

Palm Coast Flagler County Alumnae Chapter

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Buddy Taylor Middle School

February 7, 2026

Emergency Preparedness Notice

Ritualistic Opening

Quorum established

The Meeting was Called to Order by Madam President at 10:16 am.

Adoption of the Agenda, add International Awareness & Involvement, Treasurer and Financial Secretary for reporting; remove Risk Management for reporting; add Lakeshia Rayburn to virtual attendance 1/10/26; add "Lookback with Obazee".

Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: Adopted as presented, no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Soror Thomas gave the report on revenue, expenses and disbursement for the month of January 2026. She provided checkbook and bank balances for the month to include scholarship funds available; \$1,651.50 income, \$51,030.60 balance in checkbook; expenses \$4,460.77 disbursements: \$50,937.27 checkbook balance, \$4,500 scholarship balance.

2025 Budget removed all MI expenses and reviewed the forecasts of \$101,659: the actuals and expenses with carryover of \$12,893 to 2026.

2026 Budget reviewed, comments and questions from Members discussed. It was significantly noted that 75% of budget appears to be self-serving by Soror Chonta Haynes.

Sandra Miles provided a review of the 2025 MI budget and discussed the allocated money from reserves to support membership intake. Additional monies brought in went back in to replenish the reserves.

Chapter President's Report: Soror Kimberly Smith

- **National Headquarters' Updates:**
 - National Seed Grant deadline is February 8th and will be submitted by Soror Lasherica Jefferies.
 - Delta Fellows Program that nurtures aspiring leaders; February 15 is the next webinar.
 - Membership Verification Letter
- **Southern Region Updates:**
 - Call for Regional Conferences sent out on January 31st.
 - Executive Check for December and January was linked to the chapter newsletter
 - 37th Annual DDAC
 - DDNC is March 20-24th
- **Chapter updates:**
 - Thank you to Sorors who attended DDAC
 - Chapter Call Meeting on 2/17/26 for review of policy and procedures amendments
 - Votes will be needed for date change of 5k virtual run and modifications to the 2026 Budget that was presented.
 - Joint Founders Day in Lake Mary, FL on 2/22/26; Our International President is the Guest Speaker

- Florida/Bahamas Cluster in Miami FL on 2/28-3/2/26
- Encouragement to seek out Mentor, Therapist, Leadership Coach to assist with life's changes and challenges: 1. Do you remember the core values and mission of the organization? 2. Do you remember your why for joining the organization? 3. Does the work and the true mission and values of the organization still resonate with the current version of yourself? Let the answers to these questions guide you in your continued journey.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Soror Jennifer Harris

Soror Harris gave report of the correspondence received via US mail and Email for the period of January 6th through February 7th. Reminder of Panache Press submission deadline. On January 11th and 26th, the newsletter was emailed to Members. A concern was discussed regarding the communication notifications from the Chapter to members. Which communication method is appropriate and should be noted in our Policies and Procedures. Madame President responded to questions and comments.

First Vice President: Soror Miriam Hughey-Guy

Soror Hughey-Guy gave report of returning of Sorors present at meeting today. Condolences, birthdays, and congratulations to Members. Sisters Keeper program has begun. The committee focused on planning for Sisterhood Month in the month of March; discussed the end of the year Retreat. Membership total is 115. March 18th is date to register for Regional Conference. Complete the Member Profile.

Second Vice President: Soror Lasherica Jefferies

Soror Lasherica Jefferies gave reports on the Seed Grant Guidelines and determined leadership for application cycle. She reviewed the three (3) submissions that were received, and they will be submitted on or before February 8th deadline to National Committee. The complete project proposed plans will be available for viewing on the Chapter website. A question was asked if the Chapter plans to proceed with the programs as presented; and how they will be funded if the Seed Grant is not approved. Madame President did indicate there was no actual dollar number given for the Seed Grant. The comments and questions noted by Sorors will be reviewed and considered by Committee.

Financial Secretary's Report: Soror Sadie Milliner-Smith

Soror Milliner-Smith gave the report of receipts/income for the period of October 1 through 30, 2025. Grand total receipts are \$1,631.50.

Programmatic Thrusts Committee Reports:

- **Economic Development: Soror Chonta Haynes**
 - Soror Haynes gave report of the Career Opportunity Workshop at the Good Center in Palatka FL. One of the flyers has been approved and posted to social media. Sorors are asked to share the flyers and donate gently used clothing or bring with you to Sunday service for Sisterhood Month.
- **Educational Development: Soror Kathy Wright**

Soror Yvette Jones reported that all three counties met last month with their participants. Soror Henry facilitated a confidence boot camp for the Flagler participants. Budgeting was the topic for St. Johns County participants. Setting Goals was the topic in Putnam County and vision boards were created by the participants.
- **International Awareness & Involvement: Soror Claire Taylor**
 - Soror Taylor requested video to be viewed by present Sorors of Maternity Waiting Homes in Liberia, South Africa. In observance of this event, a virtual 5K walk/run will be held on March

8th, and all funds raised will support this project. The registration fee is \$30. Soror Weyatta Murray stated there will be an option to add a donation. The fundraising goal is \$1,500.

- **Physical and Mental Health: Sorors Courtney Alston and Dollicia Green**
 - Soror Alston gave report that the Committee's raffle will include custom-made paraphernalia and gave ticket prices. The drawing to be held on February 13 and winner announced on February 14. A jot form will be emailed out to Members later today.
 - Soror Green provided tips on Knowing Your Numbers: Heart Health Quick Guide.
 - Webinar on the Intersection of Faith and Mental Health
- **Political Awareness & Involvement/Social Action: Soror Camille Beliard**
 - Soror Beliard gave report on DDAC.
 - Rewards for Social Action submitted.
 - DDNC is March 20-24, 2026.
 - Thanks to Sorors who attended MLK events in all three service counties.
 - Educational table with voters information on January 29 at PHS girls' game; also in support to Soror Jonell Williams, who is the Head Coach.
 - Medicare webinar on February 10 at 7pm.

Arts & Letters

Soror Iris Smith gave report of Community Artist Directory, to spotlight local talent in our service counties. This will be intentional in collaborating and connecting with our communities.

Fundraising

Soror Taylor reminded present Members of the importance of fundraising for our Chapter to thrive and meet the program goals. A representative from each Chapter committee is suggested to attend the Fundraising Committee meetings.

Ad-Hoc: Soror Chonta Haynes reports that bottles sold of perfume are 675 of the goal 1000 goal. Currently, we have 325 bottles remaining which will give us a check for \$20,000. It is requested that each Soror buy or sell three bottles. If we sell 75 of the remaining 325, we can get a check for \$10,000.

Heritage & Archives: Soror Cynthia White

Soror White thanked Soror Turner for the display at last chapter meeting. The committee is helping to reorganize the storage unit and date will be posted. The shredding of documents is underway, and uploading forms such as chapter history, archival, transfer forms, disaster forms, etc. The Chapter quilt graphic designer is in the process. For the Sisterhood Month in March, Sorors are asked to upload a video "What Sisterhood Means to Me?" to the provided link from Technology.

Policies and Procedures

Soror Pamela Randall stated the approved document of 10/19/2024 is being reviewed by the Committee. All proposed amendments have been reviewed, discussed, and compiled by the Committee Members. Leadership positions, delegates, state meetings, local dues, travel policy, etc. Proposed amendments put into category such as 8 No action, 53 move forward, 32 on hold, and 3 deletions.

Protocol and Traditions/Rituals & Ceremonies

Sorors Harris, McKinney, and Carole Debose gave proper etiquette and guidelines of assistance needed with setting up for Chapter meetings, cluster attire during plenaries, Delta greetings, etc. Soror Harris discussed access to storage unit and how to contact her for access. The committee will accept new members.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Vote for Modified General Budget: It wa moved by Soror Lalita Thomas that the presented Budget be accepted for approval. 27 in-person, 12 virtual; 39 total YES 4 in-person, 0 NO; Motion passes.

Date Change for the Virtual 5K: It was moved by Soror Claire Taylor to change date of October to starting February 8th through March 8th, 2026: 29 in-person, 10 virtual; total YES; -0- Opposed in-person and online; Motion passes.

Announcements

- Soror Barbara Solomon announced her latest published book.
- Soror Pamela Brown asked for participation in the Black History Program in Palatka FL.
- Soror Jennifer Harris announced that Soror Miriam Hughey-Guy received nomination for Outstanding Service Members, from Volusia County Black Caucus, on February 20, 2026.
- Soror Lasherica Jefferies announced that a Program Planning and Development folder will be uploaded to Chapter Website.
- Soror Derby Johnson announced that update to Supervisor of Elections regarding new DL's.
- Soror Camille Beliard announced that Omega Psi Phi Chapter Spring Breeze; and she announced the Fraternities scholarship opportunity.
- Soror Carolyn Roberson announced the good bags prepared by Membership Services Committee.

Madame President called for Motion to Adjourn. It was moved by Soror Kathy Wright moved to adjourn and it was properly seconded.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


 Soror Kathy Wright
 Recording Secretary

1. Attendance:

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| 2. Kimberly Smith | 24. Mikaila Jones | 46. Angela Williams |
| 3. Kathy Wright | 25. Lakeshia Rayburn | 47. Stephanie Horton |
| 4. Alicia Washington | 26. Sheryl Lewis | 48. Rudean Jackson |
| 5. Miriam Hughey-Guy | 27. Jalisa Ferguson | 49. Joann Johnson* |
| 6. Lasherica Jefferies | 28. Mary Cook | 50. Lalita Thomas* |
| 7. Jennifer Harris | 29. Derri Lassiter-Young | 51. Ina Backman* |
| 8. Linda Fuce | 30. Tiffany McKinney | 52. Caroel Debose* |
| 9. Ranata Wright | 31. Margaret Dodson-Hatcher | 53. Sandra Miles* |
| 10. Camille Beliard | 32. Pamela Brown | 54. Chonta Obazee*(Member,
National Finance Committee) |
| 11. Iris Smith | 33. Claire Taylor | |
| 12. Barbara Solomon | 34. Michelle Davis | |
| 13. Carolyn Roberson | 35. Lashan Simmons | |
| 14. Pamela Randall | 36. Lakeisha Chestnut | |
| 15. Chonta Haynes | 37. Olivet Underwood-Mobley | |
| 16. Courtney Alston | 38. Harriett Holiday | |
| 17. Sandra Matthews | 39. Corie James | |
| 18. Margaret Dodson-Hatcher | 40. Tonya Miles | |
| 19. Jackie Robinson | 41. Lania Carter | |
| 20. Latashia Ashford | 42. Dollicia Green | |
| 21. Shelley Gourdine | 43. Stephanie Wellon | |
| 22. Sadie Milliner-Smith | 44. Jackie King | |
| 23. Janice Wright | 45. Lasandra Williams | |