



November 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes
Soror Shara S. Bennett, Grammateus

Date: November 2, 2019

Meeting No: 9 of 10

The chapter meeting was held on **Saturday, November 2, 2019** at the Teaneck High School Media Center in Teaneck, NJ. This meeting was called to order by Alecia Carter (Basileus) at **9:08AM**.

A quorum was established with **40** Sorors in attendance. There were no visiting Sorors.

Acceptance of the Agenda - Adopt the October 2019 agenda with the noted corrections

Finance: moved to executive committee recommendation

Motion Carried

Meditation - Soror Gwendolyn Larry

Reading and Approval of October 2019 Minutes – Soror Shara Bennett

The October 2019 minutes were accepted with the noted corrections:

New Business: change “new graduate chapter” to “pre-interest group”

Quorum: change “visiting Sorors” to “visiting Soror”

Moved by Soror Natalie and seconded

Motion Carried

Courtesy Committee

- Acknowledgement of Visitors (no visiting Sorors)
- Acknowledgement of Birthdays

Reading of Correspondence – Soror Lindsay James

Report on file.

Brought before the Chapter: To support Englewood-Teaneck Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. by purchasing a \$100 black and white full page journal ad in support of their 28th Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance.

Motion Carried

Executive Committee Recommendation:

1. The committee recommends adopting the 2020 proposed budget as amended regarding NARC registration increased from \$185 to \$220 **Motion Carried**

2. The executive committee recommends supporting the MLK Day of Service and participate in the Snack Pack and donate \$20 towards the event **Motion Amended**

The executive committee recommends supporting the MLK Day of Service and participating in the Snack Pack by requesting \$20 per Soror towards the event **Motion Carried**

Did You Know? – Soror Edith Conner

OFFICER REPORTS

Basileus Report – Soror Alecia Carter *Report on file.*

Pecunious Grammateus - Soror Sharon Fields *Report on file.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019: \$52.27

Graduate Advisor – Soror Gail Smith (read by Soror Lindsay) *Report on file.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising : Soror Minnie Adams *Report on file.*

Scholarship Luncheon Critiques

- Guests couldn't see due to the columns in the venue
- Guests were talking among themselves because they couldn't hear from the microphone
- Additional vendors with paraphernalia
- Selecting a date that doesn't fall on Columbus Day/Homecoming
- Program component lost audience (include informational component in fashion show)
- Reminder about cash bar
- Offer students/family of student discounted ticket to support event
- Baskets were great; moving baskets to not conflict with vendors
- Baskets be in same room with guest
- Announce baskets/tricky tray and also do an announcement for last call
- More fashion forward attire to reflect Fashion Show
- Fashion Show was Excellent, columns blocked visibility, using the lounge area for tables
- Incorporate our Programs and implement a theme of fashion (i.e. Pink Scene, Fall Foliage)
- Find out about debit/credit card transactions at bar
- Implement a way to swipe cards in exchange for cash or maybe an inhouse tab
- Chapter Meeting, Cluster Meeting, and HBCU Homecomings all fall in October

- Valet Parking (in inclement weather) is suggested
- Alpha Kappa Alpha should stand out more than Bloomingdales
- All correspondence should be checked for spelling
- Overall everyone enjoyed the luncheon and can't wait till next year

Membership: Soror Jasmine Adkins Moore

The committee recommends accepting all 7 committee recommendations

Report on file.

Motion Carried

Programs: Soror Gail Smith (read by Soror Shara)

All EAF online donation receipt should be sent to Soror Gail

African American Health Fair & Festival Date: February 22, 2020

Report on file.

Risk Management: Soror Shelley Worrell

Report on file.

Scholarship: Soror Lola Brown

Scholarship Recommendation:

The committee recommends deferring Vernon Johnson's scholarship til 2020

Report on file.

Motion Carried

The committee recommends a minimum scholarship amount of \$1000. Exceptions will be made for gifts from external donors in which case we will follow their requests regarding selection and amount of funds

Motion Carried

The committee recommends if a Sorors' child is an applicant and the Soror wishes to join the scholarship committee her involvement is limited to tasks not related to selection of the actual recipient

Motion Carried

Chaplain: Soror Gwendolyn Larry

Report on file.

Standards Session: Soror Valarie Hamer

Report on file.

Membership

- Goal 1: Grow (increase) membership in the chapter
 - Engage with inactive Sorors in persona and via phone
 - Invite inactive Sorors to events at no cost to the lost pearl
 - Wear paraphernalia at least once a month
 - No day identified

Suggestions: Reinstitute chapter business cards
Post on Social Media about upcoming events

- Goal 2: Retaining Sorors
 - Are we doing enough to retain current members?

Suggestion: Sisterly Relation Workshop with Sorors
Start within the chapter and being kind
Suggestion Box: Baselius would decide the team of three
Private Event at TJ's

- Goal 3: Initiative to decrease the generation gap

- Sorors graduating from Nu Kappa

Suggestions:

When bringing new ideas to the chapter, older Sorors push the issue. Sorors should be more open minded
Suggestion about including breakfast in dues or allowing group to host together

Build intergenerational bridges to bridge the gap among Sorors. Find out how we develop this relationship and connect within the chapter

Seasoned Sorors taking a moment to listen to understand rather than listen to understand allowing Sorors to gain understanding

See the culture of the chapter; do more outside of the chapter to learn more

- Holiday Party: Is the Holiday Party closing the gap?
 - works for age group (the diversity/cost/music/drinks)
 - DJ could be revisited
- Soror Lindsay gives chapter a charge to take 2020 to another level

Programs

- Goal 1: Support and implement program platform of the International President by creating programs of service in a unique manner that will distinguish our chapter from other non-profit organizations
- Goal 2: Further develop our current scholarship program
- Goal 3: Increase awareness, promote, and maintain the Dr. Gene-Ann Polk Horne EAF Fund

Further discussion to follow at Standards session

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Leadership Seminar Report** - Soror Shelley Worrell *Report on file.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Soror Lacey want to thank the chapter for our contributions to EAF and reminds us to partake in the challenge, "I graduated, I donated" as we try to reach Platinum, and thanks to Soror Edith for all her help. if you give \$150 individually you will be acknowledged at EAF Philanthropist (more donor brackets can be found on the website). It has been her pleasure to join the hand of Sorors who came before her and after her.
- Soror Gwendolyn delivered to Soror Armetta roses and a card on behalf of the chapter
- CAP Committee November 9th @ the Richard Rodda Center at 9:30am-12:30pm. Asking the members for magazines to assist CAP member with making vision boards
- Committee Members were changed for Rose Butler Brown. We need to pay the tax implication; but the money needs to be paid and can't be taken from Rose BUTler Brown. We are looking for a tax attorney pro bono

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Need registration confirmation to be sent to Soror Alecia for all events this year
- Step and Repeat (back drop) discussion to purchase
- One Journal Ad book remaining
- Soror Edith has tickets to the Holiday Party
- Brief stroll rehearsal after the meeting
- If you were late Soror Lola is requesting \$1
- Question: are we bring gift card to next chapter meeting. Soror Alecia to follow-up
- Suggestion to make Christmas baskets to raffle
- Raffle tickets to be discussed at Fundraiser Meeting
- Eyeglasses will be collected at the Holiday Party
- Next Meeting Holiday Party Tickets proceeds are due
- December Chapter Meeting is a joint meeting with Nu Kappa and will also be our IEO Christmas Celebration
- Tickets being sold at the door (TBD)
- Flyer for Holiday Party to follow
- Business Casual/Holiday Attire to next chapter meeting

The meeting was adjourned at **1:06pm**

Grammateus: Soror Shara Bennett _____ Date _____

Basileus: Soror Alecia Carter _____ Date Approved _____