Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Dallas Alumnae Chapter
Minutes of the January 17, 2015 Chapter Meeting

“Uncompromising Commitment to Communities: Service, Leadership, Empowerment”

Ritualistic Opening
The meeting was called to order in ritualistic form by President Sharon Royal Hunt at 2:22PM at Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 6808 Pastor Bailey Dr., Dallas, Texas. Soror Bertha Whatley served as Vice President, Soror Karla McGary served as Recording Secretary, Soror Demetria Chester served as Chaplain and Soror Thalia Matherson served as Parliamentarian. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda
Delta Academy and Housing and Properties reports were added as item G and H under Committee Reports – Requiring Action; thus changing the Elections, Delta G.E.M.S. and Nominating reports as items I, J, and K respectively under Committee Reports – Informational. The agenda was adopted with the changes.

Approval of Minutes from the September Meeting
The minutes from the November 15, 2014 and December 13, 2014 chapter meetings were approved as posted on website.

Officer’s Report
President
Madame President opened her remarks with a welcome introduction “Happy New Year”, Happy Founders Day”, “Happy Rededication”, and “Happy Chapter Meeting”. This concluded her remarks.

Vice-President
Soror Bertha Whatley presented the report. Visiting members were recognized. All January birthdays were celebrated by serenade.

Treasurer
Soror Carol Crawley presented the Treasurer’s Report for December. A vote card must be obtained in order to receive a treasurer’s report. The report will be filed
for audit. Soror Crawley informed the membership that dues payment for 2015-2016 will start today. A verification form must be completed if you have not been financial for two or more years. All dues must be paid by the March 21st chapter meeting to meet the deadline to Grand Chapter. She reminded committee chairs the new voucher request is posted in the member only section on the Dallas Alumnae website.

**Protocol Moment**

The Protocol committee report was given by Soror Verna Mitchell. The purpose of the Protocol moment is to cover and review items during each chapter meeting to ensure our chapter is in compliance. The presentation for the January chapter meeting addressed social media, text, and email as referenced in the Internet Guidelines in Policies and Procedures. She indicated that you should not post and/or send any Delta restricted / Delta related information via social media, email, or text. When using social media, use appropriate language and do not post and/or send negative information about another organization. When displaying pictures on social media, it is prohibited to post any pictures of any Delta ritualistic ceremony. When participating in public events, members should refrain from wearing Delta symbols. All Deltas should be cautious on how you represent yourself on social media.

**Committee Reports (Requiring Action)**

**A. Budget and Finance**

The report was given by Soror Marsha Thornton, Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:

- The 2014-2015 budget be amended and increased by $28,725 to $135,985 as outlined in the attached document.
  - $4,500 – Rent – To cover a potential rent increase that may take effect as early as 1/1/2015
  - $1,500 – National Ads/Retreats – To cover expenses for the upcoming Convention and Statewide Summit expenses
  - $5,400 PPAD – To ensure funding to cover expenses as projected by PPAD for the full year including $5,350 for Community Market Festival and $2,150 for Teen Town Hall
o $6,000 – Delta Academy, Delta GEMS, & EMBODI ($2,000 increase for each committee) – To ensure adequate funding to support well over 100 active participants including but not limited to $3,000 funding for the Austin Youth Trip
o $3,600 – Presidential Programs – In anticipation of at least two youths from our youth programs being selected to participate in the National event
o $2,000 – Project 13 – To ensure funding as needed to support Project 13 events/programs. Funds are not designated for any specific Project 13 initiative
o $2,500 – Hospitality/Membership – To ensure proper funding to support our growing membership
o $300 – Heritage/Archives – To ensure funding for storage and other needed
o $325 – Elections – To cover taxes and shipping expenses tied to voting equipment already approved
o $1,000 – Local Contributions – Funding for this line item historically has supported organizations such as the African American Museum, TBAAL, and Dallas Black Dance Theater. Funds are not designated for any specific local organization or initiative.
o $1,600 – Contingency – To ensure the Chapter can respond to unanticipated and/or not previously approved funding needs

- 2015-2016 local dues remain the same as noted below with the inclusion of the National per Capital Fee.
  o $260 for Regular Members ($250 local dues + $10 per capita fee), and
  o $135 for Qualifying Delta Dears ($125 local dues + $10 per capita fee)

Soror Thornton moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

B. Directory
The report was given by Soror Felicia Henderson, Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:
• Provide 400 CD-ROMs containing the 2014-2015 chapter directory at a cost of $516.00. This cost includes duplication of the CDs, white paper sleeve with window, assembly/insertion, and all setup fees.

• Use the 2014-2015 headshots for current members; headshots schedule will be for new members.

**Informational:**

**Key Dates:**

• Head shots for the 2014-2015 chapter directory will be taken at the Dodd Center in the Archive Room on the following dates and times.
  
  o Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  o Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  o Saturday, February 21, 2015, to be determined due to Leadership training

  The sitting fee is $10.00. Please have exact change; the photographer is unable to make change. No other session dates will be scheduled.

Soror Henderson moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

**C. Executive Board**

The report was given by Soror Vanessa Gray, Assistant Recording Secretary. The following recommendations were presented which were approved by the Executive Board on December 9, 2014 and January 13, 2015:

• To ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee on November 26, 2014 to approve the additional cost of $313.22 to pay the taxes for the purchase of the Scantron Voting machine. The purchase of the Scantron was approved by the chapter at the October meeting but the price did not include the taxes. Soror Karla McGary moved for the approval of the ratification with funds coming from Elections. Motion was seconded; motion carried.

• To ratify the action taken by the Executive Board to approve for the chapter to cover the expenditures (registration, hotel and travel) for the President and Vice President to attend the Texas/New Mexico State Summit. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Blazing Southwest Region - The 2015 Texas/New
Mexico State Summit is scheduled for January 30 - February 1, 2015 in Fort Worth, Texas. The registration fee for each Soror is $75.00. Registration payment was due by January 9, 2015. The host hotel is the Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel located downtown at 1701 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Room Rate: $119.00 per night (plus taxes) for single or $129 per night (plus taxes) for double. Soror Karla McGary moved for the chapter to cover the expenditures (registration, hotel, and travel) for the President and Vice President to attend the state summit with funds coming from Retreats/Summit. Motion was seconded; motion carried.

- To ratify the action taken by the Executive Board to approve the ticket purchase of $50.00 for the President to attend the DFW Metroplex Joint Founders Day luncheon. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will present the DFW Metroplex Joint Founders Day Luncheon, Saturday, January 24, 2015, Irving Convention Center, 500. W. Las Colinas, Irving, TX 75039, 11:30am, Subscription: $50.00. Soror Karla McGary moved for the chapter to purchase a ticket for the President or her designee to attend the luncheon with funds coming from Delta-related. Motion was seconded; motion carried.

- Theta Alpha Foundation in conjunction with the Theta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host its 12th annual “Mardi Gras Gala” on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Dallas Downtown, 1015 Elm St., Dallas, TX 75202 at 7:30pm. Cost: $60.00 pre-sale; $75.00 at the door. Soror Karla McGary moved for the chapter to purchase a ticket for the President or her designee to attend the luncheon with funds coming from Local community. Motion was seconded; motion carried.

- Trinity Chapter of The Links, Inc. will host its annual “Diamonds & Sneakers” Gala benefiting their community service programs on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX at 7:00pm. Cost: $100.00. Soror Karla McGary moved for the chapter to purchase a ticket for the President or her designee to attend the gala with funds coming from Local community. Motion was seconded; motion carried.
Budget/Cost:
- Elections: $313.22
- Delta-related: $50.00
- Local community $175.00

Soror Gray moved for the adoption of the Executive Board’s recommendations. Motion carried.

D. PPAD
The report was given by Soror Rosalyn Walker, Co-Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:

- **Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count:** Partner with Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance on its 2015 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Count on January 22, 2015. The census is conducted each year in the last ten days of January so that Dallas and Collin Counties can collect information on homeless residents. PIT Homeless Count registration is Thursday, January 22, 2015 at Dallas City Hall (L1F North Auditorium)
  Setup and Sign-in Volunteers: Arrive at 4:00PM
  Indoor and Outdoor Volunteers:  5:00 PM sign-in
  SIGN-IN & TRAINING LOCATION:   Dallas City Hall – L1F North Auditorium – Supper will be available
  Sorors need to visit the website to sign up: (see attached list of data entry days) [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ea8ae2aa02-2015](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4ea8ae2aa02-2015)

- **Community Market Festival/Teen Town Hall Summit/Health Fair:**
  - This year the PPAD Committee is combining 2 signature community service events: Community Market Festival and Teen Town Hall Summit and adding a new element Health Fair. Combining all 3 events will allow the chapter to address the needs of entire family structure in the community we serve.
  - Date: April 11, 2015, Location: Harold W. Lang Sr. Middle School (1678 Chenault St. Dallas, TX)
  - Theme: This Is Your Life: Healthy, Wealthy and Wise
Joint partnership with D.I.S.D. Harold W. Lang Sr. Middle School and the following Dallas Alumnae committees: Arts & Letters, Physical and Mental Health, and Social Action.

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Total $5,362.04

• Delta Hair Salon: Change the date to visit the Modern Living and Rehabilitation Center to Saturday, February 14, 2015 (10:00am - 1:00PM)

  o Rationale: The Founders Day event conflicts with the regular visit to the Delta Hair Salon. By changing the date to the following week we can continue to visit with the residents at the Modern Living and Rehabilitation Center and present small Valentine’s Day gifts to the residents.

Itemized Budget:

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Delta Hair Salon - Volunteers Needed
February 14, 2015 (second Saturday)
10:00am - 1:00pm
3808 S Central Expwy
Dallas, TX 75215

Volunteers please email Soror Frankie Hedrick fhedr250@aol.com or Soror Tonya Derrick 1005derrick@sbcglobal.net.

Soror Walker moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

E. Social Action
The report was given by Soror Christie Thomas, Chairperson. The following ratification and recommendations were presented:

- Ratification:
  - Voter Registration and Awareness: To allow Elnora Cox from Dallas County Election’s Office and/or staff to deputize Sorors prior to the chapter meeting on January 17, 2015 at 1:30 pm for the purpose of registering voters for the May Election.

- Recommendations:
  - To send a representative to Delta Days at the Nation’s Capital; February 28th - March 3rd
  - To host Community Conversation at the UNT Dallas Campus in Partnership with SW Alumnae Chapter on March 28th 10am-12pm with Police Chiefs in service areas; Moderator Marcus Moore
  - To partner with PPAD at Teen Town Hall and host a Legal Clinic, topic “The Do’s and Don’ts of a Traffic Stop” and conduct voter registration on April 11, 2015 from 8am-1pm at Lang Middle School

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o Continue to support Monday Night Politics

Budget/Cost:
Delta Day at the Nation’s Capital $225.00 Registration+ $136.20 Airfare+ $953.73 Hotel = $1,314.93
Community Conversation $500.00 Location fee + $200.00 light refreshments = $700.00

Total budget for the year $2,014.93

Soror Walker moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

F. TASPERS
The report was given by Soror Ericka Davison, Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:

- Requesting to purchase TASPers Shirts  
  o Rationale: To cover the cost of the shirts due to an increase in young ladies joining TASPers. Currently we have 25 TASPers. ($400.00)

- To purchase items for the Etiquette Class 101  
  o Rationale: To expose our youth to proper Etiquette. ($150.00)

- To purchase items for the End of the Year Celebration  
  o Rationale: To purchase certificates, special categories gift, refreshments and decorations ($200.00)

Budget/Cost: TASPers is a non-budgeted committee and dues are collected, Dues: $30.00; $35.00 after 10/18/14 Forwarding Balance: $775.30

Soror Davison moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendation. Motion carried.
G. Delta Academy
The report was given by Soror Eureka Drayden, Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:

- October 11th - Academy KICK-OFF – Dodd Center (Budget $200.00)
- November 8th - Academy Get Acquainted (Budget $710.00; Includes allocation for Delta Academy apparel)
- November - Thanksgiving Holiday Community Service (Budget $220.00)
- December 6th - Holiday Social/Service Project Kick-Off (approx. budget $200.00)
- January 11th - “Girls Rock” STEM Day – Dodd Center (approx. budget $120.00)
- February TBD – Create, Customize, Cash In Entrepreneurial Workshop (approx. $200.00)
- March TBD – STEM/Cultural Excursion (approx. $500.00)
- March 10th - State Capital Day Trip (approx. $300.00)
- April – Dallas Alumnae Teen Town Hall (approx. $250.00)
- May 2nd - Dallas Alumnae Youth Groups Year End Celebration (approx. $300.00)

Total Budget for 2014-2015 Delta Academy program: $3000.00

Soror Drayden moved the approval of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

H. Housing and Properties
The report was given by Soror Frankie Hedrick, Chairperson. The following recommendations were presented:

- Cleaning of ceremonial robes
- Purchase of 6 Garment Bags for ceremonial robes
- Purchase commercial grade garment rack to be used for Omega Omega Services
- Purchase flowers to repair Omega Omega Pillow
- Replenish properties for ceremonial activities to include:
  - Red and white candles for Omega Omega Services
  - Red and white candles for monthly chapter meetings
- Monthly floral allowance for each chapter meeting
- Reimbursement for purchase of white tablecloth for monthly chapter meeting ceremonial table
- Reimbursement for purchase of Poinsettias for December chapter meeting. The florals will be awarded each meeting to special Sorors. In December, the poinsettias along with instructions for care were given to the presiding officers. This month, the African violet will be selected based on the number 13.

Total Budget for 2014-2015: $1,000.00

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Soro Hedrick moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendations. Motion carried.

Madame President requested the chapter’s approval to add the Founders Day report to the agenda under Committee Reports – Requiring Action. Chapter approval was granted.
I. Founders Day
The report was presented by Soror Eugenia Vance, Chairperson. The following informational updates and recommendation were presented:

- Founders Day
  - Date: February 7, 2015
  - Location: Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre
  - Founders Day Luncheon: 11:00am
  - Ticket Price: $75.00
  - Guest Room Rate: $129.00 (Courtesy Block- No contractual obligation 30 rooms max)

- Revenue to Date:

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- Menu: Salad, Chicken Entrée, Starch, Vegetables with Dessert
- All Budget Items are estimates and this is a very conservative budget. As we receive additional bids, the actual budget will be revised.
- 2015 Projected Honorees will be confirmed by National Headquarters via the Red Zone – Estimated Numbers are 8 Sorors. Forms will be available at chapter meeting. (3) 50 year honorees and (4) 25 year honorees and (1) 75 Year Honoree.
- Sorors are also encouraged to purchase their tickets early to ensure they have a seat inside the luncheon. The hotels maximum capacity is 500.
- **Program Update:**
  - Speaker: Dr. Ouida F. Lee, Sr. Pastor at The Church of the Disciples in DeSoto, Texas. She is a Soror and very excited; she was a guest at our 90th Anniversary Celebration.

- **Rededication:**
  - The gravesite ceremony will be January 17th at 10:00am. A program will be arranged honoring Soror Dodd with a floral arrangement placed on the grave. This will be followed by a lunch prior to the chapter meeting at Concord Baptist Church starting at 11:00am. The meal will consist of chicken, vegetables, salad, and a selection of desserts and beverages. The cost for the lunch is $10.00 per person. Payment can be made at the Founders Day table at chapter meeting, Executive Board, and all committee meetings. Payment can also be mailed to the chapter’s P.O. Box. All payments should be received by January 8th. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible; after the December chapter meeting all payments must be mailed to the chapter’s P.O. Box. If payments are not received by January 8th, you will not be included in the count. The caterer must have all final numbers by this date.

  - Rituals & Ceremonies and Protocol will be responsible for the format and will work with the Founders Day committee directly.

- **Worship:**
  - The chapter will worship with Soror Julia Jordan, our 75-year honoree. The committee is asking $10.00 for each Dallas Alumnae member which will be presented to her Church Scholarship fund. Please make your check payable to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority no later than February 1st in order for the check to be ready presentation to the church. The worship service will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, 5002 S. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75215, 10:45AM Worship service. More details are forthcoming.

- **Honoree Gift Recommendation:**
  - The chapter purchases a special gift for the 75 year honoree. The committee has selected a custom 75-year charm and bracelet. The
current Founders Day budget already reflects the cost for this special gift.

Soror Vance moved for the adoption of the committee’s recommendation. Motion carried.

Committee Reports - Informational

J. Elections
The report was given by Soror Deborah Watkins, Chairperson. The following updates were presented:

Listed below are the dates of election activity leading up to the Chapter Election:
- Date of Mock Election – February 3, 2015; 6:30 p.m. Dodd Center
- Election Guideline/Procedures presented - February 21, 2015 (60 days prior to election)
- Mail Guidelines/Procedures – not later than May 1, 2015 (must give prior written notice at least 10 days for election of officers)
- Chapter Election Day – May 16, 2015

If you are interested in participating in the Mock Election, please give your name and email address to Shalisha Parker. We will be sending the notification out via email on Monday, January 19, 2015 reminding members of the Mock Election. You must be a financial member of Dallas Alumnae to participate in the Mock Election.

Information Sources:
- Constitution and Bylaws (2013 Edition), Article IX - ELECTIONS AND VOTING, Section 4: Method of Voting, B. Voting for Chapter Officers (page. 47)
  o Article IV – Election Guidelines, Section 2: Notice of Election, Section 3: Eligibility to Vote, Section 4: Voting (Election of Officers and positions, Special Election of Officers and positions, Election of Minerva)
  o Article V- Committees, Section: Elections Committee
K. Delta G.E.M.S.
The report was given by Soror Jackie Glee, Chairperson. The following updates were presented:

- Program Information: 26 committee members including chair and co-chairs, 30 Delta G.E.M.S in 2014-2015 program. There are 4 Delta G.E.M.S. participating in the Jabberwock Scholarship Pageant.


- **October 2014**: “Brave” Teen Dating Violence/Trafficking/STD Summit hosted by Physical and Mental Health, Social Action and PPAD committees for the youth programs. Presentations by community leaders and chapter members for youth to engage and educate them on personal safety, decision making and personal health.

- **October 2014**: Delta G.E.M.S./T.A.S.P.ers - Get Acquainted “Empowering You” Workshop – The youth were engaged in a creative small group activity “Advice from a Tree” lead by Soror Ericka Davison. The interactive workshop facilitated by the committee members required the youth to work together to organize their project, research and identify a specific tree and the type of the advice it would communicate to an individual for a successful life. In addition, each member of the small group had to present their project to the audience.

- **November 2014**: Delta G.E.M.S./T.A.S.P.ers- College/Career & Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop. Committee members wore and displayed their college paraphernalia to convey the workshop theme, “Preparing for Your Future: What’s Your Story”. Presentations included key information for successfully choosing a college and a future career along with a Scholarship Essay Writing presentation conducted by the Dallas Alumnae Scholarship Committee. Breakout sessions were conducted by Dallas Alumnae Project ACE members to share their college preparation experiences, campus
involvement, successes and challenges along with an overview of their current career choice.

- **November 2014:** Delta G.E.M.S./T.A.S.P.ers and Delta Academy Thanksgiving Service project. This project hosted by PPAD involved all of the youth program participants preparing 55 Thanksgiving baskets and greeting families identified through a social services agency and referrals scheduled to pick up baskets. The youth donated items designated by PPAD, participated in preparation activities by organizing donated food items, decorating boxes (baskets) preparing a short presentation speech and greeting families.

- **December 2014:** Delta G.E.M.S/T.A.S.Pers and Delta Academy youth programs hosted a joint “Christmas Social” which included a time of fun with Family Feud style challenges for Delta G.E.M.S and T.A.S.P.ers, a talent show with committee members and youth participation, creative gift exchanges and lunch.

### Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated – Dallas Alumnae Chapter

**Committee Financial Report**

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**Event: Delta G.E.M.S. 2014-2015 Calendar of Activities**

**Reporting Period:** September 2014 – December 2014

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AVAILABLE FUNDS $1,546.68 January 2015 – May 2015

In-Kind Services

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L. Nominating

The report was given by Soror Eula Woodberry, Chairperson. The following updates were presented:

- The Committee has posted a monthly blog on the Chapter’s secured website (ning), which reviews the qualifications for each elected office/position and the nominating process. Email address – danominating@hotmail.com, (included on the blog) can be used to ask nominating questions. This information is a part of the approved Policies & Procedures.
- Post this information outlining the position requirements in the newsletter.
- Hold the required Leadership Retreat - Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 9:00a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Issue the Call for Nominations, which includes the application and deadline for submitting the application – Saturday, February 21, 2015
- Applications for office due – Saturday, March 7, 2015
- Meet the Candidates Forum – Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – See Chapter Policies and Procedures – Section 8.E.1.F
- Present the Slate of Candidates – Saturday, April 18, 2015
- Mail profiles of slated candidates – Monday, April 27, 2015

Rationale: This schedule supports the Nominating Committee duties outlined in Section 8.E.1.F of the Chapters Policies and Procedures, approved 12/25/14.

2014 – 2015 Budget:
Beginning Budget $2,000.00
Expenses are projected to be incurred for the Leadership Retreat, slating process, preparing and mailing the Candidate profiles.
Correspondence

National – None

Regional – None

Local –

- Thank you and appreciation cards/letters from Sorors JoAnne Brunson, Colette Blair-Haigler, Dora Joyner, Eleanor Rogers, Erica Braziel, Velma Patch, Renee Battle and family, Lolita Smith and family, and Betty Bryant and family of Jeanette Salter

- Holiday cards from Soror Curtistene McCowan and family, and Donald and Kimberly Cox

Announcements

- The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, board, and staff would like to invite you to the City of Dallas 33rd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015.
  - Candlelight Ceremony, Friday, January 16th at 7:00pm at the MLK Recreation, 2901 Pennsylvania, Dallas, Texas 75215
  - Annual March/Parade, Saturday, January 17th at 10:00am, will start at Dallas City Hall Plaza
  - Awards Banquet, Saturday, January 17th at 7:30pm, Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel, 300 Reunion Blvd, Dallas, Texas. Ticket: $85.00 per person

- The Delta Dears will meet on Tuesday, January 20th at 12:00 Noon. Please plan to attend in order to have a good showing for our presenter, Renaissance Skilled Nursing Facility Kessler Park

- If you placed an order for Gumbo, Soror Marsha Bailey Cantrelle will be in the parking lot after chapter meeting for your order pick up for the Team Sisterhood fundraiser.

- Valentine’s Day Casino Trip Fundraiser hosted by Team Violet, Saturday, February 14th, Choctaw Casino – Durant, OK. $20.00 per person.
Reservation/payment deadline February 7th. To reserve seat, contact Soror Karla McGary at karla.mcgary31@gmail.com

- Please pick up your DFW Joint Founders Day tickets from Soror Misha Stinnett.

- The African violet for today is being awarded to #413 on roster, Soror Beverly Tutt.

**Ritualistic Closing**
The meeting was adjourned in ritualistic form at 3:35PM.

*Minutes prepared by Soror Karla McGary, Recording Secretary*
*Soror Sharon Royal Hunt, President*