# **Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting**

# Order of Business

November 17, 2018 – 10:15 am

Butler University, Jordan Hall, Room #141

“**GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS**”

**Alpha Sigma Attendance – 52 Sorors in attendance (including 2 undergrads)**

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| 1. Aamina Alexander | 2. Shira Amos | 3. Sher’ron Anderson |
| 4. Rishawnda Archie | 5. Lora Bingham | 6. Myrtle Bryant |
| 7. Carla Clark | 8. Jennifer Clayton | 9. Marier Cox |
| 10. Nieka Davis | 11. Bobbi Davis | 12. Metai Ezell |
| 13. Michaela Ezell | 14. Sonya Gilbert | 15. Kaylin Greer |
| 16. Catina Harris | 17. Elwanda Haynes | 18. Alexis Holland |
| 19. Denetra Howard | 20. Deitra Jackson | 21. Samika Johnson |
| 22. Kathy Jones | 23. Sharron Jones | 24. Jamia Jones |
| 25. Angel Leonard | 26. Valerie Ligon | 27. Jennifer Love |
| 28. Sarah Lowe | 29. Yolanda Mattox | 30. Brandi McGrady |
| 31. Patshawna Nickeo | 32. Remitha Norman | 33. Deidra Nukes |
| 34. Martha Riley | 35. India Samuels | 36. Karin Sarratt |
| 37. Tanika Scott | 38. Alicia Seawood | 39. Tamika Smith |
| 40. Tonya Spears-Willis | 41. Ashley Street | 42. Andrea Terrell |
| 43. Megan Thomas | 44. Marion Turner | 45. Ti’auna Williams |
| 46. LaToya Wilson | 47. Leslie Winters | 48. Dawn Wright |
| 49. Dannielle Yelder | 50. Javecia Johnson |  |
| **Undergrad Attendees** | | |
| Jazmine Garrett, Mu Chapter  Nia Taper, Mu Chapter | | |

**Open/Devotional/ Reciting of Pledge**

The presiding officer, Basileus Wright, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter meeting to order at 10:19 am. With our minds on the Lord, Soror Terrell led us in prayer, which was followed by recitation of the pledge.

**Roll Call/ Introduction**

Sorors introduced themselves to include their name, induction chapter and date, and favorite song by one of the following artist: Beyonce, Michael Jackson, Prince and Whitney Houston.

**Adoption of Agenda/ Reading of Minutes (Silently)**

Basileus Wright called to adopt the agenda as written. Soror Amos asked for a point of order to modify the agenda. She proposed that we move the Standing Bylaws and Recommendation discussion up on the agenda before the Officer Reports begin. Soror Amos made a motion to modify the agenda, this was seconded by Soror McGrady, and approved by the Chapter.

Basileus Wright called for approval of the September 2018 minutes. Soror Yelder requested spelling correction on her name (#49). It was moved and properly seconded to approve the September 2018 Minutes, with corrections. It was approved by the Chapter.

Basileus Wright called for approval of the October 2018 minutes, taken by Soror Kathy Jones on behalf of Soror Sarratt (not in attendance due to Fall Break). It was properly moved and seconded to approve the October 2018 minutes.

**Bylaws/Recommendation** – (see Composite pg. 38) reported by Soror Kathy Jones

Soror Jones, by direction of the committee, moved to accept the Standing Rules as captured in the Composite. The motion was debated and then properly seconded. The Standing Rules were approved as presented.

**Officer Reports**

**Basileus Report** (see Composite pg. 2) - reported by Basileus Wright

Basileus Wright thanked Soror Herron and Mattox for coordinating an excellent turn out for the movie screening, The Hate U Give. Basileus Wright thanked Sorors Gilmore, Wilson, and Darden for their assistance with the Chapter Photos. Other highlights for October/November are captured in the composite, in addition to details about the Central Region Conference Registration, AFA Leadership Visit, Central Region Delegates Nominations & Webinar, and various calendar reminders.

**Anti-Basileus** (Membership, see Composite pgs. 3-7)– reported by Soror Amos

Currently at 108 Financial Members. Goal is to get to 115. We’re really close to attaining our 85% retention rate; we had 28 Interests and 30 Sorors at the Informational; Next event will be Executive Board Happy Hour; December 15, 6-10 pm will host Holiday Party with a Poodle Gift Exchange; TORCH season is upon us and we’re looking at conducting TORCH in April. We want to vote on the Interests in February 2019. Syntaktes Harris has requested that we have a target of 12 Interests.

**1st Anti-Basileus** (UGC, see Composite pgs. 8-9)- reported by Soror Ti’auna Williams

Soror Williams asked that we show up when we RSVP for UG informational; Basileus Wright, Sorors Amos and Williams will be meeting with Syntaktes Harris on January 19 to discuss status of Beta Beta.

**2nd Anti-Basileus** (Alpha, see Composite pg. 10) - reported by Soror Ti’auna Williams

Alpha Chapter had a successful week of Founder’s events. Soror Kayla did an amazing job planning by herself and executing by herself. Thank you to the Sorors that came out to be supportive. They plan on having a TORCH calendar in Spring 2019.

**4th Anti-Basileus** (Mu, see Composite pg. 11) - reported by Soror Dannielle Yelder

Soror Yelder attended the Advisor Academy and it was awesome! Refer to the Composite for highlights of her Advisor Adventures, upcoming events, and Poodle Shout Outs!

**5th Anti-Basileus** (Gamma Zeta, see Composite pgs. 12-14) - reported by Soror Sarah Lowe

Soror Lowe reported that as of yesterday, GZ is on a ***cease and desist*** for violating Sigma Gamma Rho policies and procedures. A report has been submitted to Regional Syntaktes Harris and she has submitted it to Headquarters; they are going to move forward with an active investigation.

**Anti-Grammateus** (see Composite, pg. 15) - reported by Soror Sarratt

Soror Sarratt gave a Poodle Praise to Soror Kathy Jones for taking the October Meeting Minutes in her absence. Refer to Composite for details on upcoming projects such as the Chapter Directory and Sorority Name Tags.

**Grammateus** (see Composite, pgs. 16-23) - reported by Soror Jennifer Clayton

Soror Clayton reported we’re in Phase II of the overhaul of QuickBooks. She will continue to look for enhancements in 2019. Refer to the Composite for details on income, revenue, expenses, current financial Sorors membership list, etc.

**Tamiochus** (see Composite, pgs. 24-28) - reported by Soror Carla Clark

Soror Clark provided financial update that included the following: Beginning Balance = $58,746.18 and after reconciliation, the balance was $38,108.54 with on3e check yet to be issued for $64.43. As a matter of practice and convenience, the Expense/Reimbursement Form and Categories were included in the Composite; there was a processing order at Headquarters and Soror Tyson assisted her in sorting it out. Will start to receive receipts from Headquarters; Soror Tyson is currently working on the Audit.

Soror Yelder asked if we will receive Sorority membership cards this year. Soror Clark indicated that yes we will, but there has been a delay. She will follow up and provide an update at the next Chapter meeting.

**Epistoleus** (see Composite, pgs. 29-30) - reported by Soror Kaylin Greer

Soror Greer plans to update the Sorority display and she’s researching the creation of Sorority business cards. Refer to Composite for additional details about chapter events attended, projects completed, social media stats, and upcoming action items.

**Parliamentarian** (see Composite, pgs. 31) - reported by Soror Kathy Jones

Soror Jones changed the deadlines for local recommendation submittals; the Motions workshop has been postponed / rescheduled; The National Parliamentarian is holding a workshop in Detroit on Dec. 8th and the deadline to register is Nov. 21st. Go to the National website or check your e-mails for additional information. Soror Jones highlighted that **Life Members** have their own voting cards with name and number.

**National Projects Coordinator** (see Composite, pgs. 32-33) - reported by Soror Michaela Ezell

Operation Big Book Bag donations still being accepted; Veggie Tales was a well-attended event and they plan to host again next year; Soror Snowden did an excellent job on the WeeSavers Workshop; School 87 Jan. 7 will be first day back at school after holiday break. She will need volunteers to help get the book-bags to School 87;

Soror Amos indicated that half of the Sorority’s storage space is occupied with school supplies, and she still has supplies in her garage. Soror Ezell indicated that she will follow up Soror Amos.

**Rhoer Club** (see Composite, pgs. 34-35) - reported by Soror Ti’auna Williams

Soror Williams highlighted that it was Rhoer Sidney’s idea to host “The Hate U Give” movie screening. The Chapter applauded her leadership efforts. Soror Norman received a special thank you for her donation to the Rhoers; the Rhoer’s will have their own Regional Conference on April 4-7, 2019. A Poodle Shout out was given to Soror Amos for helping to secure the room for their informational; Their project for the holidays will be held on Dec. 8 and they will be hosting a Teddy Bear Collection. Sorors asked if donations can be soft any stuffed animals and not restricted to just Teddy Bears. It was confirmed that any stuffed animals will be accepted. Refer to the Rhoer Flyer to learn more about the requirements to become a Rhoer!

**Philo Affiliates** (see Composite, pg. 36) – reported by Soror Marian Turner

There are up to 5-7 interests, includes one reactivation. Refer to upcoming events in Composite, especially the Jan. 27 Cover the Heads, Hands, & Feet for the Homeless. They will be collecting various items in front of the library. Poodle Shout out to Committee and others for their support.

**Rhosebuds** – No report

**Chaplain** (see Composite, pg. 37) – reported by Soror Andrea Terrell

Upcoming prayer call will be held on Mon., Nov., 19, 2018 at 7:22pm. Continue to be kind to people and let this be a season of forgiveness and kindness.

**Committee Reports**

**Local Community Service** (see Composite pgs.39-40) - reported by Sher’ron Anderson

Soror Anderson reported that we have 167 Sorority hours for this year; requesting suggestions for 2019 Community Service hours; Soror Anderson gave some Poodle Shout outs to Sorors Cox, Jackson, and Harris for their support at various events. For the Thanksgiving service at Edna Martin, it was called out that there wasn’t a lot to do last year, so need to make sure we don’t take too many Sorors to the service event.

**Social Action** (see Composite, pg. 41) – reported by Sorors Nickeo and Roberts-Leonard

Black History Knowledge Bowl will be held in February and they’re looking to partner with Girls and Boys Club.

The Committee will support Soror Robert-Leonard at the Franklin College and the IUPU Speaker series

**Scholarship** (see Composite, pg. 42) - reported by Soror Samika Johnson

Congratulations to Soror Karen Moore for being our October Give-A-Way winner! Register today for the Sip and Paint event on Dec. 8 from 1 pm – 4 pm. As a reminder, we have a scholarship fundraising goal of $5k, and so far we’ve raised more than $1,360.

**Courtesy** (see Composite, pg. 43) - reported by Basileus Wright

Birthday recognition to Sorors Vanessa Tyson, Shawna Farmer, Jennifer Clayton, and Jaynell Nicholson! Since we do not have a meeting in December, we also recognized the Sorors with December birthdays! Sorors Doub, Holland, and Gilmore will provide hospitality for our Sorority’s leadership at the upcoming AFA conference at the end of November.

**Founders** – (see Composite, pg. 44) - reported by Soror Amos

Soror Amos gave a Poodle Shout out to the Founders Committee and others that weren’t on the Committee. Thank you for purchasing tickets. Soror Amos reported we raised $1200 in vendor room; there are some remaining items available for purchase.

Soror Amos shared that we fell short of our fundraising goal. This was due to low tickets sales. This put her in a tough situation because she had to negotiate with the venue to drop the cost again on the night of the event. This was not well-received by the venue and compromises our ability to partner in the future.

Soror McGrady commented that since reactivating, she has been really impressed with our gala. She made an appeal to the Chapter to prioritize this as next year; Soror Ligon indicated that Soror Amos warned us that when we removed the ticket costs from of our dues, we would struggle with fundraising.

Soror Amos thanked Mu Chapter and Gamma Zeta for their volunteer efforts at the Gala. Thank you to Soror Riley and Soror Davis for pounding the ground on ticket sales.

**Unfinished Business**

**Centennial Giving Plans** – (see Composite, pg. 45) – reported by Soror Martha Riley

Refer to the Composite for details about the Giving Plans for Centennial. There are four different levels and all payments have to be completed by December 2021; she will be attending our Regional Conference and will provide an update.

**New Business**

**Teach +Plus** - reported by Soror Cox

This is a national organization to promote teachers and it provides a forum for their voice to be heard. Soror Cox indicated the event will be held on January 19, 1-2:30 pm.

**Announcements/Remarks**

1. Soror Haynes – Soror Forbes will be sending out the NPHC update with upcoming events
2. Soror Jones – Shout out to Soror Megan for sitting in for me in August; she also brought in walnuts for everyone to enjoy today
3. Soror Riley clarified that If you have a completed form [CentralRegion@SGRho100.org](mailto:CentralRegion@SGRho100.org)
4. Soror Ezell – at Veggie Tales there was some information passed out and she has the remaining material available after the Chapter.
5. Soror Gilbert - Holiday Party / Gift Exchange – there will not be a gift snatch this year
6. Mu Chapter - thank you to everyone that supports us. . . we thank you!
7. Soror Mattox Rhoers Founders Day Videos on their page
8. Soror Gilmore was recognized for her veteran status and service in the military at a Sisters Circle
9. Soror Harris reported that Level I TORCH training will be forthcoming on Dec. 8 in Kentucky; look for info in the Central Region Blast and registration will be required; can register via the Link and it’s $10; Level II will only be offered at Area, Regionals, and Boule

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm after singing our Sorority hymn.

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