

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Pi Omicron Omega Chapter

Monthly Business Meeting

Minutes

DATE: March 7, 2024

Meeting Number **3**

Pi Omicron Omega Chapter conducted its monthly chapter business meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Alamance Community College, Building B, 1247 Jimmie Kerr Road, Graham, NC 27253, Room 316.

Basileus Takesha Briggins called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. and projected the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Social Media Policy for viewing. Chaplain Vickie Morrow read an inspirational message, “*March Madness*”, and offered a prayer. A quorum was established – (x) Yes () No - with thirty-one (31) members present at 7:02 p.m. A total of thirty-four (34) members and one (1) guest, Soror Stacey Zimmerman, were present at the meeting. The attendance is attached.

GREETINGS	Soror Briggins welcomed all assembled, provided background information regarding the location change for the meeting, and solicited feedback regarding the location for future chapter meetings.
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The agenda was adopted as presented. (X) Yes () No
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READING AND DISPOSITION OF MINUTES	The February 1, 2024 Chapter Business Meeting minutes were approved with the following corrections of typographical errors made to the draft distributed to members before the meeting. (X) Yes () No Corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Page 2, Hodegos/Courtesy and Social Affairs Report; second bullet - Soror Quin Jernigan’s full name - Soror Quintara Jernigan• Page 3, Program Report; Disposition of Report corrected to “C”/Placed on File.
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SISTERLY RELATIONS	With a focus on “March Madness” and Women’s History Month, Soror Ebonie Copeland engaged members in a game of “Would You Rather?” to better acquaint members of each of the six Sister Squads with each other. In addition, Sister Squads selected dinner locations for their gatherings at the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference (MARC).
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REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Basileus	Report Attached (X) Yes () No Basileus Briggins reported the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The monthly Regional Basilei meeting was canceled for February. Reminders and updates were emailed by Madam Regional Director and forwarded to the chapter on February 22 in the email titled “<i>Upcoming Events</i>”.• Her attendance at chapter Executive, business, and committee meetings.• Her full report will be posted to the chapter’s website for viewing by the membership.
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Epistoleus	Monthly Correspondence Log Attached (X) Yes () No Monthly correspondence distributed to appropriate points of contact: (X) Yes () No Monthly correspondence filed: (X) Yes () No Epistoleus Eleanor Scott reported correspondence received from February 1, 2024 to March 7, 2024.
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Hodegos/Courtesy and Social Affairs	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Hodegos Gwendolyn Broadnax welcomed visiting Soror Stacey Zimmerman.</p> <p>Soror Dawn Payne invited the sorors assembled to celebrate Soror Jennifer Thompson-Graves, the chapter's newest Silver Soror, and gave Soror Thompson-Graves a Silver Soror gift on the chapter's behalf.</p>
Pecunious Grammateus	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Summary of Funds for February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 submitted and filed for audit (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Tamiouchos Deshelia Watson reported the following in the absence of Pecunious Grammateus Charmene Harris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Receipt of Funds via Cash, Paper Checks, PayPal Transactions, and Zelle Transactions, and the Total Funds Received for the Community and Operating accounts through February 29, 2024.
Tamiouchos	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Financial Statement for Operations & Community Service accounts for February 2024 submitted and filed for audit (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Tamiouchos Deshelia Watson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Operating and Community accounts: Beginning Balance, Deposits, Disbursements, Ending Balance, and Total Account amounts; ➤ Submission of a revised report for January 2024; ➤ The reports will be posted to the chapter's website/Members Only Section for information following the chapter business meeting.
Graduate Advisor	<p>Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Basileus Briggins reported the following activities in the absence of Graduate Advisor Shana Mebane, who was attending an Omicron Epsilon Chapter <i>Skee Week</i> Activity at Elon University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soror Mebane's full report will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first Joint Chapter Meeting for 2024 will be scheduled for April or May with Omicron Epsilon Chapter hosting; ○ In May 2024, five (5) sorors will graduate and three (3) sorors will remain on campus; • Items for future discussion: mentoring, storage of chapter materials; recruitment of prospective chapter members.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, STANDING COMMITTEES, AD HOC COMMITTEES	
<p>The Disposition of the Committee Report was:</p> <p>A. Referred back to committee</p> <p>B. Postponed</p> <p>C. Placed on file</p>	<p>D. Adopted in part (explain)</p> <p>E. Adopted in its entirety</p> <p>F. Referred to another committee (explain)</p>
Program	<p>Disposition of Report: <u> C </u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Anti-Basileus Seanee Alexander, Chairman, reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CHIPP (Empower our Families): - Additional CHIPP bags had to be ordered, which prevented the February distribution. Information was communicated to the school partner. The committee will double up on food items for the March 2024 distribution. Bags will be packed after tonight's meeting.

<p>Program (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enhance Our Environment: Information about an Arbor Day Tree-Planting event is forthcoming. The chapter adopted Robinson Park in Burlington, which involves a commitment of at least four (4) activities or projects at the park per year. ➤ Sister Squads will connect at the MARC to have dinner and spend time together. ➤ Quarterly chapter Program reports are due in March 2024. <p>Soror Deshelia Watson reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gallon 4 Gallon Canned Food & Cleaning Supplies Drive: - The event will be a community event open to the public and scheduled for March 23, 2024 from 10am to 12pm at Allied Churches. Items to be collected will include canned fruits and vegetables and cleaning supplies. Drop-off will be at the Trade Street entrance. Committee members will accept items on site. Other chapter members are invited to assist with collections. A flyer will be emailed to chapter members and posted on social media. <p>The complete Program report and a list of Anti-Basileus activities on behalf of the chapter since the February Chapter Business Meeting will be posted to the chapter's website for viewing by the membership.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <u> C </u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p> <p>Chairman Geleana Alston reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Soror Maurice Jackson's membership is officially transferred to Pi Omicron Omega Chapter; ➤ Soror Ashley Harris and Soror Juliet Lowery are preparing to transfer their membership to Pi Omicron Omega chapter; ➤ Soror La'Tonya Wiley is preparing the reactivate with Pi Omicron Omega Chapter; ➤ The date of the next Membership Committee meeting is to be determined.
<p>GenerationNext (GenNEXT):</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <u>Included in meeting minutes</u> Report Attached () Yes (X) No</p> <p>GenerationNext (GenNEXT):</p> <p>Soror Shannon Dodd reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She and Soror Ashley West are co-chairmen of the committee. • The focus of the sorority's GenNEXT Committees for March/Women's History Month is to make donations to women's shelters in local communities. • In the Burlington community, a family with two girls who attend the school at which Soror West teaches was recently burned out of their home. The family is in need of food as well as clothing and toiletry items for the girls. • The school will focus on providing donations of food to the family. The committee proposes donating items of clothing, including socks, underwear, and hygiene items, to the family instead of to the women's shelter. • The students are 12 and 14 years of age, in the 4th and 5th grades, and need clothing in sizes 12 and 14/Junior and size XL/Young Adult. • Donations may be dropped off on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Allied Churches, from 10am -12pm during the chapter's <i>Gallon-4-Gallon</i> event.
<p>Archives</p>	<p>Disposition of Report: <u> C </u> Report Attached () Yes (X) No</p> <p>Soror Vernetta Bridges, Chairman, reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee has divided into the following small groups to accomplish tasks in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group 1 - Storage – shelves have been installed; filing items have been purchased; group members will meet at the storage unit on Saturdays, beginning March 9, 2024, to sort and organize chapter materials.

Archives (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Google doc will be distributed to chapter members to request information about the location of other chapter materials. ○ <u>Group 2</u> - Practices, Policies, and Practices – a group meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024 to begin drafting a procedures document for the chapter to adopt. ○ <u>Group 3</u> – Chapter History – the group will update the chapter’s history from the 2014 document; chapter members will be notified by email of a photo session, which will be scheduled to take a chapter photograph to accompany the updated chapter history. The group’s goals are to submit the final draft of the history for Basileus approval by May 7, 2024, and to submit the approved chapter history to the region before the May 15, 2024 deadline.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Appointment of Internal Audit Committee • Basileus Briggins announced the appointment of the 2024 Internal Audit Committee to audit the chapter’s 2023 financial records. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soror Connell Burnette will serve as Chairman. ○ Sorors Gwendolyn Broadnax, Eleanor Scott, Dawn Payne, and Deborah Wilson will serve as committee members. ○ The Internal Audit and Audit Report will be completed by June 2024.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Three (3) announcements are included on the meeting agenda. The following additional announcements were made during the meeting: ➤ If you are attending the 71st Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference (MARC), please plan to gather on Friday, April 12, 2024, to take a chapter photo. More details will follow. ➤ Congratulations to Soror Lizzie Alston, new member of Alamance ElderCare. ➤ Congratulations to Soror Jennifer Thompson-Graves, now a research candidate for regional office with her place of employment. ➤ Congratulations to Soror Valerie Enoch, who is celebrating her 44th AKAversary on March 29th. ➤ Happy Birthday to Soror Shana Mebane, who is celebrating today. ➤ Soror Carolyn Long announced the following regarding Connection and Social Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ She and Soror Lizzie Alston have distributed campaign information to local churches. ○ Sample ballots and campaign information have been sent to Allied Churches and seniors’ group meetings. ○ On March 16, 2024, there will be a meeting in the community with Mr. Ken Freeman to strategize about voting in Alamance County. ○ A Voters’ Public Forum has been planned. Additional information will be made available as it is available. ○ A Virtual <i>Divine Nine</i> Legislative Day is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at 9am. Additional information about the event will be available in April 2024. ➤ Please keep Soror Linda Carter, Soror Demetria Carter-Watson, and Soror April Bradsher in prayer during their time of great loss.


The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 6:30pm, at Alamance Community College Dillingham Center, 1304 Plaza Drive, Burlington, NC 27215, Room 120.

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	SOROR	March 7, 2024
1.	ALEXANDER, Seanee	P
2.	ALSTON, Edna	A
3.	ALSTON, Geleana	P
4.	ALSTON, Lizzie	P
5.	ALSTON, Nicole	P
6.	BLACKWELL, Kimberly	A
7.	BOYLAN-WALKER, Dana	A
8.	BRADSHER, April	A
9.	BRAYBOY, Jessica	A
10.	BRIDGES, Vernetta	P
11.	BRIGGINS, Takesha	P
12.	BROADNAX, Gwendolyn	P
13.	BURNETTE, Connell	P
14.	CARTER-WATSON, Demetria	A
15.	CARTER, Linda	A
16.	COHEN, Michele	P
17.	COPELAND, Ebonie	P
18.	COUSINS-COOPER, Kathy	P
19.	DODD, Shannon	P
20.	EDWARDS, Adriane	A
21.	ENOCH, Valerie	P
22.	EVANS, Tawn	A
23.	FORIEST, Clara	P
24.	FOUST, Patricia	P
25.	FOUST-PLATT, DeAnna	A
26.	FRANKLIN-CRANK, Tamra	A
27.	FULLER, Alisha	A
28.	GRAVES, Rose	P
29.	GREENE, Stacy	P
30.	HAMPTON, Brenda	A
31.	HARRIS, Charmene	A
32.	JACKSON, Maurice	P
33.	JEFFRIES, Marian	P
34.	JERNIGAN, Quintara	A
35.	JOHNSON-TONKINS, Lisa	A
36.	KENAN, Jinx	P
37.	LONG, Carolyn	P
38.	McDONALD, Sheila	A
39.	McKIEVER, Shinika	A
40.	MARK, Nancy	A
41.	MEBANE, Shana	A
42.	MORROW, Vickie	P
43.	PAYNE, Dawn	P
44.	PETERSON, Shannon	A
45.	RATLIFF, LeAndra	A
46.	RAY, Shirley	P
47.	SAULS, Kandis	P
48.	SCOTT, Eleanor	P
49.	SELLARS, Barbara	P


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50.	SMITH, Catherine	A
51.	SMITH, Shonetta	A
52.	SWEET, Brittney	P
53.	TAYLOR, Crystal	P
54.	THOMPSON-GRAVES, Jennifer	P
55.	TRIBBLE, Vanessa	A
56.	TRUESDALE, Pamela	A
57.	TURNER, Felicia	A
58.	WATSON, Dshelia	P
59.	WEST, Ashley	P
60.	WILLIAMS, Doris	P
61.	WILLIAMS, Sharron	P
62.	WILSON, Deborah	A
63.	WILSON, Janie	A

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		63
Total required for quorum - 37% of active membership		23
QUORUM Established (Yes/No) + (Total # Present)	Yes	34

Grammateus: Jinx S. Kenan Signature: 

Date Approved: 04-04-2024

Basileus: Takesha Briggins Signature: 

Attachments:

Business Meeting Agenda
 Business Meeting Minutes

Officer Reports: Basileus
 Epistoleus
 Hodegos/Courtesy and Social Affairs
 Pecunious Grammateus
 Tamiouchos
 Graduate Advisor

Committee Reports: Program/Anti-Basileus
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