



**DRAFT- February 2023 Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Call to Order: Soror YaTonya Cody Oliver, Basileus, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. Soror Phyllis Edwards-Daniel, Anti-Grammateus, was present.

Meditation: Soror Shelia Humphrey, Chaplain, provided the meditation.

Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda: Soror YaTonya Cody Oliver, Basileus, presented the February 18, 2023 agenda with the following corrections: After the welcome of visitors by the Hodegos, there will be a “Sisterly Hugs & Love” activity followed by the *Basileus Report*. Agenda was adopted, with the noted correction, by mutual consent.

Approval of the Minutes: The January Chapter Meeting minutes were presented. The minutes stand approved by mutual consent.

Audit Motion: Soror Phyllis Edwards-Daniel, Anti-Grammateus, presented the following motion. Due to the current CPA’s retaining fee increase well beyond the chapter’s budget, we are seeking to retain another CPA for services; however, no one has confirmed at this time. Because of these events, the Audit Committee would like to bring forth a motion recommending that the date of the Audit presentation to the chapter members be extended by 30 days. Vote: Yes – 169, No – 0, Abstain - 0

Reading of the Correspondence: Soror Phyllis Edwards-Daniel, Anti-Grammateus, presented the report. Thank-you correspondence from: Soror Doris Glover, Soror Leontine Bell & Family, Soror Anita B. Washington, Golden Soror Pat Davis and Soror Loren Brereton.

Budget/Financial Report: Soror Melody Durant, Tamiouchos, presented the report.

Financial Summary Report

January 2023

Operations Account

Deposits: \$ 49, 843.43

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Expenses: \$ 33,428.97

Fundraising Account

Deposits: \$ 0

Expenses: \$ 0

Financial Summary Report of Adjusted Balances

As of January 31, 2023

Checking: \$ 160,870.39

Savings: \$ 9,729.77

Total Operating Accounts \$ 170,600.16

Citizens Trust Bank Housing Account: \$ 16,777.58

Citizens Trust Fund Raising Account: \$ 12,230.26

Grand Total: \$ 199.608

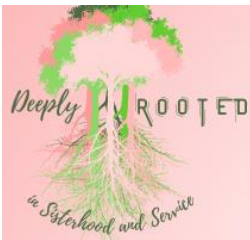
Pecunious Grammateus: Soror Shernise Shaw presented the report.

Monthly Financial Report: January 2023 Receipts

Operations Receipts:

2023 Chapter Dues - Regular	\$ 30,387.50
2023 Chapter Dues- Regular Reactivation	\$ 1540.00
2023 Chapter Dues- Golden Membership	\$ 340.00
2023 Chapter Dues- Golden Non-Life Membership	\$ 630.00

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2023 Chapter - Life Membership	\$ 2025.00
2023 Chapter Dues - Undergraduate Transfer	\$ 535.00
2023 Program Assessment	\$ 212.50
2023 EAF Chapter Assessment (\$6.00)	\$ 844.77
2022 SARC Cluster V Assessment	\$ 451.45
Payment to Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice • Retreat • Chipp 	\$ 601.00
Total Receipts	\$ 37,567.22

**** 410 Members as of January 31, 2023**

Welcome of Visitors: Soror Morgan Birch, Hodegos, presented.

Sisterly Hugs & Love: Sorors greet each other.

Basileus Report: Soror YaTonya Cody Oliver, Madam Basileus

Last 45 days have been very hectic with settling in, transitions, new officers and adjusting to new roles. Soror YaTonya expressed personal gratitude to the chapter for leaning into changes and the new meeting space.

- **Tea Roses:** Leadership Development Committee for the President’s Circle Forum and to our former Basilei; Protocol Committee and Soror Jackie Ziegler for her presentation; Anti-Basileus, Soror Tonjua King, for the Call to Action in mobilizing Sorors to participate this morning in the MAFD Service Project where our chapter representatives, Nu Alpha and Nu Beta Sorors participated; For the Sorors who worked hard to prepare for the chapter meeting including the Technology Team, the Philacter Team, the logistics by our Director of Operations, Soror Ursula in coordination with St. Philip.
- Madam Basileus discussed the **Power of We** and that we are “derived from the seeds and soul of Soror Ethel.” Discussed the support of the Sisterhood. Gave the example of showing up on a chilly Saturday morning to walk the Michelle Obama Trail while supporting each other. Talked about our history and

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ancestors in the Sisterhood and Black History. Discussed Super Sorors and our Super Power to help Lambda Epsilon Omega: Soror Rose Merry (**W**isdom), Soror Luevenia (**E**xperience), Soror Caren (**W**armth) and Soror Morgan (**E**nergy.) The Power of **WE**. Madam Basileus encouraged the chapter Sorors to tap into their Super Power.

- **Hybrid Meetings:** Madam Supreme (as indicated by Madam Regional Director) has really emphasized meeting in person as opposed to meeting virtually or in a hybrid model of in-person + virtual.
- **Membership Experience:** Madam Basileus received a letter notifying her that Lambda Epsilon Omega is not approved for Membership Experience at this time. Madam Basileus will continue to submit our chapter for consideration for Membership Experience every time registration opens. Madam Basileus and Soror Jocelyn hope to provide a Membership download from New Beta's experience where they are participating in the Membership Experience in Chicago.
- **AKA Credit Union:** All Sorors should have received an email from Madam Supreme regarding the Sorority's Credit Union. If you have an interest in participating, Madam Basileus encourages individuals to experience it.
- **Madam Regional Director:** Registration (early) is open for SARC. Soror Morgan, our Hodegos, has been asked to explore a location for a possible chapter luncheon or dinner in Orlando.
- **SARC:** Our chapter has submissions of 15 awards applications/exhibits for SARC. Special thanks to the Honors & Awards Committee. Chapter will have a ½ page ad (voted upon by the Executive Board) in the SARC Souvenir Booklet. The chapter will be voting for (today) and certifying our delegates to SARC by March 1st.
- **AKA Day at the Capitol:** Madam Basileus asked members who planned to attend to raise their hands. Recognized Soror LaDonya for her hard work as the Connections & Social Action Chairperson. She will be submitting an awards application. Madam 1st Supreme Soror Charletta Wilson Jacks will be the keynote speaker.
- **New Sorority Brand Guidelines:** Have been published with directions for the removal of chapter logos. The chapter's PR Committee has established a focus group to determine the best way to do so.
- **Pass Downs:** Madam Basileus will be attending Nu Alpha and Nu Beta's chapter meetings and inviting them to attend our April chapter meeting. If a Soror is interested in working with undergraduates, she must have Graduate Advisor Certification and be approved by the Basileus.
- **MAFD:** Madam Basileus asked Sorors to raise their hands if they were attending the event in their shades of pink. There is prepaid parking for the event. There will be a chapter photo before the event. Time and location will be published in *The Vine*. Everyone should arrive on time for the photo. There will be vendors on site beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- **Metro Basilei Council Meeting on 2/11:** Discussed the courtesies (\$50/chapter) to be extended to the VSGs across the Metro ATL chapters for Madam Regional Director, the Cluster V Coordinator and the

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Undergraduate Member-at-Large at MAFD. Chapter Basilei discussed forming a Budget and Finance Committees' cohort under the direction of the Regional Tamiouchos .

- **Basilei Guide:** Distributed by Madam Regional director to all Basilei. If chapter members have questions, Madam Basileus can look to the guide as a resource.
- **Sisters' Keeper Award:** Soror Carmen Scott for being such a "Sweet Soror" (nominated by Soror Loren Brereton) and Soror June McKinnie for making Soror Christy' transition a smooth one (nominated by Soror Christy.)

MAFD Special Announcement: Soror Shelene Thompson presented the report

- Reviewed the Friday Night, February 24th events and attire: AKA Shimmer . Details in *The Vine*.
- Reviewed the Saturday, February 25th events and attire: AKA 115 Shades of Pink. Details in *The Vine*.
- Additional details can be found in MAFD email.
- If a Soror was contacted in January about the lack of availability of a MAFD ticket, she is eligible for a refund and can see a member of the Financial Team after the Chapter Meeting.

Officers and Committees Reports

Program: Soror Tonjua King, Anti-Basileus, presented the report.

- **Empower Our Families:** Leads are Sorors Daphney Brooks and Deborah Neal. Shopped and assembled 300+ CHIPP Bags. Distributed CHIPP bags to students at Oak View Elementary. There are enough powerpacks to last until mid-April. TBA: A packing session date on a Saturday in April. A female volunteer, Debbie Jones (owner of a catering and food truck company) is purchasing and packing the same powerpacks that the chapter is distributing. She started distributing her monthly packs at the end of January.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Leads are Sorors Earnestine Pittman and Sandra Rice. Have been posting monthly mental health tips in *The Vine*.
- **Youth Leadership Institute:** Leads are Sorors Kenyatta Stephens and Willieour Arnold. Will meet on 2/26 at 2:00 p.m. at 716 West Trinity Place in Decatur. Committee is currently putting together leadership packets for students ages 11-16.
- **Strengthening Our Sisterhood:** Leads are Sorors Angela Moore and Sandy Lewis. The Book Club Squad held their 1st meeting on February 7th @ 7:00p.m. The meeting was facilitated by Soror Corinne Cooper. Next meeting will be February 28th @ 7:00 p.m. The Book Club Squad will discuss the book Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. Soror Sandy Lewis will be the facilitator. The info is in *The Vine*. The Book Club Squad is looking for volunteers to facilitate the April meeting. A book has not been selected for April; so, the facilitator can also select the book for April.

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- **Building Our Economic Wealth:** Leads are Sorors Clarissa Sparks, Tameka Davis and Diana Stroud. Still conducting the *Savings Challenge* which was supposed to end in February; but, it is being extended until the end of March. Click on the QR code located in *The Vine* for instructions.
- **Enhance Our Environment:** Leads are Sorors Marcia Pecot, Carmen Scott and Stephanie Carmichael. See the flyer in *The Vine* about the project "Writing Love Letters to Trees." There is a link with instructions about writing the letter, taking a photo and uploading to the Trees Atlanta website. Also, there is a planting project at Glen Roads Heights on March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. The sign-up link is in *The Vine*. Soror Valerie Brown is the lead for that activity.
- **MAFD Service Project Update:** The projected has been completed and the 180 powerpacks will be donated to the Scottdale Early Learning Center.

Delegates for the SARC: Madam Basileus opened the floor for nominations.

Nominating: Soror Tamika Mickens, Co-chair for the Nominating Committee, presented the report.

- Nomination and election process for the 7 SARC delegates was explained.
- List of Sorors who are ineligible to serve as delegates for this SARC because they have served as delegates in the past 2 years either for SARC or Boule' was displayed onscreen. Exceptions are Sorors who are currently in office as the Basileus, Anti-Basileus or Graduate Advisor. The chapter has 12 delegate slots. 5 will be the officers already mentioned as automatic delegates. A motion was made by Soror Tamika Mickens that the 5th automatic delegate slot be given to 2nd Anti-Basileus Soror Bernetta Jones, who was elected in November 2022. Motion was seconded. Vote: Yes - 186, No - 0, Abstentions - 0
- Soror Tamika indicated that the chapter was seeking nominations and alternates for the 7 delegate slots. Sorors may nominate themselves or other Sorors.
- Nominations were taken from the floor.
- The vetting process was underway as the meeting continued.

Strategic Planning: Soror Francine Goodman presented the report.

- Committee met to develop the goals and objectives and to develop a 6 month time-line.
- The committee plans to develop a logic model of the plan and to increase Soror awareness of the plan and its goals.
- Committee will also create a brief video reviewing the objectives of the committee and its alignment with the International Programs and with our chapter's Leadership Development Committee.
- There will be a Strategic Planning survey later in the year.
- Will exercise a SWOT analysis at the Leadership Development Retreat and plans to collaborate with other committees regarding the Strategic Plan.

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Social Welfare: Soror Morgan Birch presented the report.

- Presented acknowledgements and recognitions of Sorors.
- A profile sheet has been created to verify the information (update changes) found in *The Pink Pages*.

Nominations Closed: Madam Basileus announced that the nominations were closed and that the vetting process was underway.

Sisterly Relations: Soror Ursula Huffman presented the report.

- First Friday activity on March 3rd will be at the High Museum from 6:08 p.m. – 8:08 p.m. Sorors may stay later if they choose. The actual High Frequency event concludes at 10:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased.
- Sisterly Relations event entitled “Chapter Trailblazers” will occur on March 4th at Oakland Cemetery from 10:00 a.m. – 11:08 a.m. to honor one of our Founders, Soror Marie Woolfolk Taylor.
- AKA Pals initiative is off to a great start. Each participating Soror has received the contact information about their AKA Pal from Delta Chi Omega Chapter in Illinois.

EAF: Soror Carmen Benjamin, EAF Captain, presented the report.

- Explained the purpose and goals of EAF.
- Discussed how to apply for EAF scholarships.
- Our chapter has achieved Platinum Status for 2022. The chapter will be recognized at SARC in April.

Eligible SARC Delegates: Madam Basileus announced the 5 officer delegates mentioned earlier and the names of the Sorors who passed the vetting process and are eligible to be placed on the ballot for the 7 remaining delegate positions: The following Sorors were nominated and vetted as eligible candidates: Keethe Moore, Carmen Benjamin, Caren Dias, Kenyatta Stephens, Teresa Hines, Wanda Gilliard, Dashi Anderson. Because additional nominees were needed for alternate delegates, the floor was opened again for additional nominees. The following additional Sorors were nominated, vetted and included as eligible candidates to be placed on the ballot: Sorors Sylvia Battle, Charlotte Dudley, Taylor Dias and Evelyn McCarley.

Announcements:

Charlie’s Angels: Soror Luevenia presented the report.

- Explained the Charlie’s Angels Initiative.
- Winners: Soror Stephanie Carmichael won the basket; Soror Rose Merry Brock won the mug; Soror Betty Stuckey won the Starbuck’s gift card.

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SARC Delegate Voting: All previously mentioned nominees have been vetted and are eligible to appear on the ballot. Voting was conducted via Election Runner (ballot emailed to Sorors.) The final voting results will be forwarded to the chapter members.

Meeting adjourned: by Soror YaTonya Cody Oliver, Basileus at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phyllis Edwards-Daniel

Phyllis Edwards-Daniel, Anti-Grammateus

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