

**Upsilon Chi Omega Chapter**

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

February 12, 2015 – 5:45pm Refreshments, 6:00pm Meeting

Habitat for Humanity - Gulfport, MS 39535

Soror Jocelyn Gavin Lane, Basileus, Presiding

1. Call to Order Soror Jocelyn G. Lane, Basileus

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM. Quorum was established.

1. Mediation Soror Rutha Evans, Chaplain

A reflective and interactive meditation was led by Soror Evans.

1. Greetings Soror Candace Hasan, Hodegos

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. There were two visiting Sorors present: Crystal Edwards and Jessica Bourne. February birthdays were recognized.

1. Philacter Report Soror Candace Hasan

 There was $2.00 collected in late fees from the January meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with necessary corrections with regard to report presentations.

1. Approval of Minutes

 The January minutes were emailed to the Chapter and were accepted by acclamation.

1. Reports
	1. Officers
		1. Basileus Soror Jocelyn Lane

 The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: Sorors were thanked for a wonderful Chapter

 Retreat. We will participate in the 2016 Regional Conference (Mobile, AL) Invitational when we attend the 2015 Regional

 Conference in Memphis, TN. There will be an assessment, work, and meetings as we are one of the host Chapters for the

 2016 Regional Conference. More information will be sent regarding the 2016 Regional Conference. Soror Persharon

 Dixon is the 2016 Regional Conference Co-Chairman. Use #UCOAKAselfies when you or other Sorors are out doing good

 things while representing UCO.

* + 1. Anti-Basileus Soror Melissa Pearson

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: We have completed 2 impact days with our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and Pink Goes Red for Heart Health Day. The next impact day will be in April with the AKA/NAMI Awareness Day.

* + 1. Tamiouchos Soror Rasheeda Whitfield

The report was read and placed on file.

* + 1. Epistoleus Soror Lane (for Soror Persharon Dixon)

Correspondence was read. Highlights include the following: Soror Brandi Farmer Cotton sent a thank you card for the prayers and other thoughtful gestures regarding the birth of her daughter Kourtlynn Marie. Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, First International Vice President, will be the Founders’ Day guest speaker on February 21st at 2:00 PM at Anderson United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. This celebration is for Beta Delta Omega, Gamma Omicron, and Gamma Rho Chapters.

Soror Kimberly Fisher moved that we buy a $50.00 full page ad for the Karun Court No. 89, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc. 3rd Annual Pink and White Masquerade Ball and Tracy Hill Townsend Memorial Scholarship 2015 Souvenir Journal. The motion carried.

* 1. Standing Committees
		1. Programs

 Impact Days: MLK, GO Red Both events were extremely successful and well attended.

1. Educational Enrichment

ASCEND has 11 participants, and their kickoff meeting/workshop is set for February 21st at Central Middle School.

1. Health Promotion

Sorors pledged to “Commit to be Fit” by signing their commitment card which indicates she shall do at least 30 minutes of cardio a day. Each Soror should check on her “Fit Buddy” daily during our 30 day Fitness Challenge.

1. Family Strengthening

The first committee meeting will be March 2nd at 5:45 at Central Middle School.

1. Environment Ownership

No report was given.

1. Global Impact

No report was given.

* + 1. Connection Soror Marty Gethers

 (for Soror Vickie Garner)

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: The focus for this quarter is Voter Registration. We launched 2 letter writing campaigns for Head Start and Breast Density/Mammography.

* + 1. Membership Soror Kimberly Fisher

The brochure that Soror Fisher created is ready for distribution. The Secret Soror Program has started.

* + 1. Pink Pearls Soror Tomesha Thompson

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: Their Pancake Breakfast is at Applebee’s located on Hwy. 49 in Gulfport from 8:00 AM- 9:30 AM. The tickets are $5.

* + 1. Ivy League Soror LaWanda Thornton

They met on February 7, 2015 at the Orange Grove Library at 10:00 AM. They had a workshop on bullying and respect entitled B.R.A.V.E. (Building Respect And Value in Everyone); it was led by Ms. Collegiate Gulf Coast: DeAndria Turner who is also a Pink Pearl.

* 1. Ad Hoc Committees
1. Founders’ Day Wrap-up Sorors Kimberly Fisher/Shanna Pegues

The chairmen thanked everyone for a wonderful event. Dr. Beverly Hogan, President of Tougaloo College was a fantastic speaker.

1. Denim and Pearls Wrap-up Soror Rasheeda Whitfield

There will be a meeting at Soror Whitfield’s house on February 23rd at 6:30 to review survey results about the event. An email will be sent out.

1. Cotillion Soror Alesia McCook

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: There are 10 debutants now, and their first workshop is February 21st with the ASCEND members.

1. Awards Sorors Candace Hasan/Constance Bailey

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: UCO submitted 4 awards for our 2015 Regional conference. We applied for the following awards: Walker Rigsby Collaboration Award, Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington Connection Award, Juanita Sims Doty Entrepreneur Award (Soror Candace Hasan), and Target 1 Educational Enrichment (Think HBCU) Award.

1. Sisterly Relations Soror Candace Hasan

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: In March, we shall have a “Shower of Love” for our Diamond, Golden, and Silver Sorors.

* 1. New Business

None was reported.

* 1. Announcements

Various members shared special news.

* 1. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM. There were 19 Sorors present. We had 2 visiting Sorors. The attendance sheet will be placed on file. The next regular Chapter meeting will be March 5, 2015 at Habitat for Humanity in Gulfport, MS.

* 1. International Hymn and Pledge

 All Sorors participated.

***DATE REMINDER:***

***South Eastern Regional Conference March 13-16, 2015, Memphis, TN***

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