



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2021 – Zoom Virtual Meeting**



Call to Order: Soror Luevenia Holloway, Basileus, called the meeting to order at 10:33 am. Soror Chakeita Cofield, Grammateus, was present via Zoom to record the minutes. Soror Myrtle Bolden served as Parliamentarian.

Meditation: Soror Marcia Glenn Hunter, provided the meditation.

Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda: The Basileus presented the October Chapter Meeting agenda with one correction, Soror Phyllis Daniels will present the minutes. The agenda stand approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes: The September Chapter Meeting minutes were presented. The minutes stand approved as presented.

Made a motion that a member designated as a Pearl Soror, by the Sorority shall not pay the local portion of the Chapter dues per year if the following requirements are met:

- Must have been an active member of the Chapter in 2021 and met the criteria for a Pearl Soror, or
- Must have been a member of the Sorority for at least 65 years, and
- Must have been active in Lambda Epsilon Omega for 5 consecutive years prior to obtaining Pearl status or if have already obtained Pearl status, will be eligible for the reduction after being a Lambda Epsilon Omega member for 5 consecutive years.

Note: All applicable dues and assessments due to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. must be paid. This is applicable towards dues payable with the year 2022.

Yes – 195

No – 9

Abstain – 7

The motion carried.

Made a motion are you in favor of paying for the Pearl Sorors to attend the Carolyn House Stewart Celebration luncheon during the 69th South Atlantic Regional Conference.

Yes – 178

No – 14

Abstain – 13

The motion carried.

Reading of the Correspondence: Soror Venita Edouard, Epistoleus,

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Thank You correspondence received from Soror Deloris Burch, Soror Carmen and Soror Chelsea Benjamin, Soror Gaye Gathers, Soror Carolyn and Soror Kim Lovett, Soror Den, Soror Betty Stucky, Soror Kim Walker, and Soror Phyllis Edwards Daniels

Basileus Report: Soror Luevenia Holloway, Madam Basileus

Metro Atlanta Founders' Day Tickets are on sale \$100.00. Please pay the \$300.00 Regional Assessment before your 2022 dues will be accept.

We are supposed to vote on the 2022 proposed operational budget but since we approved the two additional expenses for the Pearl Members of our Chapter, this will impact the overall budget. The Committee will review the budget and must go to the Executive Committee. The budget vote will be delayed until November Chapter Meeting.

Chapter Sorors received the documents that will be voted on, had the chance to attend the Q&A forums, contact the Chairman of the Committee. Your vote will become your voice during the meeting, please only place questions in the chat box.

Officers and Committee Reports

Budget/Financial Report: Soror Onetisha Anderson, Tamiouchos, presented the report.

Financial Report:

September 2021

Checking:	\$ 143,244.78
Savings:	\$ <u>9,723.71</u>
Total Operating Accounts	\$ 152,948.49

Citizens Trust Bank Housing Account: \$ 16,755.19

Citizens Trust Fund Raising Account: \$ 7,867.66

Grand Total: **\$ 177,571.34**

For the Operations account, there were \$4,195.25 in deposits included South Atlanta Regional Conference Assessments, EAF Challenge, Corporate Refunds, and Chapter History Book. Chapter disbursements for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$3,120.26 included Metro Atlanta Founders Day Assessment, Operational Expenses- Pecunious Grammateus, Chapter App, Courtesies, and Chapter Activities.

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Pecunious Grammateus: Soror Deborah Belcher, Pecunious Grammateus, presented the report.

Tasks completed: Pecunious Grammateus and Anti Pecunious Grammateus:

Pecunious Grammateus:

- Received funds for June, July, and August 2021, completed the Fund Transmittals and submitted to the Tamiouchos.
- Created Financial Report of Receipts for June, July, and August 2021
- Created September Officers' Report.
- 4. Distributed financially active list of members to key officers of the Chapter and the Foundation.
- 5. Answered members' question concerning finances.

Active Members as of 9/23: 430

Operating Receipts - June, July, and August 2021:

Description	June	July	August
2021 Chapter Dues (Life)	\$ 165.00		
2021 Chapter Dues (Reactivation)	\$ 620.00		
2022 SARC Cluster V Assessment	\$3,600.00	\$6,950.00	\$3,600.00
40 Yr. History Book	\$ 32.00		
45 Yr. History Book	\$ 220.00	\$1,080.92	\$ 440.00

Operating Receipts - June, July, and August 2021:

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Description	June	July	August
COIP	\$ 200.00		
EAF 2021 – Road to Platinum	\$ 48.84	\$ 750.60	\$ 149.77
Refund from Corporate Office			\$ 472.50
Reimbursement – Metro Atl Wrlld Refugee Festival			\$ 62.39

Operating Receipts – June, July, August

Description	June	July	August
PayPal Rounding Adjustment	\$.64		
2019 O\S Obligation (partial)		\$ 302.50	
Total Operating Receipts	<u>\$4,886.48</u>	<u>\$9,084.02</u>	<u>\$4,724.66</u>

Fundraising Receipts – June, July, August

Description	June	July	August
2021 F/R Donation		\$471.00	\$ 72.00

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HBCU – Joyce Gilchrist	\$ 286.00		
HBCU – Greek Challenge (repl. Ck)	\$2,500.00		
2020 Chapter T-Shirt		\$ 20.00	
Total Fundraising	<u>\$2,786.00</u>	<u>\$491.00</u>	<u>\$72.00</u>

Grand Total All Receipts

June	<u>\$ 7,672.48</u>
June	<u>\$ 7,672.48</u>
August	<u>\$ 4,796.66</u>

Hodegos: Soror Morgan Birch. Presented the Report.
No visiting Sorors in attendance.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Soror Myrtle Bolden, Chairman. Presented the report
Presented the proposed Bylaw changes.

Motion #1-Section 13. All appointed officers shall have the same qualifications as elected officers as noted in Article V – Qualifications for Office.

- Yes – 115
- No – 87
- Abstain – 18
- With 2/3rds of the vote, the motion carried

Motion #2-Must have been an active member of Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter for two years (24 consecutive months) immediately preceding the year of nomination or appointment.

- Yes – 144
- No – 6

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Abstain – 9
With 2/3rds of the vote, the motion carried.

Motion #3-Must have been an active member of Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter for one year (12 consecutive months) immediately preceding the year of nomination or appointment.

Yes – 167
No – 41
Abstain – 8
With 2/3rds of the vote, the motion carried

Motion #4- Must have served as a member of the committee appointed to chair for at least 12 months within the previous 24 months immediately prior to the appointment unless otherwise stated in the chapter bylaws by virtue of their elected position

Yes – 87
No – 124
Abstain – 11
With 2/3rds of the vote, the motion failed.

Motion #5- Shall certify appointed candidates to ensure they meet the qualifications for office as outlined in Article V. Qualifications for Office.

Yes – 183
No – 26
Abstain – 6
With 2/3rds of the vote, the motion carried.

Article 15 recommendation has been withdrawn for further investigation, clarification, and possible legal advisement.

Program: Soror Qualena Odom-Royes, Anti-Basileus, presented the report.
Completion of Virtual Program Events Self Reporting Form for the first half of 2021.
Submitted Cluster Service Project for inclusion in Cluster V Presentation
Attended Cluster Conference
Submitted soror from LEO for consideration for the Breast Cancer Awareness Panel for Madame Regional Director's "For the Record" broadcast

#CAP

- ✓ Budget & Credit Workshop this Sunday at 2pm hosted by Target 3
- ✓ Congratulations to our #CAP 2021 Graduate Janiece James - she made the President's List this semester at GSU

Target 1

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- ✓ HBCU Alumni Alliance Giveback will be \$5,095 for our scholarships
- ✓ Spotighting the Top 5 HBCU Men's Basketball Teams

Target 2

- ✓ Held a successful Breast Cancer Awareness Event on October 2, 2021. The event was well attended with over 140 Sorors and community guests in attendance. Received an astounding amount of positive feedback for the program & our guest speaker Dr. Lloyd Geddes, Board Certified Medical Oncologist.
- ✓ Rolled out the return of Workout Wednesdays and Thirsty Thursdays.
- ✓ Chapter Survivors & Thrivers will be spotlighted in October and at Chapter Meeting
- ✓ 📺Caring for the Caregiver Impact Day – Drive In Movie on November 13, 2021

Target 3

- ✓ The 2021 Black 365 form is now available. Sorors should commit to completing the form monthly due on October 29th. Reported spend to date - \$640,426.02. All Exec Board Members should report their spend as soon as possible! Remember to include spending with Black Businesses - vendors, restaurants, beauty & barber shops, HBCUs, AKA dues, etc.
- ✓ October 15, 2021, Entrepreneur Accelerator Workshop for Sorors with Businesses - Focus on Entrepreneur Branding and Growing your Business in the challenging times
- ✓ October 24, 2021 - Importance of Good Credit & Budgeting Workshop for the #CAP Students
- ✓ November 6th – 10am – 1pm McNair High Drive thru Food Drive – Volunteer Shifts open on tomorrow
- ✓ October 23, 2021 - Cash Mob at Belinda's Southern Cuisine following Chapter Meeting
- ✓ November 13th – Food Basket Distribution

Target 4

- ✓ October 17th HRBAM viewed Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater- Chroma-Grace –Takadame- Revelations.
- ✓ October 26th Cultured Pearls Book Club – 6:30pm (The 5am Club).
- ✓ November 21st HRBAM Movie Night.
- ✓ Finalizing winter project details for special needs students at Chapel Hill Middle School. We plan to supply teachers with a supply box of Christmas arts and crafts related to the Harlem Renaissance or Black Arts Movement.

Target 5

- ✓ Our sewing circle is back! We are sewing virtually – please contact Soror Ernestine Wilson for details

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- ✓ Ivey's Closet at Freedom Middle School is almost setup we will need more items to stock the closet and will host a Trunk-a-thon donation drive on December 11th from 11-1
- Reminder to receive program activity reminders via text: text @190800C to 81010

Action Items and Upcoming Events/Meetings

Date Time Meeting Description

ONGOING Target 2: Walking Works!

ONGOING Target 5: Soles for Souls Shoe Donations

Target 5: Eyeglasses Donations

10/23 7pm Target 3: Cash Mob

10/24 2pm #CAP

10/26 6:30pm Target 4: Cultured Pearls Book Club

10/27 7pm Target 5: Global Impact Meeting

11/6 10am – 1pm Target 3: McNair High School Drive thru Food Drive for Pearls Closet

11/10 7pm Target 5: Global Impact Meeting

11/13 TBA Target 2: Caring for Caregiver Impact Day Event – Drive In Movie

11/13 TBA Target 3: Operation AKA Assist Gift Basket Distro

11/21 7pm Target 4: HRBAM Movie Night

11/30 6:30pm Target 4: Cultured Pearls Book Club

12/11 11am – 1pm Target 5: Trunk A Thon (Ivey's Closet)

12/19 7pm Target 4: HRBAM Movie Night

12/28 6:30pm Target 4: Cultured Pearls Book Club

Archives: Soror YaTonya Cody Oliver, presented the report

Presented a sneak peek video of what Sorors have in store with the purchase of the 45th History Book. The book can be purchased on the chapter's website for \$40.00. Deadline for purchase is November 5, 2021

EAF: Soror Carmen Benjamin, Presented the Report.

Encouraged Sorors to purchase a \$7.00 raffle ticket, "Tea for Two Darling" EAF raffle. The raffle is a reservation for two people to have afternoon tea at The Astor Court Restaurant, St. Regis Hotel. Purchase your ticket via the website. Deadline to purchase the raffle is November 18, 2021. The winner will be announced at our November Chapter meeting.

Honors and Awards: Soror Taitainia Williamson, Chairman. Presented the Report.

Presented the proposed Honors and Awards revisions.

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Motion #1- We add additional information on qualified scholarships in Section IV of the handbook.

Yes – 184
No – 5
Abstain – 1
The motion carried.

Motion #2- That we create two new awards: Anti-Basileus Award and Program Acknowledgement Award.

Yes – 153
No – 42
Abstain – 12
The motion carried.

Motion #3- That we add the following criteria to the Soror of the Year Award: A Soror is only able to win this award once in a two-year period.

Yes – 160
No – 37
Abstain – 7
The motion carried.

Motion #4- The Forever Pink Foundation be ineligible to be nominated and win the Community Lighthouse.

Yes – 136
No – 38
Abstain – 22
The motion carried.

Motion #5- We add additional criteria to the following awards: Most Outstanding in Community Service, Soror Lighthouse, Chapter Officer of the Year, Most Sisterly, Polly Meriweather Lewis, Spirit of AKA.

Yes – 131
No – 27
Abstain – 22
The motion carried.

Due the most recent Pearl milestone category being added by the corporate office, I move that we change the name of the New Pearl award to the Significantly Pink Award.

Yes – 148
No – 23
Abstain – 12
The motion carried.

In error, Madam Basileus reported she sent the wrong agenda to Soror Venita, which was sent to the chapter. The agenda that we're following is the approve agenda that was approved by the body.

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During the Bylaws report one of the proposed changes was overlooked. We will postpone the vote until the November meeting.

Membership: Soror Keidra Taylor, Chairman, Presented the Report
Completed the welcome kit for new members that include, a Lambda Epsilon Omega coffee mug, a list of Officers and Committee Chairman, key dates, and other vital information. The committee discussed Founders' Day Event and reactivation initiatives. The committee discussed the new updated MIP procedures. The committee voted not to move forward with a 2022 MIP. The Chapter will vote to rather or not the Chapter would like to have MIP in 2022. The voting results of the committee as follow, 28 sorors in attendance, 2 abstains, Y:13; N:13. The committee didn't receive a majority to move forward with a recommendation for 2022 MIP.

Soror Petronia Martin made a motion for intake for 2022, Second by Soror Deena Kegler-Ebo
Yes – 80
No – 100
Abstain – 9
The motion failed.

Nominating: Soror Joanne Newby, Chairman. Present the Report.
Submitted the candidates for Office 2021-2023

Basileus:

Daphney Brooks
YaTonya Cody Oliver

Grammateus:

Chakeita Cofield

Epistoleus:

Venita Edouard

Anti-Tamiouchos:

Precunious Grammateus:

Clarissa Sparks
Djuana Stroud

Graduate Advisor- Nu Beta

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Nominating Committee

Deena Kegler- Ebo
Edwina Boggs
Ladonya Horton
Deborah Belcher
Rose Merry Brock
Neva Jones
Anita Washington
Tonjua King
Marcia Pecot
Betty Stuckey

The nominated sorors are required to complete a candidate profile, located on the website, by Sunday October 26, 2021, at 5pm.

Sisterly Relations: Soror Reneisha Campbell, Sisterly Relations Chairman, presented the report. The Theme for October: Sisters Forever. Sorors will be reminded of what sisterhood means and a poem about sisterhood will be read. Sisterly Relations Committee will present a very brief slideshow presentation in recognition of our Breast Cancer Survivor Thrivers. Committee will also create slideshow presentation for chapter members to watch after chapter meeting of various pictures of Sorors embracing and being sisterly. The photos will be obtained through the Ivy Leaf Reporter of various events that chapter members have gathered and other social media outlets. Sisterly Relations will submit vine request for Sorors to post pictures of themselves embracing with other Sorors in the chapter and hashtag #LEOSistersForever in addition to ways to engage with your sisters in a virtual setting.

Social Welfare: Soror Morgan Birch, Chairman.

Highlighted Sorors accomplishments, birthdays and transitioned loved ones. Will share the invitation for the birthday virtual celebration.

Strategic Planning: Soror YaTonya Cody-Oliver, Chairman, Presented report.

Collaborated with the Leadership Development Committee to host an event during the Leadership Development Retreat that was held during the Summer. Received feedback to help revise the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. Finalize the revision by October 29, 2021. The plan is as follows, present revised Strategic Plan to Exec Board 11/18.

Collect feedback and edits from Executive Board 11/19-11/30

Present proposed plan to Chapter for feedback 12/1-12/7

Present revised plan to Executive for Approval 12/16

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Present proposed plan to Chapter for vote and approval 12/18 (upon Exec Board Approval)

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Encouraged sorors to remain on Zoom after the meeting for Sisterly Relations activity.

Meeting adjourned: by Basileus, Luevenia Holloway at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chakeita Cofield, Grammateus

Luevenia Holloway, Basileus

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