



## Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting

Order of Business

June 27, 2020 – 10:15 am

Emergency Meeting via Zoom Technology

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### Meeting Attendance:

1. Aamina Alexander	2. Kinshasa Allender-Davis	3. Shira Amos
4. Carmelita Anderson	5. Sher’ron Anderson	6. Rishawnda Archie
7. Julie Barrett	8. Keira Bible	9. Lora Bingham
10. Rachael Bizzle	11. Luciana Brown	12. Kimberly Brown-Harden
13. Myrtle Bryant	14. Tamara Chapple	15. Jennifer Clayton
16. Jazmine Clifton	17. Fallon Coleman	18. Marier Cox
19. Fantasi Curry	20. Dawn Davis	21. Nieka Davis
22. DeShara Doub	23. Jamicka Edwards	24. Alana Everett
25. Shawna Farmer	26. Nita Gates	27. Daphne Gilmore
28. Tracy Grady	29. Catina Harris	30. Delia Harris
31. Keshia Harris	32. Elwanda Harris	33. Vida Hillier
34. LaTonya Hudson	35. SaRita Hughes	36. Deitra Jackson
37. Heather Jackson	38. DaiMiona Jones	39. Kathy Jones
40. Sharron Jones	41. Shellie Jones	42. Nikita King
43. Jennifer Lee	44. Maggi Lewis	45. Valerie Ligon
46. Brandi London	47. Gloria Lucas	48. Taylor Lytle
49. Yolanda Mattox	50. Brandy McDowell	51. Brandi McGrady
52. My-Jerrier Mitcham	53. Shavonne Morrison	54. Doretha Nance
55. Patshawna Nickeo	56. Remitha Norman	57. Qiana Paynter
58. Mellodie Powell	59. LaShawn Reed	60. Martha Riley
61. Lisa Robey	62. India Samuels	63. Karin Sarratt
64. Tanika Scott	65. Khalilah Shabazz	66. Nancy Silver-Rogers
67. Karloa Stevens	68. Mia Taylor	69. Andrea Terrell
70. Tikilia Tinker-Martin	71. Tre’Lique Tinker-Martin	72. Nikiyah Troutman
73. Toni Watson	74. Tonya Willis	75. Tiffney Young

### Opening / Devotional

The presiding officer, Anti-Basileus Amos, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting to order at 10:18 am. Anti-Basileus Amos asked the Chapter to keep Basileus Wright in their prayers, and then Chaplain Terrell led us in prayer.

### Adoption of Agenda

Anti-Basileus Amos called to adopt the agenda. Soror Haynes made a motion to modify the agenda as follows: 1) move Tamiochus - Budget Review and Approval to the front of the agenda, 2) add Boule Recommendations to the Parliamentarian report (Bylaws and Recommendations), and 3) under New Business, add item b. Voting on Boule Delegates. The motion was properly seconded and dully passed.

## Officer Reports

### Tamiochus – Soror Clayton Budget Review and Approval (pgs. 10 – 15)

In the absence of Soror Clark, Soror Clayton provided an overview of the revised budget. A question was asked from the floor about some of the adjustments made to the budget (i.e. reduced allocation for the Epistoleus budget, increased allocation for TORCH, etc.). Soror Clayton indicated that adjustments could be made once the total budget was approved. A motion was made to approve the budget as submitted by Soror Clark, it was properly seconded, and the motion dully passed.

Soror Clayton highlighted that the Grace Period for Sorority Dues has been extended to December 31, 2020. Refer to the Composite for additional updates.

### Parliamentarian – Soror Jones Bylaws and Recommendations

Soror Jones shared there is a 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

Soror Jones indicated that she had not pulled the Committee together to review the Boule Recommendations. Therefore, she recommended that all recommendations be bundled, and the Committee had no recommendation.

Refer to the attached document for the Alpha Sigma disposition of the ***Proposed National Constitution and Bylaws Amendments and Recommendations for the Grand Chapter.***

#### Recommendation #1

Soror Shabazz moved that we adopt Recommendation #1 and it was properly seconded. The recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #2

Soror Riley moved that we adopt Recommendation #2 and it was properly seconded by Soror Haynes. The recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #3

A motion was made to adopt Recommendation #3 and it was properly seconded by Soror Catina Harris. The recommendation was adopted.

#### Recommendation #4

Soror Nieka Davis moved that we adopt Recommendation #4 and it was properly seconded by Syntaktes Harris. The recommendation was adopted.

Soror Cox asked if the Rhosebuds were assessed. Syntaktes Harris indicated the Rhosebuds are not recognized nationally, so they are not assessed.

### Basileus Report – Soror Amos (pg. 2)

Anti-Basileus Amos covered highlights from the Basileus' report in her absence. She extended a special thanks to the Alpha Sigma delegates that served at the 2020 Central Region Special Meeting. Please note that we will not hold a chapter meeting in July to allow for a break. The month of August will be used to transition to new officers before formal meetings resume in September. Refer to the Composite for more details.

### **Anti-Basileus Report – Soror Amos (pg. 3-6)**

Anti-Basileus Amos provided an update on Membership Committee Operations R3 2022 Efforts Retention. As of June 24, 2020, we have remained at 154 financial Sorors with 115 returning and 20 new reactivations! We are at 154 Sorors. **Let's continue to keep our Sesquicentennial chapter title going into Centennial!**

The membership committee has been keeping track of all Sorors seeking to reactivate. Refer to the Composite for an ongoing list of thirty Sorors.

In an effort to remain connected with our Neo's (**F.O.R.T.I.F.I.E.D. 15**), their contact information is captured in the Composite. Also, details are in the Composite about the effort being sponsored by **F.O.R.T.I.F.I.E.D. 15** to recognize and celebrate 2020 Grads! All Sorors are invited to participate.

Refer to the Composite for additional updates on Interest, End of Year Survey Results, and Upcoming Events. National and Regional Membership Initiatives.

### **Grammateus – Soror Clayton (pgs. 7 – 9)**

Refer to the Composite for a detailed review of transactions and an updated Alpha Sigma Financial Membership Roster.

### **No Reports for the following Officers:**

1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Basileus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Basileus, 4<sup>th</sup> Anti-Basileus, 5<sup>th</sup> Anti-Basileus, Anti-Grammateus, Epistoleus, Rhoer Advisor, Rhosebud Advisor, and the Philo Advisor.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Elections – Soror Wilson**

Soror Wilson provided a recap of the election results as follows:

- Basileus-Elect, Soror Sarratt
- Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Nieka Davis
- 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Williams
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Joshua
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Gilbert
- 4<sup>th</sup> Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Yelder
- 5<sup>th</sup> Anti-Basileus-Elect, Soror Snowden
- Anti-Grammateus-Elect, Soror McGrady
- Grammatues-Elect, Soror Gilmore
- Tamiochus-Elect, Soror Clayton
- Epistoleus-Elect, Soror Amos

### **Local Community Service**

Soror Anderson reported that the last several community service efforts focused on recognition of essential workers and the feedback was incredibly positive. The essential workers were very appreciative, and the events were successful. Poodle shout out to everyone that participated.

### **National Projects**

Soror Tinker-Martin shared that we raised almost \$3k for March of Dimes. She also extended her appreciation to Sorors for their support of the National Projects and also for her as a 1<sup>st</sup> time Committee Chair for the Chapter.

## **Scholarship – No Report**

### **NPHC – Soror Haynes**

Soror Haynes shared the details about the Indianapolis Greek Weekend, which will be held September 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This year location has changed, and the picnic will be held at Sahm's Park. Refer to the Composite for informational flyers on the following: Unity Social, Picnic, and Community Service Project.

Soror Haynes also shared that unfortunately, the Zeta's had to cancel their Centennial Gala in light of the ongoing pandemic.

Soror Catina Harris asked that the Chapter consider donating the money that was paid for the Gala table sponsorships to the Zetas to demonstrate our support for them. Syntaktes Harris asked Soror Haynes if the NPHC would be having any upcoming events in which we could "bomb rush" the Zeta and present them with a check?

The Chapter agreed this is a good gesture that should be extended to the Zetas. Soror Haynes was going to follow up with Basileus Wright.

### **Health & Wellness – Soror Brown-Harden**

Soror Brown-Harden provided the Health and Wellness report in the absence of Soror Campbell. A BIG thanks to all Sorors that participated in the Month of May challenge. Sorors are SUPER Competitive but we had a lot of fun. Sorors thanked the Committee for their leadership and efforts in coordinating such a successful experience.

Refer to the Composite for additional details on the challenge winners and their ongoing fundraiser to sell tank tops and t-shirts to support the budget. Soror Riley stated that the link didn't work in the Composite and Soror Brown-Harden indicated she'll follow up with Soror Campbell on the link.

### **Social Action – Soror Nickeo**

Soror Nickeo thanked Sorors for their participation in the Peaceful Walk and Prayer Vigil on June 14. Soror Nickeo thanked Sorors for their due diligence during this time.

## **Awards & Achievement – Refer to Save the Date Flyer in the Composite**

### **Unfinished Business – None**

### **New Business (New Items / Projects Not Yet Discussed)**

Soror Riley reminded the Chapter that Syntaktes Harris had removed herself from candidacy for the role of International First Grand Anti-Basileus. This now leaves two very capable candidates remaining: Soror Marica Harris and Soror Jakimya Martin.

Syntaktes recommended that the Chapter consider hosting an informational with both candidates. Each could have 15 – 20 mins to present their platforms and then answer questions. This presents an unbiased way for Sorors to get to know more about the candidates before casting a vote.

Everyone agreed this was an exceptional idea and Syntaktes agreed to follow up with Basileus Wright on the logistics for making this happen.

The Chapter reaffirm overwhelming support for the following Alpha Sigma International Candidates:

- **Vanessa Tyson, Candidate for Grand Tamiochus**
- **Dr. Khalilah Shabazz, Candidate for Grand Anti-Grammateus**

Soror Riley made a motion that we **endorse Soror Liberty as the International Grand Basileus**, it was properly seconded. The motion carried with 52 yes votes / 0 no votes. Soror Riley agreed to follow up with Basileus Wright on formalizing the Alpha Sigma endorsement.

**A recommendation was made that we bundle the following candidates and cast our votes as follows:**

- Soror Te'Lor Allen, Candidate for Second Grand Anti-Basileus (49 yes votes / 0 no votes)
- Soror Rhonda Davis, Candidate for Grand Grammateus (48 yes votes / 0 no votes)
- Soror Chanel Dickerson, Candidate for the Editor-in-Chief of the Aurora (48 yes votes / 0 no votes)

### **Alpha Sigma Boule Delegates**

There were several open questions about the number of delegates that had been confirmed for Alpha Sigma. There was an acknowledgement that we were likely well-under our voting strength, but several Sorors that had accepted the nominations missed the registration deadline, while others that expressed interest were not directly confirmed. Bottom line, we had some misses in this area and we need to make sure we always maximize out voting strength.

Syntaktes agreed to follow up with Basileus Wright to better understand our status of registered Sorors vs. existing Delegate count.

Soror Amos recognized and thanked Officers and Committee Chairs throughout the meeting for their leadership and contributions during this sorority year. A number of Sorors also thanked Soror Amos for stepping up and running a productive meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

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