

**Upsilon Chi Omega Chapter**

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

JANUARY 8, 2015 – 5:45 PM Refreshments, 6:00 PM Meeting

Martin Luther King Municipal Building – 676 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530

Soror Jocelyn Gavin Lane, Basileus, Presiding

January Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. Quorum was established.

1. Mediation Soror Rutha Evans, Chaplain

A meditation and prayer were offered.

1. Greetings Soror Candace Hasan, Hodegos

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. No visiting Sorors were present. January birthdays were recognized.

1. Philacter Report Soror Candace Hasan

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The December 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: Soror Lane’s theme for the next two years is “Engaging the Community through New Dimensions of Service”. Her goals include the following: Engaging the community through partnerships, engage in chapter sponsored community service projects which enhances chapter exposure, increase our current membership by 20%, cultivate an atmosphere of sisterliness, and continue to have a 100% compliant Chapter Nationally and Regionally.

* + 1. Anti-Basileus Soror Jocelyn Lane

The report was read on behalf of Soror Melissa Pearson and placed on file. Highlights include the following: Meet with your committee before our Chapter Retreat on January 31, 2015. Do your program reports within two weeks after your event has taken place.

* + 1. Tamiouchos Soror Rasheeda Whitfield

The report was read and placed on file.

* 1. Standing Committees
     1. Programs –
        1. Impact Days: MLK, Go Red

Soror Persharon Dixon indicated the MLK, Jr. events for the weekend are planned and ready for execution. Soror Hasan reported the Go Red event has been scheduled at Island Strikz for February 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

* + 1. Connection Soror Vickie Garner

The Chapter will meet at the Grand 18 Theatre in D’Iberville, MS on Friday, January 9, 2015 for the 7:15 viewing of the movie *Selma*. There will be a panel discussion after the movie.

* + 1. Membership Soror Kimberly Fisher

Soror Fisher has created a brochure that highlights the chapter, our programs, and reactivation information. The Secret Soror Program will be starting again.

* + 1. Technology Soror Danielle Kimbrough

The new website for the Chapter as well as our Southeastern Region website are both up and running. We will have our Chapter newsletter on a quarterly basis.

* + 1. Pink Pearls Soror Tomesha Johnson

The Pink Pearls will participate in the Youth Summit, Sunday Inspiration, MLK, Jr. Parade, and the mini step show. Their next meeting will be at Central Middle School on February 7, 2015.

* + 1. EYL Sorors LaWanda Thornton

The committee for EYL moved that the name of the group be changed to IVY League. IVY (Inspiring Victory in Youth) is the motto for our Pink Pearls. The motion carried. They will participate in the Youth Summit, Sunday Inspiration, and the MLK, Jr. parade. Their next meeting will be February 7, 2015 at the Orange Grove Library at 10:00 AM.

* 1. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Founders’ Day Soror Kimberly Fisher

Our program will be Sunday, January 25, 2015 at St. Mark United Methodist Church at 3:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Dr. Beverly Hogan who is a Soror and the President of Tougaloo College.

1. Denim and Pearls Soror Rasheeda Whitfield

Our party will be Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 8:00 PM-1:00 AM at the community center located at 3312 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Gulfport, MS.

1. Cotillion Sorors Alesia McCook

We now have a total of 11 cotillion contestants. They will take their headshots on February 7, 2015.

1. Awards Soror Candace Hasan

The chairmen will be contacting members soon to help with the submission of awards for our Regional Conference.

1. Sisterly Relations Soror Candace Hasan

The report was read and placed on file. Highlights include the following: The new committee has been meeting, and it has

planned an informal Founders’ Day dinner in which inactive members are encouraged to attend.

* 1. New Business
     1. In addition to our Basileus and Anti-Basileus serving as our delegates to our 2015 Regional Conference, the Chapter voted on the following self-made nominations for the two remaining delegate positions: Sorors Persharon Dixon, LaWanda S. Thornton, and Rasheeda Whitfield. Based on the secret ballot vote, the other two delegates shall be Sorors Persharon Dixon and LaWanda S. Thornton.
     2. The Executive Council met and discussed moving the regularly scheduled March Chapter meeting to March 5, 2015 to accommodate for our Regional Conference. The Chapter agreed by acclamation.
     3. Soror Hope McQuain has been appointed to serves as our third member of the Pan Hellenic Council; she replaced Soror Garner.
  2. Announcements

Various members shared special news.

* 1. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM. There were 20 members present. The attendance sheet will be placed on file. The next regular Chapter meeting will be February 12, 2015 at Habitat for Humanity in Gulfport, MS.

* 1. International Hymn and Pledge

All Sorors participated.

***DATE REMINDERS:***

***MLK: SELMA Film – January 9, 2015, 7:15, D‘Iberville Grand Theatre***

***MLK: When Women Talk – January 13, 2015 6:00 PM, Ohr-O’Keefe Museum***

***MLK Parade and Battle of the Bands – January 19, 2015 11:00 AM, Gulfport***

***GO RED – Striking Out Heart Disease Bowling Event – February 6, 2015, 6:00 -9:00 PM, Island Strikz, Gulfport***

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

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