 8th from 1pm
105 until 3pm at All Aboard Early Learning Center, located at 11625 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia
106 21044. This is a B.Y.O.F. (Bring your own food) and B.Y.O.C. (Bring your own chair) event. Membership
107 Service' D2 Love sub-committee presents "A Fall Fellowship and Tea for our DEARS" at the Central
108 Library located at 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maxine White Warfield Room on Thursday November
109 3 from 2:30-4:30 pm. The next committee meeting is Wednesday Nov 2 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
110 Greetings to visiting sorors and chapter members with a poem written by Soror Yolonda Charon
111 Visiting Sorors and October birthdays acknowledged from the chat.

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113 **Questions:**

114 Soror Steele ask Soror Woodson when we would vote for membership intake per our policy and
115 procedures. Soror Steele reminded that a 10 day notice to the chapter is required prior to voting. Soror
116 Woodson answered that the membership committee has been in discussion and is looking at the
117 December meeting.

118 Soror Pope ask Soror President if our policy and procedures were approved. Soror President confirmed
119 they are approved.

120 Soror Pope clarified her question adding that Scholarship and Standards has to approve our change to
121 our chapter's policy and procedure to vote on MIT each year. Soror President advised she will look into
122 it and confirm what is needed.

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127 **3rd Vice President – Fundraising – Khalida Burton**

128 The Fundraising Committee met on September 4th to discuss activities that are being planned for the
129 year. Upcoming fundraising activities: Giving Campaigns have a net goal of \$22K: 1- Giving Tuesday
130 November 29, 2022. The giving levels suggested \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250, other. 2- Founders Day 1913 on
131 January 13, 2023. The giving levels suggested \$19.13 and other. The donations for both campaigns will
132 be tax deductible.

133 The Social Fundraisers: Rhapsody in Red December 2, 2022; New Year's Day Party January 1, 2023;
134 Hatitude at the Races April/May 2023; Debutante Cotillion April 2023 and the 3rd Annual Golf Outing
135 May 1, 2023. Each in-person event will have an opportunity for direct donations via DREFT, sponsorships
136 and vendors (when applicable).

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138 **Correspondence- Patricia Hill**

139 We have received dues for 2022 and 2023 this sorority year as well as an invoice from Extra Storage
140 space, a Bank of America statements, a notice from Howard Community College Educational Foundation
141 thanking us for our donation and having a Delta Sigma Theta Endowment for scholarships. The amount
142 disbursed from the endowment was \$2198 the number of students funded were three. The amount to
143 be disbursed the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 academic year \$2658.00.

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Treasure’s Report- Michelle Rhodes Brown

September 1-30, 2022

Beginning Bank Balance = \$242,002.74
Ending Bank Balance = \$241,496.32
DREF Restricted funds as of March 31, 2022, is \$26,923.20.

Community Outreach- Samantha Chester

The committee met on October 6, 2022, at 7pm via Zoom to discuss the yearly calendar. 14 committee members attended.
October – HCC 5k Race Challenge completed on 10/9/2022, November FOOD Drive with Howard County Food Bank or Columbia Community Care, December Adopt-a-Family/Giving Tree, January – MLK/Founders Day of Service @ Leola Dorsey Center, February – Cold Weather Shelter with St. Johns Baptist Church, March- Rest, April – Adopt-a-Road April 22, 2023 (Earth Day), May- Rest and June – Participate in Howard County Juneteenth Activity. Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. Next meeting is Nov 3 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The HCC 5K challenge race partners with a corporation whose vision is to make Columbia the community of choice. The race is an obstacle course challenge and is a fundraiser for 49% of students that need some form of financial aid and the proceeds from this event supports their student scholarships program allowing many of their students to pursue a career in the healthcare industry. The Community Outreach Committee volunteered to assist in providing the participants with refreshments.

Arts and Letters – Terri Showers

We are looking for sorors to join the Arts and Letters Committee. The first meeting was held on September 22 where we revisited the goals of the National Commission of Arts and Letters. We set norms, established meeting times, and began to plan activities for this sorority year. On October 9, we had a call meeting to discuss plans to see the red carpet event The Woman King. The event was scheduled for Tuesday Oct 11 at the Regal UA Snowden Square theatre at 4:50 PM. We also discussed plans for the upcoming book study on the book Take My Hand to be held sometime in January. The activities planed during the meeting were a red carpet event for the Woman King using #DST1913 and #DELTAREDCARPET with posted photos and to send pictures to Heritage and Archives Committee. Our next activity planned will be a book study with Economic Development on the 21 Day Financial Fast. The kickoff will be held sometime in January, we encourage sorors to read the book. Another book study will be the book Take My Hand partnering with Physical and Mental Health for the month of February, the American Heart Month activity. There will be another red carpet event for Black Panther Wakanda Forever in partnership with the Membership committee on November 20, 2022. The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Delta Lambda chapter ask the committee to partner with them in a red carpet event fundraiser for the current Black Panther movie. The committee declined the invitation. The upcoming committee meetings are November 13, 2022, February 19, 2023 and May 21, 2023. All meetings are on Zoom at 7:00 PM.

Policies and Procedures – Muriel Mitchell and Angela Chisley

We would like to state that a motion must be already on the floor before the call for the question is made. A slide was shared on how to call for the Question. Call for the Question is an actual motion to stop the debate on the previous question (motion). The proper wording to close debate

192 on the immediately pending motion is to say, “I move the previous question.” Also referred as:
193 “Calling for the question” “calling the question” “Close debate” “Calling for the vote.” The
194 motion to Call the Previous Question requires a two-thirds vote. If the motion to Call the
195 Previous Question fails, the debate continues.
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197 **Journalist** – Tawanda Johnson

198 I am working with Sorors Sonya Lawyer and Sherry Crawford regarding laying out the special
199 Edition of The Beacon, featuring our chapter’s attendance at the Eastern Regional Conference.
200 Regular editions of The Beacon are slated for publication on Nov. 14, Feb. 14, May 16, and August 15.
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205 **Social Action-** Valerie Montague

206 In the chapter announcements you may have seen a flyer around the upcoming election created by
207 Soror Brown and her daughter, outlining voter information and the ballot questions. You may have also
208 seen a notice that Pat Thomas provided about the importance of serving as election judges. The Social
209 Action Committee met on October 3 we are in the process of identifying specific issues that sorors will
210 follow during the sorority year. We are also asking other committees that are focusing on specific topics
211 such as economic empowerment or women’s health to consider whether there may be a social action
212 component to some of the issues they are bringing forth to the community.

213 A brief presentation was shared on where the ballot drop boxes are in the community, mail in ballots, in
214 person voting, early voting locations and voting on Election Day (know your voting location).
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216 Soror Hall Jones Question asked about if early voting ends at 8:00 PM vs 7:00 PM. Soror Montague
217 answered that early voting is from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM October 27 to November 3 including the
218 weekends at any of the five Howard County locations.
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220 **New Business**

221 Soror Montague ask if there is a calendar of regular scheduled committee meetings to try and avoid
222 conflicts in scheduling meetings/events so we have opportunities to attend other meetings.
223 Soror President will provide the dates of the committee meeting dates in her next announcement.
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225 Soror Showers asked Soror Johnson when the last date to accept pictures for the Beacon is. Soror
226 Johnson answered a week before the publication date.
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228 Soror Taylor asked are we able to record the public chapter events. Soror Nelson reminded that we
229 have to get permission from participants in the public meeting to record the event.
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231 **Announcements**

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236 **Soror Shropshire** – Soror Gwen Boyd will be preaching Sunday Nov 13 at 11:00 at The People’s
Community Baptist church in Silver Spring, MD

236 Soror Jones said a closing prayer
237 The Formal Closing was conducted by Soror President Diane Martin
238 Meeting declared and adjourned at 1:57
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240 **Trina Thames**
241 **Recording Secretary 2022-2024**
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