

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Saturday, January 11, 2025
10:30 AM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Soror Lisa Burton.

Meditation

The meditation was provided by Soror Capria Dees.

Pledge

Members recited the pledge

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by general consent with, a change to the location from Cavender Nissan to Zoom virtual.

Adoption of December Chapter Meeting Minutes

Minutes were adopted by general consent with corrections to indicate that Sorors Gina Hale, Janis Baker, Rosalyn Wilson, and Cherista Loller were in attendance. Soror Dawn Funches Allen will also submit an additional list of corrections to Soror Lisa Burton.

Correspondence

Reported by Hope Miller.

- Winter 2024 edition of InTouch Magazine.
- Holiday card from South Eastern Regional Director, Soror Traci Morant Adams.
- Metroplex Founders' Day is February 8th
- Invitation from The High Art Foundation to "A Royal Tea Soiree" on June 8th. It's a scholarship fundraising and networking brunch for Divine 9 sorority members. Tickets are \$100 with 20% off through January 18
- Mardi Gras Cuisine in Mesquite invites Sorors to enjoy dinner on Founders' Day from 6:08-10:08
- Thank you card from Soror Bridget Loftis-Jenkins

Sister Circle

Reported by Soror Cassy McNeil

Welcome Visitors

Melinda Morrow- from Wichita Falls, Tameka Hawkins- is joining the chapter today, Tammy Coleman – Xi Gamma Omega of Oakland, CA- is hoping to join today, Tracey Stelly- is transferring from Central Region in Chicago (Soror Tracey stated she will be chair of the foundation?), Logyn McNeil – University of Houston chapter

• **Birthdays**

- There are five January birthdays.
 - 8 Dr. Sharraine Williams
 - 19 Charlene Burroughs
 - 19 LaShaunda yHobbs
 - 27 Alexis Sampratt Early
 - 30 Hope Miller
- Words to the birthday song were posted. Sorors will receive their birthday cookies at a later date

• **AKAversaries**

- Sorors Ericka English and Jasmine Anderson

Reports of Officers and Committees

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Reported by Soror Vanetta Hicks

Soror Vanetta thanked the previous financial officers for their support during the transition period.

- December 1- December 31 Starting balance of \$13,552.22
- Book Balance \$25,186.66
- Deposits \$ 36.94

- In-person/cash chapter dues are \$405 and \$270 respectively for regular and life members.
- PayPal dues, which include the online fee are \$419 and \$279.00 respectively.
- Reminders to request reimbursement vouchers from the chapter website.
- Include receipts and make reimbursement requests within 30 days of expense.
- Check to ensure funds are allocated in the budget

Soror Dawn Funches Allen asked if the detailed financial report had been submitted. Soror Vanetta said she would make sure it gets to the Technology Chairman (Soror Dawn Funches Allen) so that it is posted as soon as possible.

Executive Committee

Reported by Soror Lisa Burton.

- No Recommendations

Basileus Information

Reported by Soror Lisa Burton.

Chapter Information

- There are eight Founders' Day events the chapter has committed to. Soror Lisa will attend the Upsilon Lambda Omega event today.
- Sorors need to purchase Founders' Day tickets and pay dues ASAP because we don't meet again until after the deadline for dues and after our Founders' Day program which is February 1st.
- Changes to bylaws will be made based on Boule change
- Financial transfers with Regions Bank have taken place. Sorors Lisa Burton, Vanetta Hicks and Charlene Burroughs are listed on the accounts as of January 2, 2025

International Information

- Fall mailings are currently being reviewed. We have received 24/26 documents.
- Soror Gloria Davenport Wilson submitted all the end-of-the-year reports.
- Remember that the requests for approval for all public-facing flyers can only be submitted by the Basileus using the BrandingMatters@AKA1908.com

Regional Information

- AKA at the Capitol – Soror Carla Vaughn is the Connections Chairman and can't attend. Soror Lisa Burton will attend in her role as Basileus. Anti-Basileus Charlene Burroughs may not be able to attend, so additional sorors may have the opportunity to attend.
- Regional Conference dates still have not been announced, but we will start thinking about delegates once the deadline for dues has expired.

Pecunious Grammateus

Reported by Soror Carolyn Hunter.

Soror Carolyn Hunter thanked Soror Toneka Prejean and the Financial Committee for their support during the transition period.

- **Income**

○ Cash/Checks	\$16,517.93
○ PayPal Income	\$ 7525.79
○ PayPal Dues Refund	\$ 419.00
○ PayPal Deposits	\$ 7106.79
○ Total	\$ 23,624.72
○ 2025 Dues	\$ 21,509.36
○ 2026 Dues	\$ 10.00
○ Founders' Day	\$ 2,105.36
	\$ 23,624.72

Membership as of December 29, 20204 includes 44 regular members and 13 life members.

Soror Lisa Burton made a correction that we have 79 paid members which includes 14 life members.

Anti Basileus/Programs

Reported by Soror Charlene Burroughs.

- AKA Day of Service – We Are One
 - See the committee report for details on activities which include:
 - January 18 Garland NAACP Parade 9a-10a
 - January 20 Sharing Life in Mesquite
 - January 20 Delivery of Meals on Wheels snack packs
 - January 20 Feed My Starving Children
 - January 20 Helping Hands Thrift Store
 - January 20 MLK celebration at the Jamie Foxx Theatre

Sign up using the QR or the bit.ly

- Soror Charlene will clarify specific attire for the Jamie Foxx Theatre event.
- The chapter has registered only one vehicle for the parade.
- Snack packs for Meals on Wheels can be picked up Friday from Soror Charlene.

Program Initiative Leaders

- Strengthen Our Sisterhood- Soror Cassy McNeil
- Build Our Economic Wealth – Soror Terilyn Griffin
- Advocate for Social Justice – Soror Carla Vaughn
- Uplift Our Local Community – Vacant
- Enhance Our Environment – Sorors Myra Marish and Carolyn Hunter
- YLI – Vacant
- Sorors interested in the vacant positions can sign up using the QR code. The QR code will also be included in the R.E.A.L Connection newsletter.
- Soror Charlene Burroughs also reviewed the chapter's January calendar. The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 28th. Virtual Prayer will be held on Thursday, January 30th.

Sisterly Relations

Reported by Soror Cassy McNeil

- Soror Cassy thanked Sorors Deedra Wynn and Keisha Rivers for their support during the transition.
- Soror Cassy previewed the first quarter calendar of events
- February- Founders' Day, Sister Squad kickoff, Pink Goes Red February 7 7:30 pm at FitBody Bootcamp in Sunnyvale.
- Consideration is being given to forming Sister Squads based on interests
- March is the four-year anniversary of the chapter.
- April – Squad Spotlight
- Prayers were extended for former Regional Director Shirley Fisher whose Honey Do Charles Fisher will be funeralized later today.

Random Acts of Kindness

- Soror Monique checked on Soror Charlene during the snow days.
- Soror Ericka drove Soror Rosie Wheeler to the Executive Meeting.
- Squad 5 helped Soror Rosie Wheeler when she had pneumonia.

New Arrivals

- Soror Lisa Burton and Honey Do Ernest welcomed their grandson, baby Giovanni Burton
- Soror Stephania Byrdsong O'Neal and Honey Do Patrick welcomed their grandson, Jru Miller

Founders' Day

Reported by Soror Capri Dees

- 62 tickets have been sold, but we have committed to selling 147 tickets.
- There are five honorees, three golden (Pamela Goodin, Berthena Jones, and Charlene Burroughs) and two silver (Carolyn Hunter and Fortasha Clifton)
- We will begin set up on Friday, January 31. Sorors don't have to be on the committee to help set up.
- Look for information in the newsletter regarding additional times to purchase tickets in person

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Soror Lisa Burton reminded sorors about Mardi Gras Cuisine on Founders' Day. It is a black female-owned business.
- Soror Carolyn Hunter corrected the life member number to 13 instead of 14.
- Soror Lisa Burton gave a shout-out to Soror Gloria Davenport Wilson for all her support to ensure a smooth transition.
- Soror Vanetta Hicks indicated that the financial documents couldn't be accessed on the website. Soror Lisa Burton indicated the chapter website is being revamped and that she is working with Soror Dawn Funches Allen, the Technology Chairmen, to ensure the website is functioning.
- New members have been sent requests for information to help set up their profiles.
- Soror Hope Miller read the names of the six new members.
- Soror Ericka English put the link for public sales of Founders' Day tickets in the chat.

Hymn – An audio version of the hymn was played

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. Next meeting is February 8, 2025, at Cavender Nissan in Rockwall

Attendance:

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| 1. Kim Abernathy | 29. Gina Hale | 57. D'Andra Parish-Warren |
| 2. Jeanette Allen | 30. Brittany Hargrave | 58. Chandra Payton Williams |
| 3. Tiffani Allen | 31. Vanetta Hicks | 59. Toneka Prejean |
| 4. Jasmine Anderson | 32. Ashley Hollins-Smith | 60. Keisha Rivers |
| 5. Janis Baker | 33. Brianna Houston | 61. Tamara Rixter |
| 6. Katrina Banks | 34. Janice Houston | 62. LaShaunda Robertson-Hobbs |
| 7. Alexier Barbour | 35. Carolyn Hunter | 63. Diamond Sanders |
| 8. Carolyn Bradley-Guidry | 36. Deondria Iyase | 64. Monique Sanders |
| 9. Rainesha Burris | 37. Candace Johnson | 65. Janela Scott |
| 10. Charlene Burroughs | 38. Berthena Cooper Jones | 66. Dionne Smith |
| 11. Lisa Burton | 39. Bridgit Loftis-Jenkins | 67. Felicia Smith |
| 12. Shontaire Butler | 40. Cherista Loller | 68. Tamayra Stell |
| 13. Stephania Byrdsong-O'Neal | 41. Machia Lumpkin | 69. Tracey Stelly |
| 14. Fortasha Clifton | 42. Dianne Madison-Shaw | 70. Crystal Stinson |
| 15. Tomeka Danyelle Cole | 43. Chelsea Mansfield | 71. TraLisha Strambler |
| 16. Donna Dawson | 44. Jadelyn Marish | 72. Dashella Taylor |
| 17. Capria Dees | 45. Myra Marish | 73. Carla Vaughn |
| 18. Nadia Dees | 46. Tamara McCullough | 74. Melissa Watson-Prelow |
| 19. Alexis Sampratt-Early | 47. Shannon McGarry | 75. LaTonya Webster |
| 20. Ericka English | 48. Cassandra McNeil | 76. Rosie Wheeler |
| 21. Rochelle Flemming | 49. Asia Merritt | 77. Lauren Whitmore |
| 22. Bridget Fowler | 50. Hope Miller | 78. Gloria Wilson |
| 23. Dawn Funches-Allen | 51. Amy Milton | 79. Mikhael Wilson |
| 24. Sherice Glasper-Hill | 52. Martina Moore | 80. Rosalyn Wilson |
| 25. Pamela Goodin | 53. Roslyn Morris | 81. Deedra Wynn |
| 26. Terilyn Smith Griffin | 54. Valencia Morris | |
| 27. Carinthia Guidry | 55. Tundra Nicolas | |
| 28. Chelsea Guidry | 56. Patrica Oloyede | |

Respectfully Submitted,

Soror Janice Houston
Grammateus

Soror Lisa Burton
Basileus

Date Approved: February 8, 2025