

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

**Pi Omicron Omega Chapter
Monthly Business Meeting**

MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2025

Meeting Number 2

Pi Omicron Omega Chapter conducted its monthly chapter business meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at the John Robert Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane St. Burlington, NC 27215.

Basileus Linda Carter called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Technology Chairman, Soror Shirley Ray read the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® *Social Media Policy*. Chaplain Alternate, Soror Vanessa Tribble offered a meditation. She spoke about “Real Love” (God’s Love). A quorum was established—(X) Yes () No – with thirty-three (33) members present at 6:45pm. A total of thirty-five (35) members were present at the meeting. One (1) visiting Soror was present at the meeting, Soror Annete Orbert. The attendance list is attached. Soror Carter offered greetings to the chapter acknowledging that it has been a busy month as committees have begun to meet. She is excited that the chapter is excited!! Madam Basileus reminded everyone to give themselves permission to practice self-care and self-love.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with one revision. (X) Yes () No Revision: The Rededication Ceremony would take place after announcements instead of during New Business.
READING AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES	The minutes were approved as written. (X) Yes () No
Summary of Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monthly correspondence log attached (X) Yes () No ▪ Monthly correspondence distributed to the appropriate points of contact (X) Yes () No ▪ Monthly correspondence filed (X) Yes () No ▪ Epistoleus Soror Clara Foriest reported correspondence received from January 1, 2025-February 6th, 2025. ▪ Her full report will be posted to the chapter’s website for viewing by the membership.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS	
Basileus	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Basileus Carter reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed her administrative activities for the month of January • Reviewed talking points from the Regional Basilei Meeting which included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conflict resolution ○ Leadership transition form ○ 2024 Resource Guides and Other Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority documents ○ 2024 Media Relations and Production Resources Guide and the International Communications Committee Resource Guide ○ Chapter Bylaws Amendments process ○ Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference updates ○ Important deadlines • Briefly reviewed meetings attended during the month of January which included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Omicron Epsilon Standards and Financial Training Workshop ○ Chapter Program meetings ○ Stand and Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings • Her full report will be posted to the chapter’s website for viewing by the membership.

- Basileus-Elect Pamela Truesdale reported the following:
- Reviewed the Docu-Sign project which included a pilot meeting with Derek Watson. The next phase of the project is pricing.
 - Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Basileus-Elect position.
 - Reviewed meeting with Dr. Alicia Becton and the Junior League of Greensboro President to discuss grant writing.
 - Briefly reviewed that the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) had a surplus of supplies that our chapter could partner with to help distribute to local agencies.
 - Briefly reviewed meetings attended during the month of January.
 - Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

Report Attached (X) Yes () No

Anti-Basileus

- Anti-Basileus Soror DeShelia Watson reported the following:
- The Uplift Our Local Community committee has been working on hygiene baskets that will be delivered this month.
 - The Build our Economic Wealth committee is currently working on a savings program initiative for the chapter.
 - Reviewed an opportunity for the chapter to support local non-profits with agencies that serve the community through the NC DHHS Emergency Unit. Pi Omicron Omega would partner with DHHS to request essential items to distribute to three different agencies within Alamance County.
 - A motion was made by Soror Watson to the chapter to support this opportunity.
 - The motion passed with no opposition.
 - **Soror Watson informed the chapter that she has completed the 2024 financial report as the 2023-2024 Tamiouchos.**
 - Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

Pecunious Grammateus

Report Attached (X) Yes () No

- Summary of funds for January 2025 submitted and filed for audit (X) Yes () No
- Pecunious Grammateus Charmene Harris reported the following:
 - Receipt of funds via cash, paper checks, and Zelle transactions, and the total funds received for the Community and Operating accounts through January 31st, 2025.
- Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

Tamiouchos

Report Attached (X) Yes () No

- Tamiouchos Ebonie Copeland reported the following:
- Financial statement for Operations and Community Service accounts for January 2025 submitted and filed for audit (X) Yes () No
- Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

Graduate Advisor

Report Attached (X) Yes () No

- Graduate Advisor Soror Seanee Alexander reported the following:
- Reviewed graduate advisor meetings and activities which included:
 - January 25th: Attended the Standards and Finance Mandatory Regional Training and reviewed the strategic plan and financial procedures for OE.
 - OE will vote on their Corrective Action Plan from the re-evaluation on February 9th. The Corrective Action Plan will then be sent to the Regional Director.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.
Hodegos	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Hodegos Soror Gwendolyn Broadnax reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soror Nancy Marks brother has passed away • She welcomed our guest, Soror Annette Orbert • She wished both Kimberly Blackwell and herself a happy birthday for the month of February • She provided our newest Golden Soror, Soror Edna Alston a gift. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

Program Committee Reports

<p>The Disposition of the Committee Report was:</p> <p>A. Referred back to committee B. Postponed C. Placed on file</p>		<p>D. Adopted in part (explain) E. Adopted in its entirety F. Referred to another committee (explain)</p>
<p>We Are One – 2025 MLK Day of Service</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <u> C </u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soror Vickie Morrow provided her report including a summarization of the MLK Day of Service held at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehab Center of Alamance and a summarization of the results of the survey that was sent out to the chapter. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership. 	
<p>Uplift Our Local Community Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report given during the Anti-Basileus report. Soror Watson confirmed that there was no further information to give. 	

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

<p>The Disposition of the Committee Report was:</p> <p>A. Referred back to committee B. Postponed C. Placed on file</p>		<p>D. Adopted in part (explain) E. Adopted in its entirety F. Referred to another committee (explain)</p>
<p>Standards Committee</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <u> C </u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Standards Committee Chair, Soror Truesdale reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standards committee met and broke out into three different sub-committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Training and Development ◦ Fall Retreat ◦ Chapter Evaluation • Soror Truesdale reminded everyone to complete their transmittal forms. • Strategic Plan Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Workshops are being planned for the chapter • DocuSign Pilot Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Continuing to work with the Executive Committee, Standards Committee, and Technology committee on this project. • Workshop Training 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mark your calendars for our quarter 1 workshop training. This will be held on Saturday March 29th at Elon University from 11am-1pm, check-in starts at 1030. TBD for the room name/number. • Fall Retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Soror Truesdale made a motion for the chapter to pay the \$300.00 rental fee to Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ for the 2025 Fall Retreat which will be held on September 6th, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The motion passed with no opposition. • Soror Truesdale passed out gift cards to Sorors who had requested documents with them. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.
<p>Membership Committee</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Membership committee chair Soror Rose Graves reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no guests at the January chapter business meeting. • We have one visiting guest today, Soror Annette Orbert. • There were no members who transferred from general membership to Pi Omicron Omega. • There were no Sorors who reactivated with Pi Omicron Omega as of January 27th, 2025. • There were two Sorors who transferred out of Pi Omicron Omega. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.
<p>2025 Chapter Founders' Day Observance</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soror Vickie Morrow provided her Founder's Day report including a summarization of the Founder's Day Luncheon and a summarization of the results of the survey that was sent out to the chapter. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.

<p>New Business 72nd Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference Service Project</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Anti-Basileus, Soror Jinx Kenan reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 72nd MARC service project consists of making contributions to HomeAgain of Richmond, VA by utilizing an Amazon WishList. The mission of HomeAgain/Richmond, VA is to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness to secure and maintain stable housing. • The motion from the Executive Committee for approval from the chapter is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Executive Committee moves that the chapter approves its recommendation to participate in the 72nd MARC Service project by purchasing most-needed items from Amazon WishList in the amount of \$200.00 to contribute to HomeAgain Richmond, VA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The motion passed with no opposition. • Her full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.
<p>Sisterly Squads and Sisterly Socials</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Anti-Basileus, Soror Jinx Kenan reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request was made that the Sisterly Socials be reinstated one half hour before the start of each in-person regular monthly chapter business meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sisterly socials will provide members with time to socialize and enjoy refreshments before business meetings. o Sister squads would host the monthly events on a rotating basis. o Hosts will share the costs of providing refreshments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The cost of providing refreshments for each event must be limited to a specific dollar amount. ● The motion from the Executive Committee for approval from the chapter is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Executive Committee moves that the chapter approves its recommendation to reinstate Sisterly Socials before each in-person regular monthly chapter business meeting with Sister Squads serving as hostesses on a rotating basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The motion passed. ● Her full report will be posted to the chapter’s website for viewing by the membership. ● Madam Basileus stated that she would like to entertain a motion setting a limit for the amount spent each month by the Sister Squads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discussion:</i> The amount that has been spent on the January and February Sisterly Socials was between \$125.00-\$150.00. ○ <i>Motion:</i> A motion was made by Soror Carolyn Long that each Sister Squad spend a minimum of \$100.00 but no more than \$150.00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The motion was properly seconded by Soror Rose Graves. ○ <i>Vote:</i> The motion passed with twenty-three (23) Yes and seven (7) No. ● There are a total of five (5) Sister Squads. The updated list will be sent out by Soror Morrow tonight after the meeting.
<p>March 2025 Business Meeting-Revised Meeting Date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 72nd MARC is being held March 5th-March 9th. Therefore, our next chapter business meeting will be held Thursday March 13th at the John R. Kernodle Senior Center. The Sisterly Social will begin at 6pm with the chapter business meeting starting at 6:30pm.

Announcements	
Sister Squad One	Soror Vickie Morrow shared the members of Sister Squad One with the chapter so they would be ready for the March Sisterly Social.
Gift Card from Standards Chair	Soror Maurice Jackson won the gift card for having all her documents present with her, presented by Soror Truesdale, Standards Chair.
CHIPP Bags	CHIPP bags will be packed prior to the March 2025 chapter business meeting, starting at 5:45pm.
Uplift Our Local Community	Soror Adriane Edwards requested that any Soror who would be available next Friday February 14 th , to help deliver the baskets to please let her know. Time is TBD. She brought the six (6) baskets with her so that Sorors could view what was in them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m. The next chapter meeting will be on March 13th, 2025 at the John R. Kernodle Senior Center, 1535 S. Mebane Street, Burlington, NC, Meeting Room C.

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ATTENDANCE	
SOROR	February 6, 2025
1.	ALEXANDER, Seanee P
2.	ALSTON, Edna P
3.	ALSTON, Nicole P
4.	BLACKWELL, Kimberly P
5.	BRIDGES, Vernetta P
6.	BROADNAX, Gwendolyn P
7.	BROWN, Marion A
8.	BURNETTE, Connell P
9.	CARTER WATSON, Demetria P
10.	CARTER, Linda P
11.	COPELAND, Ebonie P
12.	COUSINS-COOPER, Kathy A
13.	DODD, Shannon P
14.	EDWARDS, Adriane P
15.	EVANS, Tawn A
16.	FORIEST, Clara P
17.	FOUST-PLATT, DeAnna A
18.	FOUST, Patricia A
19.	FULLER, Alicia A
20.	GRAVES, Rose P
21.	GREENE, Stacy A
22.	HAMPTON, Brenda P
23.	HARRIS, Charmene P
24.	JACKSON, Maurice P
25.	JEFFRIES, Marian P
26.	JERNIGAN, Quintara A
27.	JOHNSON-IONKINS, Lisa P
28.	KENAN, Jinx P
29.	LONG, Carolyn P
30.	MARK, Nancy A
31.	MCDONALD, Sheila A
32.	MEBANE, Shana A
33.	MORROW, Vickie P
34.	PETERSON, Shannon A
35.	RAY, Shirley P
36.	SAULS, Kandis P
37.	SCOTT, Eleanor P
38.	SELLARS, Barbara P
39.	SMITH, Catherine A
40.	SWEET, Brittney P
41.	TAYLOR, Crystal P
42.	THOMPSON-GRAVES, Jennifer A
43.	TRIBBLE, Vanessa P
44.	TRUESDALE, Pamela P
45.	TURNER, Monte P
46.	WATSON, DeShelia P
47.	WILLIAMS, Doris A
48.	WILLIAMS, Rosalyn P

49.	WILLIAMS, Sharron	P
50.	WILSON, Deborah	A
51.	WILSON, Janie	A
52.	ZENO, Michaela	P

Grammateus: Shannon Dodd Signature: Shannon Dodd
(Name)

Date Approved: 03/13/2025

Basileus: Linda S. Carter Signature: Linda S. Carter
(Name)

Attachments:

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