

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.[®]
 PI DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER ~ MIAMI, FLORIDA



Date: March 16, 2024	Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom Video Conference	Quorum: Yes
<p>In Attendance: Ann Walters-Pope, Keandra Cherry, Sharon Kendrick-Johnson, Alecys Proctor-Turner, Alexandria Holloway, Alicia Sherman-Anderson, Annetta Thomas, Arlie Armstrong, Alvis Ester-Bennett, Bonita Cooper, Breanna Wolfe, Cheryl Mattox Berry, Christine James, D'Bria Bradshaw, Deborah Hollis, Deidre Reed, Dominique, Cameron Hamlin, Tovakesha N. Barnard, Elisia Wright, Ellisica Cannon, Elsie Hamler, Eva Cofield, Gina Smith, Andrea Delricho Howard, Jacki Berry, Jacquelyn Porter, Julianne Buggs, Juliet King, Karen Ash, Karla Ellis, Katia Moyer, Kelli Hunter-Sheppart, Kiara Moyer Lee, Labronya Williams-Fisher, Latoya Robinson, Leatrice Perry Bethune, Leslie Greene Major, Linda Brown Etienne, Lynette Fahie, Martia Reid, Melanie Burnett, Michelle Singh, Octavia Bryan, Oliene Toussaint, Qiana Newell, Rochelle Adger, Selena Brodgon, Shawna Ferguson Cleveland, Shearlyn Jacobs, Shelby Turner, Kristina Jackson, Patricia Jones-Cummings, Stephanie S. Thomas, Tammy King, Terry-Ann Ramjus, Tiffany Anderson, Toi Scott, Tracy Gibson</p>	

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item	Action	Moved By:	2 nd By:	Time
Meditation	Soror Deidra Reed			9:32 am
Adoption of Agenda	Soror Tara D. Turner			9:39 am
Reading of Minutes	Soror Stephanie S. Thomas	Soror Sharon K. Johnson	Soror Juliet King	9:35 am
Reading of Correspondence	Soror Sharon Kendrick- Johnson			9:39 am

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Basileus Report: Soror Tara D. Turner

- Thanked everyone for their sisterly efforts during the week.
- We are celebrating Women's Month in March throughout history and within the community. Happy Women's Month to all Soror's
- Welcomed and recognized new Soror's within the last three months.
- Fellowshiped together at Greater Bethel Freewill Baptist Church for Founders Day. It started in February and continued through March. The Chapter blessed the Women's Ministry with a \$1,300 donation. The Baseli Council coordinated this project.
- Baskets were delivered to AGAPE and were well received.
- February 17 was Act of Kindness Day. Soror Tara Turner encouraged the Chapter to continue with random acts of kindness and sisterliness throughout the year.
- On February 19, attended the Baseli Chat with the theme surrounding Protocol. Information will be shared with the Chapter.
- On February 25 several Soror's attended the Black History Celebration "Celebrating a legacy of Leaders" sponsored by the Dade County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ten sitting Police Chiefs of South Florida were honored.
- February 26 attended the monthly Strengthen Our Sisterhood Check. New reporting form is due on March 30.
- February 27 attended the Baseli Boot Camp.
- February 28 Pi Delta Omega participated in Pink goes Red an initiative raising awareness about heart health and empowering women to prioritize their well being.
- The Regional Conference Team shared a community baby shower effort. 3,000 bags is the goal for all Chapters to participate. Pi Delta Omega has agreed to donate 100 pacifiers. Soror's who are attending SARC are asked to bring a pack of diapers.
- A summary of last month's activities was shared regarding financial accounts and name changes. Prepaid credit cards are acceptable.
- A new computer system was purchased for \$299 with a three year warranty.
- Disaster relief efforts - the region published the ready.gov caregivers preparedness guide. It has been added to the chapter's website. Partnered with the Red Cross for CPR training at SARC.

- Save the date for joint meetings with Iota Nu on April 13th hosted by Iota Nu and September 14 hosted by PI Delta Omega Chapter.
- May 11th Soror Tara D. Turner will be traveling to NYC. Soror Keandra will host the Chapter Meeting.
- The Kaizen Challenge was posted in the newsletter. The saving challenge is highlighted for April of 27 deposits at \$19.08.
- Events happening at the SARC was shared.
- The 71st SARC opened a virtual option.
- Save the date for Boule from July 6 -11, 2025
- Under New Business discussion
 - Assessment for 2025
 - Creation of nomination committee
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				9:44 am

Tamiouchos Report: Soror Ellisica Y. DeLaoach

1. Soror Ellisica presented the operations and programs summary as submitted for February 2024. The savings balance was shared as submitted.
2. Presented the detailed operations vs. actual, and program of the Chapter as submitted for February 2024.

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2nd Anti-Basileus/Program Chair Report: Soror Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

Enhance Our Environment - 5K Walk/Run is being rescheduled for June 22, 2024, at Joe Delancy Park, starting at 8 AM. Look for a flier soon.

Enhance Our Environment is also formulating a plan to plant a tree, flower, or bush for every member in the chapter. Details to follow.

The "Highway Cleanup" is scheduled for March 23, 2024, starting at 7:30 AM. Everyone should meet at The Falls Shopping Plaza on 136th Street and US 1. Three other cleanups are being scheduled for May, September and December of 2024.

Advocate for Social Justice in collaboration with Connection and Social Action, held a "Letter Writing Campaign" on February 10th. There were fifty-four (54) Sorors in attendance. The campaign aimed to advocate for important bills and oppose detrimental ones in the ongoing Florida Legislature sessions, ensuring that they were addressed before the conclusion of committee hearings on February 27th in Tallahassee. It was a concerted effort made to engage beyond the PDO Chapter, reaching out to leadership in Cluster 1 for additional support and advocacy, and also the public, friends, and family.

For May, a "postcard party" is being planned to have all members who wish to address postcards to returning citizens to sign a sign-up sheet during the April chapter meeting. The next phone bank training with Equal Ground will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm. An updated registration link for April 20th <https://mobilize.us/s/oxCVO9>.

For those that missed the South Dade Branch of the NAACP voter registration training or voter education on March 11th, there will be other opportunities to train via Zoom in the coming weeks up until the October 7th deadline for registering voters for the November 5th General Presidential election.

Advocate for Social Justice is also partnering with Enhance Our Environment on the 5K Run/Walk that will be held in June.

Empower Our Families had a "Pink Goes Red" event at Sunshine Health Center located at 9552 SW 160th Street in Miami 33157. On February 28th, Sorors participated in Tai Chi exercises from a certified Tai Chi instructor from

5-7 PM. The attendance was very good. They concluded with aerobics, low impact and chair exercises. They were rewarded with health refreshments to end the day.

The committee Co-Chair Jacque Porter related that the center has a Food Bank at the location every 3rd Thursday. They would like to know if Empower Our Families would be interested in partnering with them. The committee accepted.

CHIPP continues to deliver CHIPP Power Packs for students at partner schools Gateway Environmental K- Learning Center and Pine Villa Elementary. They will continue to deliver non-perishable goods to the schools every two weeks. The schools were given "Magic Garden Coloring Books" for the students.

Building Our Economic Wealth is planning for a "Pop Up Market" soon. A venue, and entrepreneurs are needed. March is also Women's History Month which would be ideal. Soror Asia is asking for a list of entrepreneurs in the Chapter.

The Youth Leadership Institute is planning to hold an interesting meeting for parents and potential participants in March. A flier will be created to recruit youth between the ages of 11-13. A community service is also being planned and a couple of additional activities during the summer.

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Graduate Advisor Report: Soror Linda Brown Etienne

Iota Nu continues to prepare for their chapter Standards re-evaluation. On February 26th, the chapter submitted its "plan of action" to the South Atlantic Region Standards Chairman, Soror Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts; a response is pending. Iota Nu's finance committee has implemented corrective measures on how it manages reimbursements and payment of chapter funds. Chapter members have a clear understanding of what is required, thanks in part to the SAR finance workshop. Iota Nu will decide this month on whether they are

ready to proceed with the re-evaluation process ahead of the scheduled date.

Member News:

- Iota Nu Basileus, Soror Madison Smith was selected to represent the chapter at the 2024 Northeast Greek Leadership Association annual conference. This event was held February 22nd through the 25th in Hartford Connecticut. The conference provided over one hundred hours of programming such as Keynote Addresses, Lectorials on C.H.A.N.G.E, Lectorials on R.A.C.E. and the Social Excellence Series. Soror Madison returned with a wealth of new knowledge and leadership skills that she will undoubtedly impart on her chapter members.
- The University of Miami's National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) announced their executive staff and Iota Nu member, Soror Allison St. Clair was elected as their Secretary. Soror Allison is a Fall '21 initiate and a Global Health Studies and Sports Medicine major.

Chapter Activities:

- In celebration of Black History Month, Iota Nu as part of the NPHC participated in a BHM Celebration show at Devon Aire K-8 Center. They shared the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc and provided positive images of Greek life to a room full of inquisitive students.
- Service Saturdays -The Iota Nu chapter members visited the Green Haven Project and harvested produce and planted vegetable rows. In a separate project, they created feminine hygiene care packages for women in underserved communities.

Conferences/Trainings:

- The chapter Basileus and Membership Chairman are registered for the March 28th Membership Experience certification training in Cincinnati Ohio. The chapter anticipates conducting a Fall 2024 new member in-take and are taking the steps to ensure they are ready for a successful experience.
- I, as the graduate advisor, will attend the April 11th Membership Experience certification training in Charlotte, NC. Due to this mandatory requirement, I am requesting funding from Pi Delta Omega to cover these expenses.
- The chapter's delegates and alternates have been registered for the 2024 South Atlantic Regional Conference in Orlando, Florida. The

chapter members will be staying in the Tru by Hilton hotel which is designated for the undergraduate members. I continue to work on reimbursement from the Ivy Circle Fund while also encouraging individual Sorors to seek funding assistance as well.

Save the Date: April 12, 2024 Univ of Miami Greek Extravaganza Step Show- 6:30 pm.

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Hodegos Report: Soror Keandra Cherry

- March Beyonce Breakfast will be served in May.
- The vendor donated three pans of food for the bereavement of Soror Karla's.
- Go green - take a picture during chapter meeting with your cups.
- The Hodegas report was presented, including congratulations, get-well wishes and bereavement notices for sorors.

March Birthdays

Soror Theresa Byrd - March 18
 Soror Karen Ash - March 20
 Soror Ann Walter-Pope March 21
 Soror Tovakesha Barnard - March 22
 Soror Bettie Hickson - March 23

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Committee Report: Soror Shawna Ferguson-Cleveland

The Scholarship committee posted the scholarship information. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Several students have applied. In person interviews will be held. The goal is to target 30 students.

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Pearls of Hope Report: Soror Tara D. Turner

Several positions available to be filled. Please submit your name if interested to Soror Calondria Williams or Soror Tara D. Turner.

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Chapter Voting: Soror Tara D. Turner

Amendments 3 - 12 is in relation to virtual attendance and was not voted on. These amendments will be presented to an Ad Hoc Virtual and Conferences Review Committee

Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2 nd By:	Time
Community Baby Shower	Purchase of 100 Pacifiers up to \$300 <u>Voting results</u> Aye - 51 Nay - 1 Abstained - 0	Soror Shawna Ferguson-Clevel and	Soror Elsie Hamler	10:47 am

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2025 Program Assessment Fees	\$250 per Soror <u>Voting results</u> Aye - 49 Nay - 2 Abstained - 0	Soror Bonita Cooper	Soror Karla Ellis	10:55 am
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Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2nd By:	Time
Dinner invitation for Basileus during 71st SARC	\$150 includes two guests <u>Voting results</u> Aye - 49 Nay - 0 Abstained - 6	Soror Andrea	Soror Bonita Cooper	11:00 am

Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2nd By:	Time
Regional Gathering for SAR at Boule from July 6-11, 2024	\$300 Assessment (Not a recommendation by the E-Board) <u>Voting results</u> Aye -34 Nay - 8 Abstained - 12	Soror Elisica Cannon	Soror Sharon Kendrick Johnson	11:04 am

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Re-election of Regional Director unopposed	Soror Tiffany Moore Russel <u>Voting results</u> Aye -49 Nay - 1 Abstained - 1	Soror Shawna Ferguson Cleveland	Soror Patricia Cummings	11:17 am

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<p>Regional and Cluster Conference Assessments</p>	<p>\$10 to be paid by each soror for Regional and Cluster Conference as stated in the proposed amendment</p> <p><u>Voting results</u> Aye -33 Nay - 15 Abstained - 7</p>	<p>Soror Keandra Cherry</p>	<p>Soror Rochelle Adjger</p>	<p>11:22 am</p>
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Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2nd By:	Time
<p>Local chapter officers election</p>	<p>Voting from November to October</p> <p><u>Voting results</u> Aye - 48 Nay - 1 Abstained - 3</p>	<p>Soror Alexandria Holloway</p>	<p>Soror Shawna Ferguson-Cleveland</p>	<p>11:34 am</p>

Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2nd By:	Time
<p>Open the vote for the three candidates-SAR Representative to the International Nominating Committee</p>	<p>Velice Cummings Theresa Counts Davis Tannya T. Duncan</p> <p><u>Voting results</u> Cummings - 35 Davis - 11 Duncan - 3</p>	<p>Soror Elisica Cannon</p>	<p>Soror Sharon Kendrick Johnson</p>	<p>11:39 am</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Soror Ann Walter-Pope announced her granddaughter Lily Lee Pope is featured on the PlayDoh box.
- Soror Sharon Panhellenic Council event coming up. Email her your milestone anniversary 25 and up.
- Soror Alexandria Holloway announced there is a room available for SARC and to contact her if interested.
- Soror Christine thanked Madame Baselius for the weekly updates.
- Soror Juliette first dissertation committee review meeting coming up in April.

NEW BUSINESS

- Assessment for 2025
- Creation of Nomination Committee
- Voting items for SARC
- Formation of a Retreat Committee
- 5K Committee
- Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee

Nominating Committee

- Soror Shearlyn Jacobs
- Soror Karen Ash
- Soror Shawna Ferguson Cleveland
- Soror Bonita Cooper
- Soror Rochelle Adger

5K Committee

- Soror Christine James
- Soror Shearlyn Jacobs
- Soror Jasmin Hodge
- Soror Leslie Green Major
- Soror Tammy King
- Soror Jacquelyn Porter
- Soror Labronya Williams
- Soror Gina Smith
- Soror Tiffany Anderson

- Soror Jackie Berry
- Soror Tovakesha Barnard
- Soror D'Bria Bradshaw
- Soror Karen Ash
- Soror Keli Hunter

Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2 nd By:	Time
Nominating Committee	Nominations closed	Soror Elsie Hamler	Soror Gina Smith	11:46 am

Discussion Item	Action	Moved By:	2 nd By:	Time
	Adjournment	Soror Shawna Ferguson-Cleveland	Soror Elsie Hamler	11:57 am

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie S. Thomas, Grammateus

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Tara D. Turner, Baselius

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Date