**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**

**Alpha Alpha Omicron Omega Chapter**

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Cavender Nissan, Rockwall, TX

Saturday, February 8, 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 Carinthia Guidry.

**Pledge**

Members recited the Sorority’s pledge.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by general consent.

**Adoption of January Chapter Meeting Minutes**

The January Chapter Meeting minutes were adopted by general consent.

**Correspondence**

Reported by Soror Hope Miller.

* Invitation from Texas State Association of Parliamentarians to their 70th annual convention to be held May 2 – 4, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dallas. Available sponsorship and ad opportunities are
	+ - Bronze Gavel level - $250
		- Silver Gavel - $500
		- Golden Gavel - $1000
		- Platinum Gavel - $2500.00
		- full-page ad - $250.00
		- half page ad - $125.00
		- quarter page - $50.00
		- business card size - $35.00

Deadline for souvenir booklet ads is February 15, 2025. The Executive Committee recommends the purchase of the business card digital program ad for $35.00.

* + It was moved by Soror Charlene Burroughs to purchase a business card size ad for $35.00. Motion seconded by Soror Janis Baker. **MOTION PASSED**.
* Received a holiday card from Soror Elicia Pegues Spearman, North Atlantic Reginal Director.
* Received a Thank You card from Soror Janis Baker.
* Received a Random Act of Kindness note from a member in Georgia who sent a 1908 makeup bag to random chapters with “Omicron” in their chapter’s name.

Chapter Publication Updates

* The R.E.A.L Connection newsletter is published on Monday evenings.
* The Real Front Page News will be published bi-monthly.
* We will continue to get communications through the Remind app.

**Sister Circle**

Reported by Soror Cassy McNeil.

* Visitors were welcomed and recognized.
* New members were welcomed and recognized.
* February Birthdays, anniversaries, and AKAversaries were recognized.

**Reports of Officers and Committees**

**Executive Committee Recommendations**

Reported by Soror Lisa Burton.

2025 Founders’ Day Events

In 2024, invitations were read, however, minutes did not reflect approved motions for ticket purchases:

1. January 25, 2025 – Omicron Mu Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day. Ticket cost is $100.00.
2. February 8, 2025 – DFW Metroplex Founders’ Day. Ticket cost is $85.00.
3. March 8, 2025 – Xi Theta Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day. Ticket cost is $125.00.

Due to event timing, a ticket in the amount of $100.00 was purchased for Omicron Mu Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day. The Executive Committee recommends reimbursement to the soror who purchased the ticket for the Anti-Basileus to represent Alpha Omicron Omega chapter at this event.

The Executive Committee recommends approval to purchase one ticket to the DFW Metroplex Founders’ Day and one ticket to Xi Theta Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day for the Basileus or her designated representative with disbursement of checks today.

* It was moved by Soror Rosalyn Wilson to reimburse the soror who purchased the Omicron Mu Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day ticket and to purchase the aforementioned tickets to the DFW Metroplex Founders’ Day and Xi Theta Omega Chapter’s Founders’ Day events. Motion seconded by Soror Stephania Byrdsong O’Neal. **MOTION PASSED**.

AKA Day at the Capitol

The Executive Committee recommends approval to use funds from budget line item 515 AKA Day at the Capitol Representative in the amount of $100.00 and $30.00 from contingency to reimburse for the cost paid for attendees that represented the chapter at AKA Day at the Capitol with funds being reimbursed today, and the word “Representative” in the line item will be made plural. A volunteer soror (Soror Ericka English) attended in the place of the Social Action Chair, Soror Carla Vaughn, who could not attend. The chapter Basileus attended at the request of the region/Regional Director.

* It was moved by Soror Rosie Wheeler to use funds from budget line item 515 AKA Day at the Capitol Representative in the amount of $100.00 and $30.00 from contingency to reimburse for costs paid to attend AKA Day at the Capitol. Motion seconded by Soror Stephania Byrdsong O’Neal. **MOTION PASSED**.

A report on AKA Day at the Capitol was presented by Soror Ericka English.

Sorority Documents

The Executive Committee recommends using $800.00 from AKA Constitution & Bylaws (line item 201) and $260.00 from Contingency (line item 401) to order 100 pair of sorority documents for current and future chapter members. The original budget was for 80 members; we currently have 87 members with 3 pending reactivations/transfers. Shipping is calculated by number of documents ordered; funds request is for 200 (100 AKA Constitution & Bylaws and 100 Manual of Standard Procedure); shipping is $60 for 101 – 200 total quantity documents.

* It was moved by Soror Jan Baker to use $260.00 from contingency to cover the additional funds needed to cover the costs requested to order the Sorority documents. Motion seconded by Soror Gina Hale. **MOTION PASSED**.

Founders’ Day Printing

The Executive Committee recommends previously submitted supporting documentation and digitally signed Funds Reimbursement Request Voucher to reimburse $660.50 for Founders’ Day printing paid on January 31, 2025.

* It was moved by Soror Jan Baker to reimburse $660.50 from Founders’ Day to cover printing costs. Motion seconded by Soror Rosalyn Wilson.
	+ Soror Capria Dees noted additional costs for Founders’ Day printing. The books had to be reprinted due to necessary corrections and the additional costs for reprint was $330.00. The additional $330.00 was also paid when books were picked up. Founders’ Day is a self-funded event and the amount is available in the income received from tickets sales.
* Previous motion on floor was voted upon. **MOTION PASSED.**
* It was moved by Soror Jan Baker for immediate reimbursement of additional $330.00 from Founders’ Day to cover reprinting costs. Motion seconded by Soror Capria Dees. **MOTION PASSED**.

**Basileus Information**

Reported by Soror Burton.

Regional News

* The 93rd South Central Regional Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas from April 30 - May 4, 2025. Registration will open in phases. Basilei and graduate advisors will get first access for registration. There is a new process for hotel registration.
* The Sorority is not offering Membership Experience (ME) training at regional conference; this training is typically done by Corporate at Boule and Leadership Conference.
* Financial Training and some continuing education workshops will take place on Thursday, May 1.
* Workshops will be held on Saturday, May 3.

Chapter News

* We will take chapter photos in March. Details will be shared in the newsletter.
* Our theme of R.E.A.L. is to **R**eignite your fire that got you to AKA. **E**ngage in chapter events. **A**llow grace for sorors to make mistakes and be sisterly. **L**ead. The vision is to elevate our service in Kaufman and Rockwall counties and keep our business and money in Kaufman, Rockwall, and surrounding areas.

AKA Day at the Capitol

Reported by Soror Ericka English.

* AKA Day at the Capital for Texas was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.
* Attendees joined a House and Senate session. Sorors English and Burton shared our legislative priorities and invited our District 33 Representative, Republican Katrina Peirson, to support our initiatives.
* An official report will be compiled and placed on the chapter’s website.

**Technology Committee**

Reported by Soror Dawn Funches Allen.

* An updated on the chapter’s website (aaomicronomega.org) was presented, including aesthetic changes to pages, a new document storage area, and the archived storage document area. Prizes were given to those who answered website questions and logged into the Members Only area.
* A QR code sign-up is available for those desiring in-person or virtual training.

**Tellers Committee**

Reported by Soror Stephania Byrdsong O’Neal.

Nominations were held for South Central Regional Conference Delegates. Per our Chapter Bylaws, the Basileus and Anti-Basileus are automatic Delegates. The following nominations were received and accepted:

1. Soror Rosie Wheeler
2. Soror Dawn Funches Allen
3. Soror Myra Marish
4. Soror Cassy McNeil
5. Soror Janice Houston
6. Soror Jadelyn Marish
7. Soror Hope Miller
8. Soror Lauren Johson

Ballots were collected by the Tellers Committee for tally.

**Finance Report**

Reported by Soror Vanetta Hicks.

Operating Account (as of January 26, 2025)

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| **Starting Balance as of January 1, 2025** | **$30 170.75** |
| Total Deposits | $17,463.87 |
| * Bank Deposits
 | $ 7,110.00 |
| * Electronic Deposits (Paypal)
 | $10,353.87 |
| Total Funds to Be Accounted For | $47,634.62 |
| Total Disbursements | $10,449.21 |
| **Book Balance** | **$37,185.41** |
| **Bank Balance** | **$42,632.70** |
| Outstanding Disbursements | $5,447.29 |
| Deposits in Transit | $815.17 |
| **Reconciled Bank Balance as of January 26, 2025**  | $38,000.58 |

Detailed disbursements and budget to actuals were shown. Report can also be found online.

**Pecunious Grammateus Report**

Reported by Soror Carolyn Hunter.

Funds collected January 1, 2025 to January 28, 2025

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| Income - cash/checks  | $ 7, 370.00 |
| Income - Paypal | $ 4, 794.76 |
| Reimbursement from Town of Sunnyvale (Jan – Mar prepaid Room Rent) | $ 870.00 |
| Total  | $12,164.76 |
| 2025 Chapter Dues | $ 4,743.30 |
| 2025 Founders’ Day | $ 6,551.46 |

Detailed itemization was shown. Report can also be found online.

* Total Membership (as of January 28, 2025) - 85
	+ 72 chapter members
	+ 13 Life members
* Pending Membership in progress (as of February 1, 2025) – 4
	+ 3 chapter members
	+ 1 Life member

Previous financial officers were presented gifts.

**Community Services Report**

Reported by Soror Charlene Burroughs.

MLK Day of Service Summary of Participation

* Garland MLK Parade - 12 sorors and one child attended the parade.
* Sharing Life - 11 sorors.
* Rockwall County Meals on Wheels – 9 sorors.
* Feed My Starving Children – 6 sorors, 3 children, and 1 Honey-Do.
* Rockwall County Helping Hands Thrift Store – 9 sorors, 3 children.
* Terrell Martin Luther King Celebration – 8 sorors, 1 child.

We still need volunteers to lead the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) and Uplift our Community initiatives.

Sorors were encouraged to use the four QR codes available at seats to access the meeting agenda, complete the Founders’ Day evaluation, complete the 2025 Soror Information Form, and scan to add community service hours if you have not done so already.

Those having trouble scanning the QR can complete the forms once the hyperlinks are sent in the weekly newsletter on Monday.

**Sisterly Relations**

Reported by Soror Cassy McNeil.

The 2025 Areas of Focus were discussed.

* Soror Squads will continue. New members will be included in squads. Sorors were encouraged to engage with their squads. We will highlight squads starting in April.
	+ A survey will be sent out to collect interests in creating squads catered towards interests and hobbies.
* Random Acts of Sisterliness will continue.
* AKA Pals – interested sorors should contact Soror McNeil if interested in participating.
* Heart Healthy participants were recognized.
* We will celebrate our four-year chapter anniversary after the March chapter meeting.
* Planning a chapter lunch or dinner during the 93rd South Central Regional Conference.
* Golden and Silver Sorors recognized.
* Soror Burroughs was recognized for providing the continental breakfast this morning. Moving forward, we would like for squads to sign up to bring continental breakfast.
* Membership Orientation in March.

Random Acts of Kindness

* Soror Kimberly Abernathy thanked sorors for showering her son with love and special gifts following his car accident.
* Soror Alexier Barbour thanked Soror Melissa Prelow for picking up her prescriptions when she was sick.
* Soror Ericka English shout out to Soror Kimberly Abernathy who constantly checked on her when she was sick with a cold
* Soror Carolyn Hunter found out Soror Vanetta had a love for lemons and gifted her with a lemon tree.

**Founders’ Day Committee**

Reported by Soror Capri Dees.

* Recognized Founders’ Day Committee members, those who assisted with Founders’ Day, and those who supported Founders’ Day.
* A detailed summary will be shared with membership once all event business has been closed.

**Unfinished Business**

None to report.

**New Business**

**Tellers Report**

Reported by Soror Byrdsong O’Neal.

Total ballots received:54; Total illegal:0; Total votes allowed:\_54\_\_\_

* Soror Rosie Wheeler – 47 votes
* Soror Dawn Funches Allen – 44 votes
* Soror Myra Marish – 34 votes
* Soror Cassy McNeil – 24 votes
* Soror Janice Houston - 23 votes
* Soror Jadelyn Marish – 42 votes
* Soror Hope Miller – 39 votes
* Soror Lauren Johson – 19 votes

The 93rd South Central Regional Conference Delegates are:

1. Soror Lisa Burton
2. Soror Charlene Burroughs
3. Soror Rosie Wheeler
4. Soror Dawn Funches Allen
5. Soror Jadelyn Marish
6. Soror Hope Miller
7. Soror Myra Marish

Alternates are: Cassy McNeil, Janice Houston, Lauren Johnson

1. Soror Cassie McNeil
2. Soror Janice Houston
3. Soror Lauren Johnson
* Soror Burton shared information on new chapter shirts. The vendor is available after the chapter meeting to accept orders. Shirts ordered today should be ready for distribution by the March chapter meeting.
* Blazers are available for sizing for those who would like to order a blazer. Order and payment information is on the table outside the chapter meeting.
* Please contact Soror Asia Merrit if you are interested in participating on the Generation Next Committee. Her information will be in the R.E.A.L. The committee is for sorors under 40 to connect and grow.
* The March chapter meeting will be on March 8, 2025 at Cavender Nissan in Rockwall.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

**Sorority Hymn**

**Attendance:**

1. Kimberly Abernathy
2. Jeanette Allen
3. Tiffani Allen
4. Jasmine Anderson
5. Janis Baker
6. Katrina Banks
7. Alexier Barbour
8. Shontell Blake
9. Carolyn Bradley-Guidry
10. Rainesha Burris
11. Charlene Burroughs
12. Lisa Burton
13. Capria Dees
14. Alexis Sampratt-Early
15. Ericka English
16. Dawn Funches Allen
17. Pamela Goodin
18. Terilyn Smith Griffin
19. Carinthia Guidry
20. Chelsea Guidry
21. Gina Hale
22. Brittany Hargrave
23. Vanetta Hicks
24. Ashley Hollins-Smith
25. Brianna Houston
26. Janice Houston
27. Carolyn Hunter
28. Deondria Iyase
29. Shelly Jenkins
30. Candace Johnson
31. Lauren Johnson
32. Bridgit Loftis-Jenkins
33. Cherista Loller\*
34. Chelsea Mansfield
35. Jadelyn Marish
36. Myra Marish
37. Tamara McCullough
38. Cassandra McNeil
39. Asia Merritt
40. Hope Miller
41. Martina Moore
42. Stephania B. O’Neal
43. Chandra Payton Williams
44. Toneka Prejean
45. Keisha Rivers
46. Tamara Rixter
47. Diamond Sanders
48. Monique Sanders
49. Dionne Smith
50. Tamayra Stell
51. Tracey Stelly
52. TraLisha Strambler
53. Dashella Taylor
54. Alicia Ward
55. Rosie Wheeler
56. Lauren Whitmore
57. Sharraine Williams
58. Rosalyn Wilson
59. Deedra Wynn

**Visitors:**

Melinda Barrow, Cameron Brown, Kimelyn Coleman, Teniqua Davenport, Crystal Larkin Pittman, Tameka Hawkins

Respectfully Submitted,

Soror Janice Houston Soror Lisa Burton

Grammateus Basileus

Date Approved: