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Monday, May 8, 2023
Columbia MD Alumnae Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Diane Martin, Chapter President.
The meeting was a Zoom meeting. There was a quorum present. The Delta REaDy safety message read by Dr. Barbara Clorey. Rev Elizabeth Sapp Jones offered the opening prayer.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the deletion of Community Outreach (not reporting).

Minutes

Adoption of the April minutes as presented

President's Report – Diane Martin

Attended:

-The Chapter's Heritage and Archives Luncheon honoring sorors that have 25 or 50 years of service with our illustrious sorority. The luncheon was planned by the Heritage and Archives Committee lead by Committee Chair Pat Waddy and by the Membership Committee lead by Second Vice President Eugenia Woodson.

-The Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

-Five Days of May week festivities. Soror President thanked each presenter and facilitator for sharing their talents and skills. Below are the topics:

- Monday - The positives and the importance of attending an HBCU -lead by Dionne Rogers
- Tuesday - Unleash the power within us to reach our greatest potential - lead by Dr. Stephanie Wall
- Wednesday- Get on the path of developing black wealth- lead by Michelle Edwards
- Thursday- The Scholarship Committee and the Committee Chair Sarita Payne invited the scholarship recipients and their parents to share with us their goals and aspirations.
- Friday- Second Vice President Eugenia Woodson and members of the leadership team lead participants in a fun game of Jeopardy exploring careers and occupations.

First Vice President Committee Report- PP&D- Adrienne Morrow

Met as a committee to review the budget to divide the \$18,000 among the committees and each committee confirmed the amount needed for the first half of the sorority year. Please reach out to Adrienne Morrow if there are program planning questions. There will be a meeting on May 9.

Emergency Response – Dr. Barbara Clorey

Emergency Response was represented in the American Red Cross Sound the Alarm. Thanks to Lori Bunns, Beryl Graham and Dr Barbra Clorey for their participation.

Ten sorors are needed for The Hands Only CPR. Tentatively would like to do it after the June chapter meeting at APL. Reach out to Barbara Clorey if interested in participating.

International Awareness and Involvement- Alana Murray

The committee will be discussing during the May meeting possible ways to support the efforts in Sudan and will provide updates in the chapter announcements.

Economic Development – Teleshia Taylor

The committee meeting was rescheduled for next week. The estate planning session was April 2 and there were 75 participants. Fambridge Witherspoon was the co-lead for this event. The next meeting will be May 16th to discuss the program planning.

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47 **Risk Management- Dionne Rogers by Nicole Scarborough**

48 Risk Management supported the Scholarship Committee during the awards ceremony on May 4.
49 The risk management media and public release forms were signed by all parents and guardians
50 of students. The 4th quarter progress monitoring tool, which tracks the number of risk
51 management trainings and youth programs, is due to the Eastern Region by mid-June. The next
52 meeting is May 9th at 7:00 pm

53 **The Scholars Leadership Program- Muriel Mitchell**

54 Kathy Carter and Muriel Mitchell will meet with the school based advisors to discuss the fall
55 planning the first week of June.

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

58 The committee met April 5 6:30 pm

59 Activities:

- 60 • Presented 25 year and 50 year service awards. Sorors were very appreciative of the
- 61 program and thank you to all that attended and helped with the event.
- 62 • DID -Team Building (cancelled)
- 63 • Spirit week will be during the week before the chapter cookout. There will be several
- 64 activities to kick off the end of the sorority year including an ice cream social at the
- 65 McDonald's owned by Soror Cathy Bell and attending a church service.
- 66 • 145 RSVPs for the cookout
- 67 • Bake off during the chapter cookout June 25
- 68 • Kaking with a Twist Nov 12 location TBD
- 69 • Save the date for the Reclamation Pull Up and Park Tailgate Sept 9

70 Forms are available to nominate sorors for Soror of The Year and Fortitude.

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72 **Third Vice President – Fundraising – Khalida Burton**

73 The committee will meet on May 9 6:30 pm with a guest facilitator to lead a SWAT analysis to
74 help the committee come back with a smaller list of proposed activities for next sorority year.

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76 Activities:

- 77 • Debutante Cotillion- Scholarship Check and certificate was hand delivered to each
- 78 debutante (two were out of town)
- 79 • Golf Tournament- Took place on May 1 and there were 55 participants.
- 80 • Hatitude at the Races- \$100 on May 13. Due to survey results, bus transportation will not
- 81 be provided. 58 tickets have been sold to date

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83 **Correspondence- Patricia Hill**

- 84 - Heritage Luncheon checks
- 85 - Golf event checks
- 86 - Dues
- 87 - Hatitude checks for tickets and vendors
- 88 - Several Cotillion ads and donations
- 89 - National conference scarf and fan

90 **Financial Secretary's Report – Linda Swain**

91 April 1-30, 2023

92 April Receipts = \$21,330
93 Year -to-Date Receipts = \$167,773.49
94 Financial Members = 302
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96 **Treasurer's Report - Michelle Rhodes Brown**

97 **April 1-30, 2023**

98 Beginning Bank Balance = \$299,717.97
99 Ending Bank Balance = \$298,530.29
100 DREF Restricted funds as of 12/31/2022: \$4,923.20
101 Presented short year budget. It will be posted on the website for members only for the sorors to review to
102 prepare for the chapter vote. It was suggested to review the fundraising revenue in the budget prior to
103 chapter vote.
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105 **Standing Committee Reports**

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107 **Protocal and Tradition- Angela Street**

108 The committee met April 24
109 There will be a short presentation during the May 20th chapter meeting to review protocols in
110 preparations for National Convention. Starting in the fall, the committee would like to share one
111 tip during chapter meeting or chapter announcements.
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113 **Public Relations and Publicity – Tawanda Johnson**

114 The chapter photo will be Saturday May 20 at 8:00 am outside of the Health Sciences building
115 on the Howard Community College campus. Arrive no later than 7:45 am and wear all black.
116 Please bring 5-10 folding chairs. Michelle Edwards will take the picture.
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118 **Scholarship – Sarita Payne**

119 The committee met on April 12.
120 The scholarship recognition night was held May 4, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at APL. It was well attended.
121 36 out of 40 scholarship recipients attended. We received 38 RSVPs. The risk management
122 media and public relations releases were signed by parents and guardians of students. 120 people
123 were present. 11 students received book rewards. 14 recipients received the Gilda Lewis public
124 service scholarships. 15 recipients were awarded the Dr. Betty Shabazz scholarship. The students
125 were appreciative and shared their future plans.
126 Next Meeting May 15th and will be planning for the school award ceremonies. Need help with
127 these presentations.
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129 **New Business**

130 June Alexander asked when we will see a copy of the chapter's new policy and procedures.
131 Diane Martin responded that it has been approved, cleaned up and will be posted tonight.
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133 Pat Waddy asked what are the plans for the chapter meetings in the new sorority year? Will we
134 be in person or virtual? Diane Martin responded that she had a soror reach out to APL for the
135 availability of September, December and May. Those dates were chosen based on the current
136 sorority year dates we chose to meet in person. APL is available for December and May. She is
137 looking for a space for September and hopes to have an update by next chapter meeting.
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139 **Announcements**

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141 Terri Showers: Save the date June 5 at 7:00 pm

- 142 • Arts and Letters Committee and the Mental Health Committee will partner to present the
143 Book Study of Take My Hand by Nolan P. Valdez
144 • A link for registration will be sent in the chapter announcements.

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146 Diane Martin advised that before the chapter policy and procedures is posted, the Policy and
147 Procedures Committee will review and then it will be posted.

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150 Khalida Burton offered the closing prayer

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152 Meeting closed at 7:48 pm

153 The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2023, via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

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156 **This ends the Recording Secretary report,**

157 **Trina Thames**

158 **Recording Secretary 2022-2024**

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