



Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting

Order of Business
February 15, 2020 – 10:15 am
IUPUI Fairbanks Hall Room #1110

“GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS”

1. Shira Amos	2. Carmelita Anderson	3. Sher’ron Anderson
4. Lora Bingham	5. Kimberly Brown-Harden	6. Myrtle Bryant
7. Tamara Chapple	8. Carla Clark	9. Jennifer Clayton
10. Fallon Coleman	11. Marier Cox	12. Dawn Davis
13. Nieka Davis	14. Pamela Emmanuel	15. Gloria Eley
16. Metai Ezell	17. Shawna Farmer	18. Nita Gates
19. Sonya Gilbert	20. Ziana Givens	21. Quenshia Graves
22. Kaylin Greer	23. Stephanie Groves	24. Catina Harris
25. Delia Harris	26. Aikim Hoggs	27. LaTonya Hudson
28. Deitra Jackson	29. Heather Jackson	30. Kathy Jones
31. Sharron Jones	32. Shellie Jones	33. TaMeca Joshua
34. Nikita King	35. Jennifer Lee	36. Valerie Ligon
37. Edna May	38. Jessica McAllister	39. My-Jerrier Mitcham
40. Shavonne Morrison	41. Doretha Nance	42. Patshawna Nickeo
43. Martha Riley	44. India Samuels	45. Karin Sarratt
46. Tanika Scott	47. Khalilah Shabazz	48. Yolanda Snowden
49. Ashley Street	50. Denetra Taylor	51. Luv Taylor
52. Taryan Temple	53. Andrea Terrell	54. Tikilia Tinker-Martin
55. Tre’Lique Tinker-Martin	56. Vanessa Tyson	57. Toni Watson
58. Charlene Williams	59. Ti’auna Williams	60. LaToya Wilson
61. Leslie Winters	62. Charonda Woods	63. Dannielle Yelder
64. Chelsea Young	65. Tiffney Young	66. Rosalind Young-Goree

Opening / Devotional / Reciting of Pledge

The presiding officer, Anti-Basileus Amos, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter meeting to order at 10:16 am. Anti-Basileus Amos shared that Basileus Wright has the flu, therefore she was asked to preside over the meeting. Chaplin Terrell led us in a devotional prayer and this was followed by reciting of the pledge.

Roll Call / Introductions

Sorors introduced themselves to include their name, induction chapter, year inducted, and office held (if applicable).

Adoption of Agenda /Reading of Minutes (Silently)

Anti-Basileus Amos called to adopt the agenda. A motion was duly made to modify the agenda by moving the following New Business items ahead of Officer Reports:

- 2020 Central Region Candidate Slate Review and Discussion
- 2020 Central Region Conference Delegate Nominations
- 2020 Boule Conference Delegate Nominations

In addition, the following two items were added:

- Endorsement of International 1st Grand Anti-Basileus
- Central Region Project

Anti-Basileus Amos called to adopt the agenda with modifications. A motion was properly made and the motion dully passed.

Anti-Basileus Amos shared that since we did not meet in December 2019, and the January 2020 meeting was transitioned to a conference call due to inclement weather, we need to approve the November 2019 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, properly seconded, and dully passed.

New Business (New Items / Projects Not Yet Discussed)

2020 – 2022 Central Region Candidate Slate

A point of clarification was made to highlight the importance of the Chapter making decisions about which candidates to support with a vote and/or full endorsement. The **2020 – 2022 Central Region Candidate Slate** was provided in advance of the Chapter meeting, which provided an opportunity for Sorors to review the material in advance. The Slate reflects the background, experience, and platforms for the candidates.

Soror were encouraged to share their experiences, if applicable, with the various candidates. The Alpha Sigma delegates will use these outcomes to govern their decisions during the officer elections at the Regional Conference.

Syntaktes – Candidate Loreal “Lori” Marshall

It was moved and properly seconded that Alpha Sigma vote for **Candidate Loreal “Lori” Marshall** as the Central Region Syntaktes.

Undergraduate Chapter Coordinator – Candidate Nai Colton

The candidates are as follows: **Roberta Andreyra, Nai Colton, and April Gerhardt**. Soror Yelder, Soror Riley, Soror Catina Harris and Syntaktes Harris all provided comments. After further chapter discussion, a motion was made that we call for the vote and it was properly seconded. The vote tally was as follows: Roberta Andreyra Ayers (0 votes), Nai Colton (27 votes), and April Gerhardt (15 votes).

Grammateus – Candidate Lisa Cooper

Soror Riley moved and it was properly seconded that Alpha Sigma vote for Lisa Cooper, Eta Xi Simga, for Grammateus. She is currently running unopposed.

Youth Services Coordinator – Candidate Tavyn M. Smith

Discussion included endorsement statements from Soror Yelder, Soror Jackson, and Soror Catina Harris. Syntaktes Harris made the point that we supervise this undergrad and it’s our duty to not only vote for her, but to fully endorse her (platform, Social Media Campaign, etc.). The Chapter voted unanimously to fully endorse Soror Smith as YSC.

Tamiochus – Candidate Debbie Wilburn

The candidates are as follows: **Tina Currie, Taterial McClendon, and Debbie Wilburn**. Soror Tyson provide her perspective on working with the various candidates. Other discussion ensued and Anti Basileus Amos called for the vote and it was properly seconded. The vote tally was as follows: Tina Currie (5 votes), Taterial McClendon (0 votes), and Debbie Wilburn (42 votes).

Anti-Basileus Amos highlighted that there are two positions without candidates currently. The delegates will

have to make these decisions during the Regional Conference.

Nominations Chair – Candidate Robyn R. Rodgers

The candidates are **Robyn R. Rodgers and Tariya R. Sanders**. Syntaktes Harris, Soror Shabazz and Soror Riley gave their full endorsements for Candidate Rodgers. There was unanimous consent to endorse Candidate Rodgers.

Elections Chair – Candidate Chaya Grady and NEF Trustee – Candidate Patricia Daniels

A motion was made by Soror Riley and properly seconded that Alpha Sigma vote for candidates Grady and Daniels, respectively for the roles of Elections Chair and NEF Trustee. Approved with unanimous consent.

2020 Central Region Conference Delegate Nominations

Soror Tyson, International Grand Tamiochus, is serving as the Alpha Sigma Nominations Chair. She shared that she was disappointed that out of 14 available spots, she only received 5 nominations for the 2020 Central Region Conference. Soror Tyson indicated that Basileus Wright would be waiving some aspects of the eligibility criteria (i.e. meeting attendance) in order to encourage more participation. Several Sorors spoke up and shared their experiences from attending conferences and serving as a delegate.

Soror Tyson made an open call for additional nominations and the following 14 Sorors expressed an interest in being considered: 1) Soror Sher'ron Anderson, 2) Soror Kimberly Brown-Harden, 3) Soror Tamara Chapple, 4) Soror Shawna Farmer, 5) Soror Sonya Gilbert, 6) Soror Sharron Jones, 7) Soror Nikita King, 8) Soror Valerie Ligon, 9) Soror My-Jerrier Mitcham, 10) Soror Yolanda Snowden, 11) Soror Tikilia Tinker-Martin, 12) Soror Marian Turner, 13) Soror Dannielle Yelder and 14) Soror Tiffney Young.

Soror Tyson will add these names to other names she had already received. All nominees will be vetted and she will provide an update once this has been completed.

2020 Boule Conference Delegate Nominations

Soror Tyson shared that she will be extending the deadline for Boule delegate nominations until after the Central Region Conference. The following Sorors expressed an interest in being Boule Delegates: 1) Soror Shira Amos, 2) Soror Sher'ron Anderson, 3) Soror Jessica McAllister, 4) Soror Karin Sarratt, 5) Soror Yolanda Snowden and 6) Soror Rosalind Young-Goree.

Endorsement for International 1st Grand Anti-Basileus Office – Candidate Delia Harris

Syntaktes Harris shared with the Chapter that she is seeking the role of International 1st Grand. There hasn't been anyone from Alpha Sigma in this role since the 1920's. She encouraged Sorors to go out and read about her platform, *Think Differently!* She has evolved as a leader and is asking for Alpha Sigma's full endorsement.

Soror Tyson and Soror Shabazz both shared heartfelt pleas of support for Syntaktes Harris. Several examples were offered in which headquarters has always looked to Central Region to *Lead the Way*. A motion was made for Alpha Sigma to vote for and strongly endorse Syntaktes Harris for the role of 1st Grand Anti-Basileus. There were unanimous consent to fully endorse Syntaktes Harris.

Central Region Project

Syntaktes Harris shared that plans are underway to purchase Founder Hattie Mae Redford's home. The purchase is currently in her name but once our Foundation is established, it will be transferred. We want to have this as house added to the historic registry as the *Redford House!* It's about 1,500 sq. feet and located at 1254 W. 25th St. and we're hoping to close at the end of the month.

The vision is to have this renovated property become one that Sorors can visit, host small retreats and meeting. Her vision is to have SGRho have more presence in our community and this is a great way to build on our legacy. Syntaktes Harris plans to share more details at the Central Region Conference about how ALL SORORS can get involved.

Officer Reports

Please refer to the February 2020 Composite to review the Officer reports as submitted.

Soror Yelder corrected her report to indicate that Mu Chapter has 8 ladies being inducted, not seven.

As part of the Parliamentarian Report, we reviewed the Central Region Recommendations.

The Bylaws and Recommendations Committee (the Committee) proposed that we **bundle to adopt** recommendations #2 - #5, #7 - #10, #12, #15 - #16, #19 - #21, #28, #30, #32, #34, #36 - #38, and #42. There was no discussion from the body.

The Committee proposed that we **bundle and postpone indefinitely** recommendations #1, #17, #23, #24 - #27. Soror Ti'auna Williams recommended that we pull recommendation #23 from the bundle for discussion.

- **Recommendation #6** – The Committee has no recommendation. Syntaktes Harris moved that we strike this recommendation. The Centennial is the Boule and recommendations will be forthcoming for a modified agenda. The rationale for Recommendation #6 is not valid. The motion to **strike and postpone indefinitely** was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Recommendations #11, #13, and #14** – The Committee has **no recommendations** and the Alpha Sigma Delegates will have to decide. Soror Tyson recommended that we adopt this recommendation. After discussion, a motion was made and duly **passed**.
- **Recommendation #22** – The Committee has no recommendation. Syntaktes Harris made a motion that we **postpone indefinitely** this recommendation. Her rationale was because these rules are already in the campaign rules. The motion was properly seconded and **passed** unanimously.
- **Recommendation #23** – The Committee recommended this as part of the original bundle to adopt. Soror Ti'auna Williams asked that it be pulled for discussion. The rationale presented suggested that we not add yet another TORCH training class as this would be a burden to the organization. Syntaktes Harris indicated that we need to revisit the original intent of TORCH I and TORCH II to ensure these training certifications are being used as intended. After discussion, a motion was made and duly **passed to postpone indefinitely**.
- **Recommendation #29** – Motion to Amend: Strike “in a state the” and add after bar “within these”. If passed, it will read: 2. Be an attorney who is a member of the bar within these United States, preferably in a state or territory within the region.
- **Recommendation #31** – The Committee has no recommendation. Motion to Amend: Insert after as “a non-voting”. If passed, it will read: 21. Serve as a non-voting member of the Leading the Way Foundation Board of Directors.

Sgt. at Arms Wilson indicated that we needed to pause the voting as we no longer had quorum due to a few Sorors stepping out for breaks. We paused to take a count to confirm we were back at quorum and then our voting resumed.

- **Recommendation #33** – Soror Shabazz moved to **adopt** with an amendment (refer back to #31). Motion to Amend: Insert after as “a non-voting”. If passed, it will read: 21. Serve as a non-voting member of the Leading the Way Foundation Board of Directors.

- **Recommendation #35** – Syntaktes Harris recommended that we **adopt** with no amendments. **Passed** with unanimous consent.
- **Recommendation #39** – Soror Tyson recommended moved to **adopt**, properly seconded. **Passed** with unanimous consent.
- **Recommendation #40** – Soror Shabazz recommended that we **postpone indefinitely**, properly seconded. **Passed** with unanimous consent.
- Recommendation #41 – Soror Tyson moved to **adopt** the recommendation. After a point of clarification was requested from Soror Riley and further discussion by the body, Soror Ligon seconded the original motion. **Passed** with unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Please refer to the February 2020 Composite for a detailed review of Committee Reports as submitted.

Soror Yelder provided a date correction for the Awards and Achievement celebration. You should mark your calendars for April 26th as the Save the Date!

On behalf of Soror Darden, Grammateus Clayton provided a final review of the fundraising from the Founders Gala held in December 2019. At the request of the body, Anti-Grammateus Sarratt will share the Financial Report from the Founders Gala with the February minutes.

Announcements

- **In Celebration of Black History Month** - Soror Groves asked that Sorors come out and support her event at Fishers High School in support of Black History Month. The event is being held from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 20th. Sorors do not have to stay for the entire event.
- **In Celebration of Black History Month** - Soror Gates and Soror Williams asked that Sorors come out and support the Step Team at North Central High School for the Celebration & Greek Step Show on Friday, February 21 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The event will be held in the auditorium and you should enter through doors #2 or #4.
- **Birthday Celebrations** - Soror Amos gave a Poodle Shout out to those Sorors celebrating February birthdays!
- **Prayer Requests for Soror King and Soror Johnson.** – Contact Chaplin Terrell for additional details.

The meeting concluded at 1:14 pm.

Closing – Hymn

Meeting Adjourned

“Defining our legacy through servant leadership”