



Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting

Order of Business
 May 18, 2019 – 9:30 am
 IUPUI Fairbanks Hall Room #1110

“GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS”

Alpha Sigma Chapter Attendance – 66 Sorors in May vs. 49 Sorors in April 2019

1. Sher’ron Anderson	2. Rishawnda Archie	3. Tabitha Barbour
4. Lora Bingham	5. Tammy Bowman	6. Kimberly Brown-Harden
7. Tashika Carlton	8. Carla Clark	9. Jennifer Clayton
10. Fallon Coleman	11. Marier Cox	12. Nieka Davis
13. Dawn Davis	14. Pamela Emmanuel	15. Metai Ezell
16. Quaniqua Finley	17. Nita Gates	18. Sonya Gilbert
19. Daphne Gilmore	20. Kaylin Greer	21. Stephanie Groves
22. Catina Harris	23. Aikim Hoggs	24. LaTonya Hudson
25. Deitra Jackson	26. Samika Johnson	27. Kathy Jones
28. Koyauna Jones	29. Sharron Jones	30. Shelli Jones
31. TaMeca Joshua	32. Valerie Ligon	33. Taylor Lytle
34. Yolanda Mattox	35. Edna May	36. Brandy McDowell
37. Brandi McGrady	38. My-Jerrier Mitcham	39. Karen Moore
40. Deidra Nukes	41. Chyanna Outlaw	42. Martha Riley
43. Alicia Seawood	44. Nancy Silvers-Rogers	45. Sherelle Smith
46. Tamika Smith	47. Tonya Spears-Willis	48. Ashley Street
49. Denetra Taylor	50. Luv Taylor	51. Taryan Temple
52. Andrea Terrell	53. Megan Thomas	54. Tikilia Tinker-Martin
55. Tre’Lique Tinker-Martin	56. Stephanie Tinsley	57. Donielle Webb
58. Charlene Williams	59. Dorothy Williams	60. Ti’auna Williams
61. LaToya Wilson	62. Leslie Winters	63. Bianca Yates
64. Dannielle Yelder	65. Tiffney Young	66. Karin Sarratt

Opening / Devotional / Reciting of Pledge

The presiding officer, Basileus Wright, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter meeting to order at 10:17 am. Soror Terrell, Chaplain, led us in prayer and this was followed by reciting the Sorority Pledge.

Roll Call / Introductions

Sorors introduced themselves to include their name, induction chapter, year inducted, office held (if applicable), and shared travel plans/activities for the summer.

Adoption of Agenda /Reading of Minutes (Silently)

Basileus Wright called to adopt the agenda. She highlighted that there were some adjustments to the agenda because some reports were not submitted by the Composite publishing deadline. In light of many Sorors needing to leave early to attend a Swim1922 event in Bloomington, IN, a motion was made to modify the agenda to move the New Business Item, 2019-2020 Budget Presentation, to be 1st on the agenda. The motion was dully passed. Basileus Wright proposed that the agenda be adopted with the modifications. The motion was dully passed.

New Business (New Items / Projects Not Yet Discussed)

2019-20 Budget Presentation (Composite pgs. 55 – 58)

Soror Clark reviewed the proposed budget for the 2019-20 Sorority Year.

Soror Amos asked a question about IBE participation for this year and the impact of a booth purchase.

Soror McGrady asked a question about budget funding for the Philo affiliate organization. Moved and properly seconded to decrease the budget line item to \$22 for the Philo Club budget line and reallocate balance of funding to the Rhoer Club. A discussion ensued about what happens to budgeted dollars that go unspent. Soror Clayton explained that the unallocated funds get repurposed.

Basileus Wright shared that we can only take on new members for Philos between the months of January and March each year.

Soror Amos indicated that she is opposed to the motion as proposed because going into Centennial, we want to have a complete Sigma family. Soror Turner shared that we currently have between 8 – 10 interests.

Soror Clark highlighted that we had to increase the NPHC budget to accommodate D9 Greek requirements.

Soror Ligon called for a vote and it was properly seconded. The motion to decrease the Philo budget failed.

It was moved and properly seconded that we approve the budget as proposed. The 2019-20 proposed budget was approved.

Officer Reports

Basileus (Composite pgs. 2 - 3)

Basileus Wright referred to her April and May highlights in her report.

Congratulations to Soror Gilbert as the official Advisor for the BetaBeta Chapter. She will also be making an appointment for the Gamma Zeta Advisor and that call is still open, if you're interested.

Sorors were encouraged to refer to composite for how to engage during off June off-month.

Basileus Wright highlighted the goals she set out for the Executive Board at the start of the Sorority year. In addition, she referred to some of the key accomplishments / highlights for the Sorority year. Refer to the Composite for the Chapter Goals and you'll see a "STAR" designation by the goals that we were able to achieve.

All Sorors were asked to reflect on what they learned during this Sorority year. She also highlighted chapter successes, chapter improvements for next sorority year, officer challenges, and ways to support her role as Basileus in the upcoming Sorority Year. We're all encouraged to work with Sorors that you haven't worked with before, as this promotes more inclusiveness for the Chapter.

Thank you to EVERY SINGLE SOROR for everything you've done this Sorority Year!

Soror McGrady expressed concerns about the sentiment that has been shared about the “same Sorors being involved all the time.” She stated that there are many ways for Sorors to engage and some initiative is required and welcomed.

Soror Cox suggested that we give our Basileus a round of applause for her leadership. The first year is always the hardest and it gets smoother in year #2.

Anti-Basileus (Composite pgs. 4 - 13)

Shared the Membership Committee’s Awards with those Sorors that were not in attendance for the Awards and Achievement banquet.

Soror Amos welcomed the Neos (Allegiant 18) to their very 1st Chapter meeting. Highlighted that we received more than 3k views on social media about Allegiant 18 becoming new members! We’re at 135 members for this Sorority year, which represents 19.47% growth rate. We also had 86.73% retention rate.

We received the International Membership Grant to host a Sigma Homecoming event.

We currently have 65 interest. They receive a weekly marketing update to encourage their participation in events.

Shout out to our graduating Sorors! Congratulations and we’re so proud of you!

Refer to the Composite for more details.

1st Anti-Basileus (Composite pgs. 14 - 16)

Basileus Wright welcomed our birthday Soror Williams to give her report! Soror Williams shared that we have some BetaBeta Sorors in the house today. The goal is for them to see how a Chapter meeting is conducted.

Advisor training with Soror Gilbert is underway, especially with all of the end-of-the-year paperwork, it will be a good time for training on one-time events.

Special Poodle Praise to all Sorors for being vocal and present to support our Undergrads!

Soror Davis asked if we did anything for our graduating Soror Molly Jacobs with Gamma Zeta. Soror Williams indicated that we did not because of the cease and desist that’s in place.

Refer to the Composite for more details.

2nd Anti-Basileus – Alpha (Composite pgs. 17 - 19)

Soror Long graduated with honors and plans to join Alpha Sigma upon graduation. She graduated CUM LAUDE and also received numerous other honors! We look forward to welcoming her to Alpha Sigma!

Soror Strong is working to host a “first-ever” summer basketball program that will be offered for FREE for kids in the community she grew up in. Poodle Praise to everyone that contributed to her surpass her fundraising goal!

Poodle Praise to Soror Greer for being available any time she needed her. As an Alpha Chapter alumna, she was able to provide a lot of insight.

We plan to have a Fall and Spring TORCH process. Refer to the Composite for more details.

4th Anti-Basileus – Mu (Composite pg. 20)

Soror Yelder thanked Soror Jones and Soror Tinsley for attending the Mu Chapter informational.

Mu Chapter will be participating / supporting the Speedway fundraiser.

She had no seniors graduating in May and will have a Chapter of 8 going into the Fall. Would like to have a TORCH process.

5th Anti-Basileus – Gamma Zeta – No report

Anti-Grammateus (Composite pgs. 21 - 22)

Soror Sarratt provided project updates on the Chapter Directory and Sorority Name Badges. She also provided an update on the results / outcomes of her 2018-2019 Top 3 Priorities, with 2 of 3 priorities being successfully accomplished. Goal #3 wasn't pursued.

Other accomplishments beyond her Anti-Grammateus role were also highlighted.

Refer to the Composite for more details.

Grammateus (Composite pgs. 23 - 32)

Poodle Shout out to Sorors that have participated and/or signed up to be a member of the [exclusive Raceway Poodle Club](#). She has a commemorative "Poodle Paws" gift to be shared today.

If you have committed to a day of service, please cancel in ample time for a replacement to be identified.

Soror Clayton has received for Chapter Sorority logo pins.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Tamiochus (Composite pgs. 33 - 37)

The General Ledger beginning balance for May was \$42,155.28 vs. April balance of \$40,375.88. Delegate reimbursement correction will occur to add Soror Mattox because she was omitted.

Reimbursement Expense forms and categories are always at the end of her report.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Epistoleus (Composite pgs. 38 - 39)

Soror Greer shared that all of our social media has increased. Big shout out to her Committee. She's still in a learning mode and appreciates the support from her Committee.

Shout out to Neos because they have our social media booming!

As a reminder, Sorors should allow at least two weeks in advance of date you would like to begin advertising.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Parliamentarian (Composite pgs. 40 - 41)

Soror Jones plans to cover bylaw recommendations at the July meeting. We're required to provide a notice period, and we weren't able to honor that in advance of this meeting.

Soror Jones highlighted her accomplishments for this Sorority year.

With her Committee, she's been able to do a lot of training.

Standing Rule recommendation for consideration came from the Membership Committee. The Parliamentarian Committee has no recommendation. A motion was made and properly accepted to adopt the Standing Rule from the Membership Committee.

A question from the floor was about what defines an acceptable level of participation. A motion was made to amend Section B to read "has had no disciplinary action within the last 5 years and no open investigations." It was properly seconded. The amendment passed.

A motion was made to amend the length of time in the Standing Rule from 5 years to 2 years. After discussion, an opposition was expressed to keep the 5 years because if hazing occurs, two years is too short. The amendment failed.

Moved to vote on the Standing Rule in its entirety. The Standing Rule passed.

Refer to the Composite for additional information

Rhoer Club Advisors (Composite pgs. 42 - 43)

Finally, we'll have two Rhoers heading off to college in the Fall: Rhoer Trinity Patterson and Rhoer BriYanna Robinson. Refer to the Composite for more details.

Crew Car Wash fundraiser for the Rhoers ongoing. Make sure we use the code provided in the Composite.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Rhosebuds Advisor (Composite pg. 44)

Soror Groves and Soror Rogers provided update on the start-up planning for the Rhosebuds. Applications will be accepted for Sorors first before it is extended to others outside of the Chapter. Fundraising efforts are coming along well.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Committee Reports

Local Community Service (Composite pgs. 46 - 47)

Soror Anderson shared her report, which captures the events completed, # of participants, and total number of service hours. Soror Anderson compared the deficit vs last year. She has decided to form a committee to garner more support. She has committed to not scheduling Service on the same day as other events on the Calendar.

Soror Anderson welcomes and feedback / suggestions for the upcoming Sorority year. For enhanced reporting, we'll also begin to track individual service hours as part of her report.

An inquiry from the floor asked, if we were able to determine the discrepancy in submitting our report? Soror Scott and Soror Ezell will be meeting this week to try and assess and develop go forward plans.

Scholarship (Composite pgs. 48)

Soror Johnson shared our Scholarship award recipients. Goal was \$5k for the year and we achieved \$3k. Contributions will be made to the graduating Rhoers. Poodle Shout Out to Soror Greer on the flyer support.

Soror Smith asked if those that applied will be receiving notification. Soror Johnson indicated that everyone that applied will receive a notification letter.

Announcements. . .

- Soror Amos Swim 1922 departing for Bloomington.
- Soror Riley shared that only 15 Sorors have signed up for the 3 committees for the Centennial Planning Committee.

NPHC (Composite pgs. 49 - 50)

Sorors Haynes reviewed the calendar of events for Greek Week. She also highlighted her Top 3 priorities that were established in June 2018.

Refer to the Composite for additional information

Health & Wellness (Composite pgs. 51 - 52)

Soror Watson gave the report on behalf of Soror Seawood. The Health & Wellness committee continued to implement the following initiatives: Mental Health Monday's, Wellness Wednesday's, Getting Fit with Sigma, and Overwhelmed and Over It! She gave a Poodle Praise to Soror Moore for facilitating the discussion on how to relax, relinquish, and restore!

If you have an interest in helping drive improved health and wellness for our Chapter, consider joining this committee in the new sorority year. Please contact Soror Seawood at alireneer@gmail.com.

Refer to Composite for more information.

Awards & Achievement (Composite pg. 53)

Awards were given to Sorors that were not in attendance at the Celebration, to include: Soror Street, Soror Nieka Davis, Soror Kathy Jones, Soror Clayton, Soror Gilmore, Soror Groves, Soror Jones, Soror Cox, Soror Tinsley, and Soror Nita Gates.

Refer to the Composite for examples of attire for the event.

Indiana Black Expo (Composite pg. 54)

Soror Ezell shared the IBE supported events, to include: IBE Booth, Youth Leadership Summit, Children's Zone, and the Education Conference. Shift time have been shorten to try and increase participation levels. The Children's Zone will be held on Saturday (Hall G) only and we need volunteers.

Refer to the Composite for examples of attire for the event.

Unfinished Business - None

The meeting concluded at 11:57 am.

Closing – Hymn**Meeting Adjourned**

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