



Chapter Business Meeting Agenda
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Lafayette, LA
Saturday, March 18, 2025
10:00 a.m.
South Regional Library Auditorium
6101 Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA 70503
Attire: Business Casual

“Leading with Purpose...Serving with Passion”

Call to order / Time _____

Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus,
Presiding

Adopt Agenda

Meditation

Minutes

Correspondence

Soror Thailund Porter-Green

Soror Deborah Garrett

Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair

Officer Reports

Basileus

Anti-Basileus

Tamiouchos

Pecunious Grammateus

Graduate Advisor

Historian (No Report)

Hodegos

Ivy Leaf Reporter (No Report)

Parliamentarian (No Report)

Philacter (No Report)

Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill

Soror Tynese Breaux, First &

Soror Lisa Lazard, Second

Soror Desiree Lemelle

Soror Anitra Ford-Scott

Soror Tanya Sias

Soror Chloeé Bello

Soror Monica Kincade

Soror Breannie Charles

Soror Chastity Wilson

Soror Suzanne Foster

Committee Reports

Program

Soror Tynese Breaux &

Soror Lisa Lazard

Subcommittee Reports:

Empowering Our Families

Build Our Economic Wealth

Enhance Our Environment

Soror Lisa Lazard

Soror Desiree Lemelle

Soror Jamillia McKinley

Uplift Our Local Community

Soror Andretta Porter-Williams

EAF

Soror Verna Calais &

Soror Gwen Hollinger

Membership

Soror Cassandra Pillette

NPHC

Soror Elizabeth Reaux

Sisterly Relations

Soror Monica Kincade

Strategic Planning

Soror Elizabeth Reaux

Technology

Soror Hailey Wilson

Diamond Celebration Ad Hoc

Soror Christele Strowder

GenNext Ad Hoc

Soror Breannie Charles

SCRC Transportation Ad Hoc

Soror Jamilla Bynog-Barnes

Unfinished Business

New Business

Vote on April 2025 Meeting Date - Proposed: April 12, 2025

Vote on Date - September 13, 2025 - for 2nd Annual Prostate Awareness in Partnership with Eta Gamma Lambda , Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc

Special Courtesy Request

Announcements

- Executive Committee Meeting- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual via Zoom
- 2025 Habitat for Humanity - Women Build - April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Registered ECO participants only.
- Chapter Business Meeting - Saturday, April ____, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - SLCC- Lafayette Campus- Devalcourt Auditorium
- 93rd SCRC- Host: Arkansas Cluster, Little Rock, AR - April 30, 2025 - May 4, 2025
- AKA Day at the Capitol - Louisiana - Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Leadership Seminar 2025- Anaheim, California
- 94th SCRC- Host: Northeast Texas Cluster- 2026
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Boule 2026 - Las Vegas, Nevada
- 95th SCRC- Host: North Louisiana Cluster- 2027

Adjournment/Time _____

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®



Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Business Meeting Minutes
Lafayette, LA

Date: February 15, 2025

Regular Meeting Number: 02 of 10

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette Campus, 1101 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506. The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus.

Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill and seconded by Soror Tahisa Colbert to adopt the February 2025 business meeting agenda as presented with flexibility.

All were in favor. The motion carried.

Quorum was established. (X) Yes () No

There were 65 sorors in attendance, including four (4) visitors/ new transfers.

Tracey Biagas-Hill, Sandy Alexander, Carlita Babineaux, Thomasine Batiste, Cynthia Bernard, Leesa Branch, Tynese Breaux, Connie Y. Butler, Jamilla Bynog-Barnes, Verna Calais, Thea Celestine, Gabrielle Chapman, Breannie Charles, Tahisa Colbert, Francheska Cormier, Shirley Cormier, Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Chastity Craven, Yolanda Dauterive, Mickel Dunbar, Jasmine Fitzgerald, Anitra Ford-Scott, Suzanne Foster, Kenya Goodie, Gwen Hollinger, Charlotte Hutton, Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Keena Jean Louis, Blair Joseph, LaQuata Kennison, Monica Kincade, Lisa Lazard, Crystal Ledet, Desiree Lemelle, Bria Lockett, Jameka McKinley, Jamillia McKinley, Anastasia McZeal, Leslie Moore, Yvonne Narcisse, Joann Nixon, Joelle Nixon, Yolanda Notto, Sharon Pierre, Cassandra Pillette, Elizabeth Reaux, Lakeshia Reed, Monica Rogers-Murray, Scheresia Russell, Calvary Sampson, Dorothy Scott, Tanya Sias, Pamela Simon,

Kezne Sims-Cook, Christele Strowder, Marvel Swain, Chaisley Theyard, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay, Danielle Thomas, Quinta Thompson-Credeur, Natasha Washington, Felecia Washington, Kearia McCant White, Haley Wilson, and Sharon Wiltz.

Visitor/ New transfer Sorors: Thea Celestine, Yolanda Notto, Bria Lockett, Jasmine Fitzgerald.

Meditation, Soror Thailund Porter-Green, CHAPLAIN
Soror Anitra Ford Scott delivered the meditation.

Minutes, Soror Deborah Garrett, GRAMMATEUS
Soror Chastity Craven delivered the January 2025 minutes.
It was moved by Soror Craven and seconded by Soror Tynese Breaux to accept the minutes from the January 2024 business meeting, as presented.

No corrections were noted. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Correspondence, Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair, EPISTOLEUS
Soror Sandy Alexander delivered the correspondence report.
Soror Alexander presented the report as presented.

OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS	
<p>BASILEUS Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill</p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:</p> <p><u>ECO Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All communication must be approved by the Basileus ● Solicitation of funds by Sorors for business owned by Sorors at Chapter events is not allowed without prior approval of the committee or committee hosting the event and the chapter. ● Policy regarding chapter courtesies is located on pages 8 & 9 of the Financial Procedures Manual. ● ECO passed its evaluation with a rating of 1, which represents an above average rating. ● ECO will vote on the conduction of ME for 2025 at the February 2025 Chapter Business Meeting. ● Website Update Coming Soon <p><u>Regional News</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 93rd South Central regional conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dates: April 30-May 4, 2025. • Graduate Advisors Certification and Financial Officers Certification are tentatively expected to take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Regional Conference. <p><u>Corporate News</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW BRANDING GUIDELINES regarding Public Flyer/Events: Effective December 2, 2024, approval is now required to use the sorority trademarked graphics for external public-facing printed correspondence, flyers, websites, invitations, etc. Requests for approval are to be emailed by the Basileus only. • The 2025 Graduate Advisors Certification Training Regional Conference applications are due February 15, 2025. • The 46th Annual Leadership Fellows Program is scheduled for May 12 – 17, 2025. • Save the date: Divine Nine Situation Room Council of Presidents Town Hall, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. CST
<p>1st ANTI-BASILEUS Soror Tynese Breaux and 2nd ANTI-BASILEUS, Soror Lisa Lazard</p>	<p>Attached report as printed. Report presented by Soror Lisa Lazard. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2025 Program of Works – Activities • February 2025 Program of Works – Action Items
<p>TAMIOUCHOS Soror Desiree Lemelle</p>	<p>Report as posted on Members Only site. Summary included:</p> <p>February 2025</p> <p><u>Operating Account as of 31 January 2025</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 32,564.03 Total Income: \$ 14,267.68 Total Expenses: \$ 9,396.60 Ending Balance: \$ 37,435.11</p> <p><u>Fundraising Account as of 31 January 2025</u> Beginning Balance: \$ 53,192.61 Total Income: \$ 5,614.37 Total Expenses: \$ 33,343.86 Ending Balance: \$ 25,463.12</p>

<p>PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS Soror Anitra Ford-Scott</p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:</p> <p><u>January 2025</u></p> <p>Total Deposits in Operation Account: \$ 14,267.68 Total Deposits in Fundraising Account: \$ 5,614.37</p> <p><u>February 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Active Members: 129 Quorum: 43 ● Transfers into ECO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soror Yolanda Notto ○ Soror Bria Lockett ○ Soror Thea Celestine ○ Kristy Mitchell ○ Peyton Sias ○ Monica M.G. Kincade ● Transfers out of ECO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soror Gaylyn Williams- General
<p>GRADUATE ADVISOR Soror Tanya Sias</p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EB ME Rush: February 21, 2025 ● EB member, Soror Aliko LeBlanc, is participating in the Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. ● Soror Kaleya Dixon named EB's Soror of the Year 2024 ● Soror Kaitlin Duncan awarded the Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Award 2024 <p><u>Recommendation:</u> For ECO to purchase a half page ad for \$60 in support of EB member, Aliko LeBlanc for the Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant to be taken out of the Graduate Advisor line item.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passed with one vote of opposition.
<p>HISTORIAN Soror Chloe Bello</p>	<p>NO REPORT</p>
<p>HODEGOS Soror Monica Kincade</p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented.</p>

	Introduction of the visiting and new sorors: Thea Celestine, Yolanda Notto, Bria Lockett, Jasmine Fitzgerald
IVY LEAF REPORTER Soror Breannie Charles	NO REPORT
PARLIAMENTARIAN Soror Chastity Wilson	NO REPORT
PHILACTER Soror Suzanne Foster	NO REPORT
REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE, STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES	
Disposition of committee report was: A. Referred back to committee B. Postponed	C. Placed on file D. Adopted in part (explain) E. Adopted in its entirety. F. Referred to another committee (explain)
PROGRAM Soror Tynese Breaux 1st Anti-Basileus Soror Lisa Lazard, 2nd Anti-Basileus	Disposition of Report E Report Attached (X) Yes () No. Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Tynese Breaux. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please designate a committee member to complete and submit all initiative reports within 5 days of your event. ● ECOEventReports@googlegroups.com ● 2025-2026 Committee Chairmen have been announced. Past committee chairmen are asked to bring any committee/initiative related materials in their possession to the February Business Meeting. If you will not be in attendance in February, please contact Soror Tynese Breaux, 1st Anti-Basileus to coordinate pickup <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heart Sister Week - TBA ● YLI Event- Sunday, February 16, 2025, ULL Student Union Magnolia Room ● Joint EB/ECO meeting, February 23, 2025, ULL Ballroom- CHIPP assembly prior to meeting <p><u>Outstanding Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEES	

	<p>STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD, Soror Monica Kincade, Subcommittee Chairman</p> <p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and prepared by Soror Monica Kincade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee listed chapter activities attended in January 2025 <p><u>Recommendation:</u> The committee recommends that the Soror Squad Reveal be moved from February to March. The move will allow the committee time to assign sorors to Squads based on common endeavors and activities. The information will be collected using the responses from the Soror Squad Survey that will be sent to chapter members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed unanimously
	<p>EMPOWER OUR FAMILIES</p> <p>Attached report as printed and presented.</p> <p>YLI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Back meeting, Sunday, February 16,2025, 3-5pm ULL Student Union Magnolia Room • Module 2 workshop, Sunday, March 16,2025, time to be determined <p>Seniors: no report</p> <p>Mental Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subcommittee met on Monday, February 10,2025 at 7:30pm via zoom <p>CHIPP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total bags delivered to date for 2024-2025 school year: 1088 bags - Total bags delivered for 2025: 294 - Total bags delivered overall since first delivery in Nov 2023: 2,264
	<p>BUILD OUR ECONOMIC WEALTH</p> <p>NO REPORT</p>
	<p>ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>NO REPORT</p>
	<p>ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOROR JAMILLA BYNOG-BARNES, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKA Day at the Capital, May 13, 2025 • Special Elections Early Voting, February 1-8, 2025 • Special Election, February 15, 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Bridge Crossing, March 6-9, 2025 in Selma, AL • Attached information on Mass Deportations
	<p>UPLIFT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, Soror Andretta Porter-William, Subcommittee Chairman</p> <p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Kenya Goodie.</p>
ARCHIVES	NO REPORT
AUDIT	NO REPORT
<p>BUDGET and FINANCE</p> <p>Soror Desiree Lemelle, Chairman</p>	<p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance.</p> <p>Obligation by corporate: update financial procedures to align with corporate procedures of segregation of duties between Tamiouchos and Pecunious Grammateus- not a recommendation so was not voted on.</p> <p><u>Action Item #1</u> Revise voucher form to include updated instructions for properly submitting for check payments.</p> <p>Rationale: The current steps listed on the voucher are vague and need clarification. This will help guide sorors in properly submitting the form and reduce errors.</p> <p>Opposed: None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.</p>
CONNECTIONS	NO REPORT
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	NO REPORT
DEBUTANTE	<p>Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Sharon Pierre. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for 2025-2026 Winter Cotillion Program will go out March 19,2025 • Sorors may begin to submitting names for prospective debutantes and tea girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tea Girls Fee: \$300 - Debutante Fee: \$850 <p><u>Recommendation:</u> 2026 Winter Cotillion- January 3, 2026 Doubletree by Hilton (7:00pm) Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.</p>

EAF	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Verna Calais. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cookie sale at February 2025 business meeting. All money received will go toward EAF. ● Attached flyer
FOUNDERS' DAY Soror Carlita Babineaux, Chairman	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Event took place February 2, 2025 ● Silver Sorors honored: Gloria Angus, Keena Jean Louis, Jamilla Bynog-Barnes ● Diamond Soror Melba Braud honored <u>Recommendation:</u> The Founders' Day Committee recommends donating the balance in the budget after all expenses paid, to the Melba D. Braud Scholarship for Epsilon Beta that is being established by the Diamond Celebration Committee. This would be presented at the March Celebration. (Current balance \$297.52) Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.
FUNDRAISING	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Leese Branch. Highlights included: <u>Recommendation:</u> The Fundraising committee recommends that the entertainment raffle be the chapter's Spring Fundraiser. The committee will continue to research the other options (Dinner En Verte & Golf Tournament) as possible future fundraisers. Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.
GRADUATE ADVISORY	NO REPORT
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	NO REPORT
MEMBERSHIP	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Cassandra Pillette. Highlights included: <u>Recommendation:</u> The membership committee and sisterly relations committee are recommending that the \$286 surplus from the 2025 Joint Membership Committee/Sisterly Relations Founders' Day/Reactivation Social be donated to local black-owned business, The Downtown Convention Center, Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.
NPHC	Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No

Soror Elizabeth Reaux, Chairman	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Elizabeth Reaux
PROTOCOL	NO REPORT
PUBLIC RELATIONS	<p>Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Breannie Charles</p> <p><u>Recommendation #1:</u> The committee recommends submitting a full page article highlighting Soror Melba Braud’s Diamond Year to the Ivy Leaf by the next deadline of April 15, 2025 with a submission cost of \$150 to be taken from the public relations budget. Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.</p> <p><u>Recommendation #2:</u> The committee recommends submitting a full page article highlighting our chapter’s inaugural Pink F.E.S.T. to the Ivy Leaf by the deadline of July 15, 2025, with a submission cost of \$150 to be taken from the public relations budget. Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.</p>
RISK MANAGEMENT	NO REPORT
RITUALS	NO REPORT
SCHOLARSHIP	NO REPORT
SISTERLY RELATIONS Soror Monica Kincade, Chairman	<p>Disposition of Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included:</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u> The committee recommends that Heart Sister Week be moved from the 2025 Program of Works February calendar to the March Calendar. This move will allow the committee members additional time to plan the event and chapter members time to prepare for the event. Opposed:None All in favor. The recommendation was carried.</p>
STANDARDS	NO REPORT
STRATEGIC PLAN	NO REPORT
TECHNOLOGY	NO REPORT
DIAMOND CELEBRATION AD HOC	<p>Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Christele Strowder. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diamond Celebration Program and Reception March 8, 2025, ULL Student Union Ballroom, 3-6pm - Cocktail Hour 2:30-3:30pm

	- \$25 ticket price
Generation NEXT AD HOC	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Breannie Charles.
TRANSPORTATION AD HOC	Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Jamilla Bynog-Barnes. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Central Regional Conference Travel Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotard Travel Bus- depart April 30, 2025; return May 4, 2025 - minimum of 45/56 passengers at \$200 per person - \$1000 deposit needed 30 days prior to hold
REGIONAL CONFERENCE AWARDS AD HOC	NO REPORT
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
None	
NEW BUSINESS	
Vote on Membership Experience for Fall 2025	Moved by : Soror Cassandra Pillette 2nd by: Soror Lisa Lazard 64 votes cast 24 against 40 for Vote Passed
Vote for Transportation to Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas	Moved by: Soror Tynese Breaux 2nd by: Cassandra Pillette move to postpone the vote for transportation to regional conference in Little Rock, AR to the March business meeting in order to allow the committee time to gather more details Opposed: None All in favor. The motion carried.
Vote on recommendation to sunset Advocate for Social Justice and Strengthen Our Sisterhood committees	Moved by: Soror Suzanne Foster 2nd by: Soror Cassandra Pillette moved that the chapter sunset the Advocate for Social Justice and Strengthen Our Sisterhood Committees. Opposed: None All in favor. The motion carried.

SISTERLY MOMENTS

Members shared their thanks and appreciation for prayers and condolences for family members; thanks for help with committee activities; for sisterly help on personal levels; for acts of hospitality and sisterliness; for texts, calls, emails and other forms of outreach during times of need. To God be the Glory !!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Members who celebrated birthdays in February were acknowledged with applause and the birthday song.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements From the Floor



AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Basileus, Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, at 12:08 PM.

Hymn/Pledge

Sisterly Submitted,

Chastity Craven
Anti-Grammateus

Tracey Biagas-Hill
Basileus



March 2025

Correspondence Report

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Sender	Correspondence
Soror Carrie J Clark International Regional Director	New Year Card
Soror Shawn Emerson Simmons South Central Regional Director	New Year Card
Clarke Carter 12050 Sparks Ln Maringouin, La	Tea Girl- Thank you Card
Soror Danielle Claiborne 105 Rue Gambetta Lafayette, La	Financial Card Request w/ return envelope
Soror Kaya Jones 1099 Alexander Circle St. Martinville, La	Reactivation fee- Money Order- \$405
Soror Patricia Frank- Senegal/Soror Anysia Senegal- Wallace PO Box 564 Rayne, La	Money Order-800789- \$100 for 2026 dues

<p>Soror Cindy Duhon 201 N. Gentilly Rd Lafayette, La</p>	<p>Thank you card</p>
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With Sisterhood in Mind,

Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair

Epistoleus

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Niccola Ledet-McNair', written in a cursive style.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Basileus Report
Business Meeting
March 15, 2025

ECO Business

- ♣ REMINDER: The Basileus ***must*** approve all communication sent on behalf of the chapter. **This includes chapter email, social media posts, programs, tickets, ad booklets, and flyers.** In addition, all contracts for services can only be approved and signed by the Basileus.

- ♣ Solicitation of funds by Sorors for businesses owned by Sorors at Chapter Events is not allowed without prior approval of the committee or committees hosting the event and the Chapter.

- ♣ ECO voted to conduct Membership Experience in 2025. Membership Experience will occur in the Fall of 2025 provided we receive approval from MRD and corporate and pending ME Certification by Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill. Sorors Cassandra Pillette and Karen King will begin the Membership Health check. Please submit the necessary documents when requested if you would like to be considered eligible for sponsorship/co-sponsorship.

- ♣ ECO's delegates and alternate delegates for Regional Conference have been submitted. Once we have information regarding the itinerary, we will meet to discuss the plan for Regional Conference.

- ♣ Members asked to review the 2025 Roster located in the Members Only section of the chapter's website. If any information is incomplete or inaccurate, please complete the Tech Request form with the updates needed. Additionally, Sorors are asked to e-mail photos for the directory to ecophotodirectory@googlegroups.com. ***This is not necessary if a photo is already included.***

- ♣ The chapter is currently collecting donations for the Family of Alaya Christian, 2025 Eta Chi Omega Tea Girl. Donations may be made in person at the March Business Meeting or via PayPal. If paying with a check, please make payable to Eta Chi Omega and make a notation in the memo line. Visit the Members Only section of the chapter's website for the donation link.

- ♣ The Melba Braud Scholarship Fund donation link remains active for any Sorors who wish to contribute. Details regarding the application process for the awarding of funds will be determined by the Scholarship Committee in collaboration with the Diamond Celebration Committee.

- ♣ ECO is participating in the 2025 Habitat for Humanity Women Build on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ♣ Website Update ongoing. Stay tuned!

Regional News

- ♣ 93rd SCRC – Little Rock, Arkansas – Dates: April 30, 2025 – May 4, 2025.
Registration will be open soon. MRD has requested that Sorors hold off on reserving rooms before registration opens to avoid the Region being assessed with fees and/or penalties that may be charged if room blocks reserved by the South Central Region are not used.
- ♣ Graduate Advisors Certification and Financial Officers Certification are tentatively expected to take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Regional Conference.
- ♣ 93rd SCRC Awards Booklet has been emailed to all members. There are virtual and physical submission options for awards as listed in the guidelines. The deadline for submissions for the majority of the awards is March 24, 2025. The final submissions for individual awards and chapter awards will be handled by the Technology Committee Chairman in collaboration with the Basileus.
 - The following members responded indicating their interest in submitting individual award applications:
 - Breannie Charles
 - Dolores Cormier-Zenon
 - JoAnn Nixon
 - Cassandra Pillette

Corporate News

- ♣ NEW BRANDING GUIDELINES regarding Public Flyer/Events: Effective December 2, 2024, approval is now required to use the Sorority trademarked graphics for external public-facing printed correspondence, flyers, websites, invitations, etc. Requests for approval are to be emailed by the Basileus only.
- ♣ There is a new process for submitting information for Sorors reactivating and/or transferring. Unless a Soror owes COIP, they may complete the forms for reactivation and/or transfer online. Payment will then be submitted by ECO electronically.

- ♣ The corporate office is experiencing significant mail delays. If mail is required to be sent to the corporate office, it is recommended that this be done via express or overnight mail.

Sisterly Submitted,
Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill
2025-2026 Basileus



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® - ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER
Anti-Basileus Report
March 2025 – Business Meeting

Reminders:

- *Review the ECO calendar when scheduling/planning your committee meetings. Text or e-mail your meeting date to Anti-Basileus for calendaring. We will do our best to avoid conflicts. No committee meetings will be scheduled on Tuesday prior to the Chapter Business Meeting. Please allow at least a one week notice of meeting date and time to the chapter.*
- *We sisterly request that if your committee has not had a meeting, please schedule one prior to April 1, 2025. This is to ensure active participation and engagement.*

Corporate/ Regional News:

March 2025 Program of Work – Activities

- Joint Founders' Day- ECO/EB/LBO Celebration
- YLI Module 2 Activity
- CHIPP Distribution
- Black History Parade (NPHC)
- Advocate for Social Justice Event
- Enhance our Environment Shred Event
- Black Maternal /Family Health Event

March 2025 Program of Work – Action Items

- Continue Scholarship Planning-Earline Pipkin
- Plan a Mentor/Mentee Activity with Epsilon Beta 2025
- Continue Planning for Chapter Retreat
- Begin Planning for 2026 Debutante Cotillion
- Begin Planning Earth Day Event
- Begin Planning Arbor Day Event
- Begin Planning for Mental Health Month Activity
- Continue Planning for Spring and Fall Fundraising Activity
- Continue Planning for Reactivated/Transferred Member Orientation

- Finalize Chapter Roster
- Evaluation (Standards): Founders' Day, YLI Activity, Advocate for Social Justice, Enhance our Environment Shred Event, Black Materna/Family Health Event

Submitted by Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard

TAMIOUCHOS REPORT



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Tamiouchos Business Meeting Report

March 2025

Tamiouchos Updates:

Corporate office provides the chapter with the tax liability amount each year. The federal tax liability for 2024 is \$2,295.25. The state tax liability amount will be provided at a later date. Both federal and state liability taxes must be submitted to corporate by 12/31/2025.

The year end reports require reporting of funds collected from non-members. The total of funds collected from non-members minus expenses related to those funds is called unrelated business income. The chapter is required to pay taxes on the unrelated business income amount each year.

Sisterly submitted by:

Desiree M. Lemelle

Gabrielle C. Chapman

Soror Desiree M. Lemelle, Tamiouchos

Soror Gabrielle C. Chapman, Anti-Tamiouchos

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Pecunious Grammateus Report

Mar 2025

- *Active Members: 134* *Quorum: 45*
- Total Deposits in Operating Account: Month of **February \$4,548.85**

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 2/28/2025	
2025 Dues	\$770.00
2024 Late Fee	\$25.00
Transfer Fees	\$
Founders' Day	\$2.50
Reactivation Fees	\$405.00
Diamond Celebration	\$2,864.35
EAFF	\$222.00
2026 Dues	\$260.00
Total	\$4,548.85

Total Deposits in Fundraising Account: Month of **February \$500.00**

Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 2/28/2025	
2024 Fundraising Obligation	\$300.00
Advocating for Social Justice	\$200.00
Total	\$500.00

Only \$100 deposited for Advocating for Social Justice. Bank did not take 1st check due to payee name

- Please welcome 2 Sorors that have been approved for Reactivation into ECO:
 - Soror Gladys Mouton
 - Soror Kaya Jones
- ECO has 1 New Life Member:
 - Soror Keena Jean-Louis
- 2025 Dues:
 - NonLife: \$385
 - Life: \$260
 - Golden/Pearl: \$155
 - Golden/Pearl/Life: \$30
 - Reactivation: \$405

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Anitra Ford-Scott

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1 Alexander, Sandy	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00		55.00			-
2 Alston, Janis LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00			0
3 Angus, Gloria	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00	\$43.34	75.00	\$25
4 Arceneaux, Shawn Denise	\$385					\$43.34		
5 Babineaux, Carlita LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	55.00		50.00	-
6 Baskerville, Quintella	\$385		\$35.00				46.71	\$0
7 Batiste, Thomasine	385		\$35.00					
8 Bello, Chloe	\$385	\$50.49	\$35.00	\$5.00		\$43.34		21
9 Bernard, Cynthia LM	\$260		\$35.00					\$0
10 Bernard, Nicole	\$385						105.00	
11 Bernard, Philomena	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00					0
12 Biagas-Hill, Tracey	\$385	\$25.13	\$35.00	\$10.00	165.00	\$43.34		\$0
13 Branch, Leesa	\$385	\$25.13		\$5.00		\$43.34		
14 Braud, Melba (D) LM	\$30						92.50	0
15 Breaux, Tynese	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	110.00	\$43.34		
16 Broussard, Carole LM	\$260							145
17 Broussard, Linda	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00			
18 Broussard, Nelda LM	\$260		\$35.00					
19 Brown, Carmela Nadine LM	\$385		\$35.00				90.00	0
20 Butler, Connie Y. (G) LM	\$30		\$35.00				180.00	0
21 Bynog-Barnes, Jamilla	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00				
22 Cain, Myrtle (G)	\$155	\$25.00	\$35.00		55.00			
23 Calais, Verna	\$385		\$35.00		55.00		50.00	
24 Carmouche, Christi	\$385				55.00			0
25 Carter, Breyone	\$385							
26 Celestine, Toni Brown LM	\$260		\$35.00					\$40
27 Chapman, Gabrielle	\$385	\$25.00		\$5.00		\$43.34		
28 Charles, Breannie	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	55.00	\$43.34		0
29 Citizen, Courtney	\$385		\$35.00					\$15
30 Claiborne, Danielle	\$385						80.00	0
31 Clay, Brandi	\$385							0
32 Cobb, Mary Russell	\$385							\$5
33 Colbert, Tahisa LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00		55.00			\$0
34 Cole-Thomas, Danielle	\$385						105.00	\$385
35 Comeaux-Bienvenu, Patsy (G)	\$155	\$25.00	\$35.00					
36 Cook, Kezne	\$385			\$5.00				

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37	Corley, Alecia	\$385						0	
38	Cormier, Francheska	\$385		\$35.00		110.00	65.00	\$0	
39	Cormier, Shirley LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00			
40	Cormier-Zenon, Dolores LM	\$260	\$25.25	\$35.00		55.00	\$43.34	130.00	\$260
41	Craven, Chastity	\$385	\$50.00	\$35.00				\$25	
42	Cretchain, Brittany	\$385						0	
43	Dauterive, Yolanda LM	\$260	\$25.00				140.00	0	
44	Dauterive, Yolandria	\$385				\$43.34	105.00		
45	Dauterive, Kimberly Smith	\$385						0	
46	Drake, Mary Alice (G)	\$155						0	
47	Duhon, Cindy LM	\$260	\$25.13	\$35.00				0	
48	Duhon, Donna	\$385							
49	Dugas, Brenda	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	110.00	46.71	\$0	
50	Dunbar, Mickel	\$385							
51	Finley, Stephanie LM	\$260						0	
52	Fontenette, Terry	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00			
53	Ford-Scott, Anita	\$385	\$25.00	\$37.50			105.00	\$40	
54	Fordice, Sylvia (G) LM	\$30	\$100.97	\$35.00		55.00		0	
55	Foster, Suzanne	\$385			\$5.00	165.00	\$43.34	15.00	
56	Frank-Senegal, Patricia LM	\$260		\$35.00	\$5.00		80.00	50	
57	Garrett, Deborah LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	220.00	\$43.34	65.00	\$0
58	Kenya Goodie	\$385		\$35.00			\$43.34		
59	Harrison, Sonja Rachelle LM	\$260		\$35.00	\$5.00			125	
60	Hollinger, Gwen LM	\$260		\$35.00		55.00		0	
61	Hollinger, Noa	\$135							
62	Houston, Alonda	\$385	\$25.24	\$35.00	\$5.00		15.00	0	
63	Hutton, Charlotte LM	260		\$35.00		55.00	80.00		
64	Jackson, Alfreda Thompson	\$385			\$5.00		\$43.34	\$25	
65	Jackson, April	\$385						0	
66	Jackson, Dwan	\$385			\$5.00				
67	Jean-Louis, Keena LM	\$385		\$35.00			105.00	\$21	
68	Jones, Reshelle LM	\$260							

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70	Joseph, Monique	\$385	\$25.13							
71	Kennison, LaQuata	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00	25.00	0		
72	King, Karen LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00						
73	Kincade, Monica S.	\$385	\$152.20	\$35.00			\$43.34	15.00	\$25	
74	Lazard, Lisa Anderson	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00	\$43.34			
75	Ledet, Crystal	\$385				55.00		105.00	0	
76	Ledet-McNair, Niccola	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00					\$40	
77	Lemelle, Desiree	\$385		\$35.00	\$10.00	55.00				
78	Lewis, Angela	\$385							0	
79	Marshall, Marilyn LM	\$260	\$25.00		\$5.00	55.00	\$43.34			
80	Martin, Mathilda (G)	\$155							5	
81	McKinley, Jameka	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00		\$43.34		50	
82	McKinley, Jamillia	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00		\$43.34			
83	McZeal, Anastasia LM	\$260		\$35.00		110.00		65.00	\$0	
84	Moore, Leslie	\$385							0	
85	Mouton, Patricia LM	\$260		\$35.00	\$5.00			180.00	\$0	
86	Narcisse, Yvonne	\$385	\$50.49	\$35.00		55.00				
87	Nixon, JoAnn (G) LM	\$30	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$6.00			37.50	\$92	
88	Nixon, Joelle	\$385		\$35.00	\$5.00					
89	Pierre, Sharron LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	110.00		105.00		
90	Pierre, Tricia	\$385	\$25.00						0	
91	Pillette, Cassandra LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	110.00	\$43.34	142.50	\$0	
92	Porter-Green, Thailund	\$385	\$25.13	\$35.00	\$5.00		\$43.34			
93	Prince-Wilson, Jennifer	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00						
94	Reaux, Elizabeth Broussard LM	\$260	\$25.00	\$35.00		55.00		65.00	2	
95	Reed, LaKeshia	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00					25	
96	Register Gena	\$385								
97	Ruffin, Jeneva LM	\$260	\$25.13	\$35.00	\$5.00			80.00	\$0	
98	Sampson, Calvary Rumley	\$385				110.00		45.00	\$0	
99	Russell, Scheresia	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00				0	
100	Scott, Dorothy C.	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00			85.00	\$15	
101	Senegal-Wallace, Anysia "Nikki"	\$385						80.00	\$50	
102	Sias, Tanya	\$385	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	55.00				
103	Singleton, Theresa LM	\$260		\$35.00	\$5.00					
104	Simon, Pamela	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00				44.25	10	

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106	Swain, Marvel LM	\$260	\$25.13	\$35.00					
107	Syrie, Evelyn (G)	\$155	\$25.00				62.50	145	
108	Taylor, Chantel Martin	\$385							
109	Taylor, Monica Rogers	\$385	\$25.13	\$35.00				0	
110	Terry, Carmen	\$385							
111	Theyard, Chaisley	\$385							
112	Thibeaux-Clay, Mary Elizabeth	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00		110.00	85.00		
113	Thompson, Patricia Green	\$385				55.00			
114	Thompson-Credeur, Quinta Lennet	\$385	\$25.00				11.25		
115	Trahan, Angela	385		\$35.00	\$5.00				
116	Washington, Felicia	\$385	\$25.13	\$35.00			\$43.34	\$15	
117	Washington, Natashaia	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$15.00		101.25	0	
118	White, Kearia McCants	\$385	\$25.13	\$35.00	\$5.00		\$43.34	105.00	
119	Williams, Andretta Porter	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00		\$43.34	105.00	
120	Wilson Chastity	\$385	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00			15	
121	Wilson, Haley	\$385					37.50		
122	Wilson, Rodricka 'Rocki'	\$385							
123	Wiltz, Sharron (G) LM	\$30	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$5.00		62.50	10	
124	Young, Gloria	\$385						1	
125	McConnell-Fitzpatrick, Jasmine (T) 2025	\$385							
126	Olivier, Latricia (T) 2025	\$385	\$25.00						
127	Mitchell, Kristy '(R) 2025	\$405							
128	Sias, Payton (T) 2025	\$135		\$35.00					
129	Kincade, Monica Maire Gale (T) 2025	\$135	\$25.25	\$35.00			75	250	
130	Celestine, Thea '(R) 2025	\$405	\$25.00						
131	Lockett, Bria '(R) 2025	\$405							
132	Notto, Yolanda '(R) 2025	\$405							
133	Mouton, Gladys '(R) 2025	\$405							
134	Jones, Kaya	\$405							

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Eta Chi Omega Chapter
Graduate Advisor Report
Business Meeting
March 2025

- Epsilon Beta held a successful Rush on February 21, 2025. Over eighty young ladies attended. All information has been forwarded to the region and corporate office.
- Mentor/Mentee pairings have been completed. Please make contact with your mentee. If you have trouble contacting your mentee, please let Soror Jameka or myself know.
- Epsilon Beta member, Aliko Leblanc is participating in the Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Union. She would love ECO's support of attendance. Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased through Eventbrite or you can contact me.
- Spring Skee Week will take place March 17-21, 2025.
- Please follow Epsilon Beta on their social media sites. That is how all of their events and activities are advertised.
 - Instagram – epsilonbeta_aka
 - Facebook – Epsilon Beta Chapter of AKA

Important Dates

- March 8, 2025- Diamond Celebration for Soror Melba
- March 10-14, 2025 – ULL NPHC Week
- March 17-21, 2025 – Skee Week
- March 29, 2025 – The Big Event

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Tanya Sias
Graduate Advisor

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Hodegos Business Meeting Report

March 2025

Budget: Operations: \$1000.00 Current Funds Available: \$900.00

Courtesies Extended:

Expenses 2 @\$50 each Total \$100

Sorors, please keep the following Sorors lifted in prayer.

Bereavement

- Soror Cindy Duhon death of her father Mr. Joseph Leonard better known as Lynn August.
 - \$50 donation to Zydeco Historical and Preservation Society check mailed direct to the organization. The verification email received, the voucher was processed, and the check mailed by Tamiouchos on 2/24/2025.

Illness

- Soror Quintella Baskerville Hospitalization.
 - \$50 gift card with get well card hand delivered to home.
- Soror Alfreda Thompson Jackson was involved in accident while traveling she is currently recovering at home. Get Well Card mailed.

Congratulations Community Achievement Awards

- Golden Soror Mathilda Martin G. Martin was honored with a Diamond Celebration of Service in Music and 81st Birthday Concert the magical event of music and joy to celebrate a True Servant of God was held at Trinity C.M.E. Church on Friday, February 15, 2025.
 - Congratulations Card
 - See attached Flyer.

Gentle Reminder Sorors please notify the Hodegos if a courtesy needs to be extended, at [**ecocourtesy@googlegroups.com**](mailto:ecocourtesy@googlegroups.com)

Viewed by Madam Basileus and the Hodegos

I am also available anytime at (337)534-2962 via Text or Telephone call.

Always Sisterly.

Submitted by:

Soror Monica Kincade

Hodegos

**Diamond Celebration of Service in Music
&
81st Birthday Concert**



Honoring
Mrs. Mathilda G. Martin
This will be a magical event
of music and joy as we
celebrate this True Servant
of God



February 15, 2025
2:00 p.m.
Location:
Trinity C.M.E Church
Attire:
After 5 Formal

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® - ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER
Program Report
March 2025- Business Meeting

Reminders:

- ★ *The Designated Committee Soror will complete and submit all initiative reports within 5 days of your event. The initiative report form is found in the Members Only section of the ECO website under Chapter Operations Documents. Completed reports should be e-mailed to:
ECOEventReports@googlegroups.com.*
- ★ *Please submit all outstanding vouchers and receipts within 30 days of purchase. Reimbursements MAY NOT be given if not turned in timely.*
- ★ *Please complete the Google Form regarding 2025-2026 Committee placements and indicate any and all committees you are interested in leading.*
- ★ *The Program Playbook provided by Corporate Office should be utilized when planning Initiative Events.*
- ★ *All prior GroupMe should be deactivated. If you would like a GroupMe set up for your committee, please contact Soror Tynese Breaux, First Anti-Basileus*
- ★ *The new report template has been sent to all committee chairmen and officers. If you have not received the template, please contact Sorors Tynese Breaux or Lisa Anderson Lazard.*

Upcoming Events

- ★ Heart Sister Week- Date and more information TBA
- ★ Generation NEXT Women Who Lead 31 Day Calendar- Social Media campaign
- ★ Diamond Celebration Honoring Soror Melba Braud- March 8, 2025, 3pm-6pm, ULL Student Union Ballroom, 620 McKinley St. Lafayette, LA 70503
- ★ YLI Module 2 Activity- Sunday, March 16, 2025, 3pm-5pm Progressive Baptist Church Hall, 125 Gallian St., Lafayette, LA 70501

Outstanding Reports- New report forms are forthcoming. Please continue to use the Chapter Report Form to record event details.

- ★ ECO/EB CHIPP Packing- February 23, 2025, ULL Ballroom
- ★ Diamond Celebration Honoring Soror Melba Braud- March 8, 2025 3pm-6pm

2022-2026 International Initiatives: Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood

*Strengthen our Sisterhood
Empower Our Families
Build Our Economic Wealth
Enhance Our Environment
Advocate for Social Justice
Uplift Our Local Community*

Committee Chairmen

- ★ Empower our Families- Soror Lisa Lazard, 2nd Anti-Basileus
 - CHIPP – Subcommittee Chair: Soror Breannie Charles
 - YLI – Subcommittee Chair: Soror Keena Jean Louis, Co-Chair: Soror Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux Clay
 - Mental Health – Subcommittee Chair: Soror Alfreda Thompson-Jackson, Co-Chair: Soror Calvary Sampson
 - Our Seniors- Subcommittee Chair: Soror Marilyn Marshall, Co-Chair: Soror Felicia Washington
- ★ Build our Economic Wealth- Chair: Soror Desiree Lemelle, Co-Chair: Soror Gabrielle Chapman
- ★ Enhance our Environment- Chair: Soror Jamilia McKinley, Co- Chair: Soror Chloe Bello
- ★ Advocate for Social Justice- Soror Jamilla Bynog-Barnes
- ★ Uplift Our Local Community- Soror Andretta Porter-Williams, Co- Chair: Soror Kenya Goodie
- ★ Strengthen Our Sisterhood- Soror Monica Kincade

NOTICE:

- ★ **If you are aware of any activities that would provide service opportunities for members of Eta Chi Omega, please submit the information and details to Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Lazard for review.**
- ★ **Attendance must be recorded and tracked for all committee meetings and events. Request QR codes for all events at least ten days before your scheduled event.**
- ★ **Contact the Standards Chairman regarding event post-event surveys prior to your scheduled event.**
- ★ **Monthly reports should be printed, signed by the respective chairman, and given to the Grammateus at each Business Meeting.**
- ★ **Chairmen are strongly encouraged to utilize the Chapter Program Playbook provided by Corporate when planning Chapter events.**

Submitted by: Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Lazard

Sub Committee Chairs:

Soror Breannie Charles - CHIPPTM

Soror Keena Jean Louis – YLI

Soror Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay – YLI

Soror Alfreda Jackson – Mental Health

Soror Calvary Sampson – Mental Health

Soror Marilyn Marshall – Our Seniors

Soror Felicia Washington – Our Seniors

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®- Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Empowering Our Families Committee Report March 2025

Sub Committees:

Our Seniors:

Budget/\$1000

Remaining/\$1000

- ❖ **Brainstorming Session** – all ideas are up for discussion at our 1st planning meeting which will be scheduled the week of March 17th.
- ❖ Date of Meeting – Friday, March 7, 2025 and Tuesday March 11, 2025
- ❖ Members in Attendance – Marilyn D. Marshall, Felicia S. Washington, Lisa Lazard
- ❖ Meeting Highlights:
 - I) Will You Trust with ECO?
 - a. Purpose – educate seniors on establishing a living will and / or a trust and advance directives
 - b. Attorneys or legal experts needed to educate on living wills and trusts
 - c. Physicians / Medical Professionals needed to discuss advance directives
 - d. Proposed Date – April 2025
 - e. Proposed Location – Public Library or Progressive Baptist Church
 - II) Team with Generation Next

- a. Purpose – establish networks for seniors to help with technology needs, transportation to meetings or other soror services
 - b. Send survey to the chapter asking sorors to sign up if interested
 - c. Proposed survey date – March 2025
- III) Mother’s Day Event – Take a Senior to Church Day
- a. Generation Next or Sisterly Relations pairs with our seniors to honor them at a Mother’s Day Soiree
 - b. Proposed Date - May 4, 2025
 - c. Proposed Location – Progressive Baptist Church

Mental Health:

Budget/\$1,500

Remaining/\$1,500

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting- Monday, February 10, 2025
- Members attended- *Calvary Sampson, Dwan Jackson, Charlotte Hutton, Cynthia Bernard, Blair Joseph, Chantel Martin Taylor, Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Lisa Lazard, Anitra Ford-Scott, Tynese Breaux, Breannie Charles, Chastity L. Wilson, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Monique Joseph, Brittany Cretchain, Quinta Thompson Credeur, Monica Rogers Murray, Joelle Nixon and Dolores Zenon*

- Summary of meeting-The committee discussed keeping some of the previous activities, such as: the mental health summit in May and the NAMI walk in October. The committee chair and co chair will follow up with the church to determine a date and to start setting up committees within the committee to handle the summit. The committee discussed ideas to implement and discuss further such as pillow talk, media blast, holding each other accountable, a book study, self-care Sunday and working with sisterly relations. The committee will meet again in March 2025 to plan the summit.

- Summary of event planning- N/A

- Include logistics

- Include complete budget breakdown

- Name of Soror designated to complete event report

- Pending Committee Items- Planning the summit.

- Committee Recommendations

CHIPP™ (Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack):

EOF Budget/\$5450

Remaining/\$5450

Budget/\$20,000

Remaining/\$15,206.57

- **Partner school:** Westside Elementary, Duson LA
 - 912 Delhomme Ave. Scott, LA 70583
 - Points of Contact: Monica Scranton, school counselor
- **Target number of students:** 100
 - 60 students enrolled at Westside Elementary
- **CHIPP™ distribution dates for the 2024-2025 school year starting from Feb 2025:**
 - 57 bags delivered on 02-06-25 (enrollment down to 57 students, 3 students no longer attend Westside Elementary School)
 - 60 bags delivered 02-14-25
 - 60 bags delivered 02-21-25
 - 120 bags delivered between 02-27 and 02-28 (students out on Mardi gras break the following week)
 - 60 bags delivered 03-14-25
- **Total bags delivered for 2025: 534**
- **Total bags delivered for 2024-2025 school year: 1328 bags**
- **Total bags delivered overall since first delivery in Nov 2023: 2,504**
- *****Volunteers for Bag Deliveries to Westside Elementary:** volunteers are needed to deliver the bags weekly to Westside Elementary. Deliveries may be made either Thursday or Friday of each week. The deliveries typically include 5 large tote containers with 12 bags in each to be picked up from the storage location. A SUV is ideally needed. Please contact Soror Breannie Charles (cbreannie@gmail.com or 337-804-2228) if you are interested.***
- **Alice Boucher Elementary CHIPP application (still pending):** Chapter voted to add on an additional school, Alice Boucher Elementary, for CHIPP distribution at August 2024 business meeting. 40 bags will be delivered to Alice Boucher Elementary in addition to the 60 bags at Westside Elementary.
 - **Update** received from Soror Lindsay Echols from the International Program Committee on 03-05-25 that a new application must be submitted with the participation and agreement letter. Only the page with signage was originally submitted. Application resubmitted on 03-05-25 and still pending.

- **2025 CHIPP™ Packing Events:**
 - EB and ECO CHIPP Packing Event at ULL Ballroom: 02-23-25
 - 400 bags packed
 - MLK Day of Service: 01-20-25
 - Partnered with Epsilon Beta (EB) at the ULL Ballroom and packed close to 400 bags for CHIPP™ distribution.
- Evaluation of CHIPP program by school administrators, students, and parents in progress.

Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI)

Budget/\$3500

Remaining/\$3500

Committee Meeting Updates

1. March 10, 2025 Zoom Meeting Attendees: Keena Jean Louis, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay, Alonda Houston, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Chastity L. Wilson, Cassandra Pillette, Angela Trahan, Lisa Lazard, Tynese Breaux, Karen King, Natashia Washington, Gloria Angus, Shirley R. Cormier, Christele Strowder

2. YLI Module 2
 - a. Theme: Cultural Food Olympics will take place Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Progressive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 3pm to 5pm. YLI committee /ECO member arrival time is 2pm to set up.
 - b. Youth leaders will research facts about cultural dishes on the menu prior to the Food tasting Olympics. Youth leaders will present each culture's information prior to tasting then rate each culture using an evaluation scorecard. They will then tally scores to determine Cultural Olympic Winners. National anthems of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Cultural Olympic Winners will be played.
 - c. Cultural food dishes donated by chapter members
 Cassandra Pillette: Jamaican, African, Indian

 Tracey Biagas-Hill: Mexican

Keena Jean Louis: Korean/Japanese

Angela Trahan: Middle Eastern

Natasia Washington: French

Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay: Beverages

3. YLI Module 3: Using the Power of Purpose to Drive Success which runs April-June will be opened to more participants (11-13 years old with flexibility).

The required activities under MODULE 3 including:

- a. Being the Change We Want to See (Community Service Project).
 - b. Planting for the Planet (Environmental Project).
 - c. Sharing Our Experience with the World (Final Presentation).
4. Next YLI Committee Meeting Monday March 24, 2025 via Zoom

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard, Chairman

Sub Committee Chairs:

Soror Breannie Charles - CHIPPTM

Soror Keena Jean Louis – YLI

Soror Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay – YLI

Soror Alfreda Jackson – Mental Health

Soror Calvary Sampson – Mental Health

Soror Marilyn Marshall – Our Seniors

Soror Felicia Washington – Our Seniors

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Build Our Economic Wealth Committee Business Meeting Report

March 2025

Budget: Fundraising: \$500 Current Funds Available: \$500

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting: 2/20/25
- Members attended:
 - Kezne' Cook, Tynese Breaux, Lisa Lazard, Kearia White, Blair Joseph, Cassandra Pillette, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Chasity Craven, Chasity Wilson, Monique Joseph, Jamillia McKinley, Anitra-Ford Scott, Tahisa Colbert, Christele Strowder, LaQuata Kennison, Chloe Bello, Desiree Lemelle, and Gabrielle Chapman
- Summary of meeting:

Overview Of Program Initiative: Equip members to place key strategies into action to build personal, organizational, and community economic wealth.

Initiative Areas of Focus

Black Dollar Days: Will be held during the month of June with a focus on leveraging our collective buying power to funnel revenue to black-owned businesses and brands.

- Google Form: 2025 ECO Supports Black Owned Businesses
 - <https://forms.gle/GEU8AQ2N7Pf2WmS46>
 - ECO website > Members Only > The Ivy Connection > Support Black Owned Businesses section (bottom left of page 2)
 - Committees can also fill out the google form when support a black owned business to keep track of spending
 - Incentive – gift card for the greatest number of submissions by the end of the year or gift card to a black owned business (Soror Cassandra's idea)
- Corporate's Focus is in June
 - Create google form to sign up in May for Black Dollar Days by committing to spend \$19.08 each week
 - Use social media to promote weekly themes

- Corporate's weekly themes:
 - Week 1: Restaurants (can partner with Sisterly Relations Committee to knock out initiatives)
 - Week 2: Services (salons, dry cleaning, home maintenance)
 - Week 3: Small independent retail businesses
 - Week 4: Major retail black-owned brands and retailers

Sister Circle: Accountability groups designed to help set and achieve personal savings, investing, and giving goals.

- Drive Impact:
 - Establishing at least one sister circle focused on saving, investing and giving
 - Track goals based on percentage of sorors who met or exceeded their goals
- Establish personal goals that may be tracked and do not have to be shared publicly
- Create a GroupMe to help members achieve their goals
- Create accountability partners within the sister circle so members can stay on track
- Use google form to assign groups
 - Each soror will be able to choose between which one they are wanting to do more of (saving, investing, and giving) through a google form. Sister circles will be formed based on google form. Each circle will have a team captain/lead.

Support Women Entrepreneurs: Will focus on efforts to promote, celebrate, enhance, reach, raise visibility and offer access for greater revenue-generating opportunities.

- Drive Impact:
 - Advocating and supporting the growth of local women entrepreneurs
 - Celebrate, empower, and spotlight women entrepreneurs with a focus on soror-owned businesses and services
- Pink Pages:
 - Directory of local soror-owned businesses (Allow sorors who owns a business to fill out a google form with specific questions about their business. Google form can be in the form of a QR code.)
- Promoting via social media (get with Ivy Leaf Reporter to promote sorors and their business)
- Workshops and education on how to become an entrepreneur
 - Black Women Expo (Total Women Expo; Held in July; Hosts: Soror Lisa Lazard and Pastor Tracie Millard)
- Develop and create revenue-generating opportunities for women-owned business
 - Cash Mob: Completing this through Black Dollars days; Generation Next committee meet ups, Pop-ups with Madam Basileus per quarter to black-owned businesses.
- Partner with other chapters to expand reach for meetings and events

Financial Wellness and Planned Giving: Will assist members with legacy planning supported by expert members and wealth management partners.

- Estate and Legacy Planning
- Webinar or chapter retreat topic

For Members Only Credit Union: The first black-owned, woman-led, sorority-based, digital banking financial institution in the history of the United States.

- Savings Account:
 - Must open account with \$25 dollars; There is a \$4.50 fee charged to members if you fund via debit card; No charge if you fund via ACH transfer

Sisterly submitted by:

Desiree M. Lemelle

Gabrielle C. Chapman

Soror Desiree M. Lemelle, Chairman

Soror Gabrielle C. Chapman, Co-Chairman

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Enhance Our Environment Business Meeting Report

March 2025

Budget: Fundraising: \$1,000

Current Funds Available: \$1,000

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting: March 06, 2025
- Members attended: Chloe Bello, Chastity Wilson, Jameka McKinley, Kenya Goodie, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Dorothy C. Scott, Karen King, Marvel Swain, Cassandra Pillette, Blair Joseph, Monica Kincade, Dolores Zenon, Breannie Charles, Marilyn Marshall, Yvonne Narcisse, Jamillia McKinley
- Summary of meeting: The Enhance Our Environment committee met on March 6, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom to discuss Arbor Day, Earth Day, and other possible events to meet our target sub-initiatives.
- Pending Committee Items
 - Create Tree Planting Tracker via Google Forms
 - Create Paper Donation Tracker via Google Forms pending Shred Day approval
 - Continue planning Enhance Our Environment social media campaign
- Committee Recommendations:
 - The Enhance Our Environment Committee recommends postponing the shred day scheduled on the Program of Work for March of 2025.
 - Rationale: Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government and Meritus Credit Union host free shred day events in which Eta Chi Omega can participate in and/or volunteer at. Hosting a shred event with an independent company could cost upwards of \$800 and would substantially impact our budget and thus limit the committee's ability to complete other projects under the Enhance Our Environment initiative.
 - The Enhance Our Environment Committee recommends the chapter participate in and volunteer for the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government Paper Shred Day on Saturday, April 05, 2025, at the Robichaux Recreation Center located at 1919 Eraste Landry Road in Lafayette, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Rationale: Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government hosts a free paper shredding day annually. The chapter has the option to participate by bringing paper to shred, and/or partner with LPCG by volunteering. Volunteering would include activities such as unloading cars and putting the paper into the bins. There is no cost for participating/volunteering at the event and it would satisfy the Shred Day requirement under the Enhance Our Environment initiative.

Submitted by:

Jamillia McKinley

Enhance Our Environment Chairman



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Uplift Our Local Community Executive Report

March 2025

Budget: Fundraising: \$2.700 Current Funds Available: \$1740

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting- No Recent Meeting last meeting Jan 6. Already submitted report in February
- Members attended- Not Applicable
- Summary of meeting- Not Applicable
- Summary of Women Build 2025 Kick-off: Hard Hats and High Heels
 - Held at Floor & Décor, February 13, 2025
 - The following Sorors were present: Kenya Goodie, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Lisa Lazard, Christele Strowder, Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Quinta Thompson Credeur, Kearia White
 - Highlights of event: Kenya Goodie won an award for Most Creative “Rosie the Riveter” costume. Tynese Breaux won a door prize. Plenty of food, drinks, music, socializing and games.
 - Name of Soror designated to complete event report- Soror Kenya Goodie
- Pending Committee Items- Women Build 2025 Habitat for Humanity Lafayette
 - April 5, 2025
 - Christmas in July planning
- Committee Recommendations-None

Submitted by:

Soror Andretta Porter-Williams and Soror Kenya Goodie

Committee Chair/Committee Co-Chair



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Upcoming Events/Opportunities to Support EAF

- ♣ We have a donation of two (2) door hangers from Soror Thomasine Batiste (see attached photos). We are asking Sorors to pay \$2 dollars to enter a drawing to win a beautiful door hanger at the April 2025 Business Meeting. We will pay and do the drawing in April instead of March to allow other Sorors who have a business who also might like to donate merchandise to add to our drawing.

NOTICE:

- ♣ If you would like to donate or submit ideas for consideration to assist the chapter with raising funds on behalf of EAF, please contact your EAF Ambassadors, Soror Verna Calais and Soror Gwen Hollinger.
- ♣ At the February 2025 Business meeting Sorors purchased all the cookies. We raised \$222. We plan to keep the momentum going as our goal is to reach the Platinum Level (1,500) for Regional Conference 2026.

Submitted by EAF Ambassadors:

Soror Verna Calais, Co-Chair

Soror Gwen Hollinger, Co-Chair





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Membership Committee Chapter Business Meeting Report

March 2025

Budget: Operating- Membership Committee: \$1,500 Current Funds Available: \$1,250

Operating- Membership Experience: \$2,500 Current Funds Available: \$2,500

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting: February 26, 2025
- Members attended: Cassandra Pillette, Karen King, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Lisa Lazard, Dee Garrett, Chastity Wilson, Gabrielle Chapman, Marvel Swain, Blair Joseph, Kezné Cook, Breannie Charles, Monica Kincade, Brenda Dugas, Chastity Craven, Tahisa Colbert, Niccola Ledet-McNair, Anitra Ford-Scott, Chloeé Bello, Yolanda Nott, Andretta Porter-Williams, Gloria Young, Monique Joseph, Joelle Nixon, Jamillia McKinley, Desiree Lemelle, Brittany Cretchain, Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Quinta Thompson Credeur, Marilyn Marshall, Thomasine Batiste, Shirley Cormier, Angela Trahan, Blair Joseph, Brenda Dugas, Christele Strowder, Cindy Duhon, Dorothy Scott, Keena Jean Louis, Scheresia Russell, Suzanne Foster, Gloria Angus, Yvonne Narcisse, Sharron Wiltz, and JoAnn Nixon.
- Summary of meeting:
 1. **REACTIVATION**
 - The chapter's reactivation goal is 10 Sorors, as a medium chapter.
 - **Digital Welcome Kit** – The Committee was in favor of a Digital Welcome Kit including letters from Madame Basileus and Committee Chairman/Co-Chairman, FAQs about ECO, and a Welcome Gift to include a Nametag for Recognition. Specifically, the Committee suggested that the FAQ information include accessing chapter email, expected communication, and how to join committees.
 - The Committee approved a recommended budget not to exceed \$100.

Yes	33/34	97% ✓
No	0/34	0%
Abstain	1/34	3%

- Create a Photo Directory with Technology - The Technology Committee is working on a photo directory and the Membership Committee will assist as appropriate.
- **Welcome Call**- The Committee was in favor of placing Welcome Calls to newly reactivated or transfer Sorors focusing on answering general questions and ensuring that these Sorors are acclimating to the chapter and are aware of basic chapter operations and how to access chapter resources.
- **New Soror Spotlight** – The Committee was in favor of spotlighting reactivating/transfer Sorors on social media with their consent.
- **Reserved Seating** – The Committee was in favor of providing a voluntary/optional reserved seating area for reactivating/transfer Sorors to sit with members of the Membership Committee to encourage fellowship and to serve as a point of reference during meetings. The reserved seating would be available through May 2025.
- **New Member Orientation** – This orientation is included in the Plan of Work (POW) for April.

- The Committee approved a recommended event date of April 26, 2025.

4/26/25	30/36	83% ✓
4/12/25	6/36	17%

- The Committee approved a recommended a budget not to exceed \$100.00

Yes	36/38	95% ✓
No	1/38	3%
Abstain	1/38	3%

- **Reactivation Social** – This social is included in the Plan of Work for September. The Committee would like recently reactivated/transfer Sorors to speak about their experience.

- The Committee approved a recommended event date of September 27, 2025.

9/27/25	27/36	75% ✓
9/13/25	9/36	25%

- The Committee approved a recommended budget not to exceed \$350.00.

Yes	33/36	92% ✓
No	0/36	0%
Abstain	3/36	8%

- The Committee approved a recommended theme of “Pink” easy Murder Mystery for the September Reactivation Social. This event would include a meal and chapter members would have roles as characters and facilitate the solving of the mystery. 20’s/30’s attire.

Murder Mystery	23/36	64% ✓
Casino Night	7/36	19%
Karaoke	6/36	17%

2. RETENTION

- a. **Thank You Emails** – The Committee was in favor of sending Thank You Emails to continuing/renewing chapter members for their continued commitment to ECO.
- b. **Missed Business Meeting Communication** – The Committee was in favor of sending Missed Meeting emails or texts to chapter members to check-in, let them know they were missed, and share important upcoming dates or items of interest.
- c. **Mentor/Mentee Program** – The Committee agreed to survey the membership to determine mentor/mentee interest and availability in Early March, prior to pairing mentors/mentees by the March Business Meeting. It was suggested that the Committee collaborate with the Generation NEXT Committee in the implementation of the program.
- d. **Summer Mentor/Mentee Event** - This event is included in the Plan of Work for June.

- i. The Committee approved a recommended event date of June 7, 2025.

6/7/25	24/40	60% ✓
6/28/25	16/40	40%

- ii. The Committee approved a recommended theme of a Progressive Dinner for the June Mentor/Mentee Event. This event would include a meal progressing in stages (drinks/appetizers; main course; dessert/coffee) with transportation between homes.

Progressive Dinner	22/39	56% ✓
High Tea	17/39	44%

- iii. The Committee approved a recommended budget not to exceed \$400.00.

Yes	34/38	89% ✓
No	0/38	0%
Abstain	4/38	11%

- e. **Fall Mentor/Mentee Event** - This event is included in the Plan of Work for November.
 - i. The Committee agreed to table recommendations for the Fall Mentor/Mentee Event.

3. RECRUITMENT

- a. **Epsilon Beta Signing Days** – The Committee was in favor of conducting two Signing Days in the Spring and Fall to celebrate EB sorors signing with graduate chapters. It was recommended that the Committee collaborate with the Generation NEXT Committee for this initiative.
- b. **Membership Experience (ME)** – Soror Pillette advised the Committee of the following:
 - i. The Chapter voted in favor of conducting ME in 2025.
 - ii. Madame Basileus is awaiting ME certification, which is required.
 - iii. Soror Pillette, as Membership Chairman is certified through 2026.
 - iv. The Grammateus is preparing list of potential eligible sponsors based on meeting attendance for 24 months and active membership for 48 consecutive months in preparation for fall ME, and it is anticipated that the list will be available to share at the March or April Business Meeting.
 - v. Once that list is received, we will proceed with the collection of verification of conference attendance and committee involvement.
 - vi. The Corporate Office will accept paperwork for Graduate ME: August 24-October 15.
 - vii. If approved by Madame Regional Director (MRD) and the Corporate Office- Tentative ME dates (weekends):
 - 1. October 31, November 7, and November 14, or
 - 2. November 7, November 14, and November 21

4. STRATEGIC PLAN

- a. Soror Karen King, Membership Committee Co-Chairman discussed the applicable Strategic Plan Goal to **Increase Member Engagement and Retention**
 - i. Implementation of a committee participation monitoring program to determine sponsor and co-sponsor eligibility for ME.
 - 1. Achieve 50% Chapter Business Meeting attendance.
 - 2. Each Soror actively participates in at least 3 committee meetings/events.

3. Attain a chapter-wide participation record by utilizing QR codes at committee events and chapter business meetings to capture attendance.

a. It was noted that the Chapter currently has this in place.

4. Enhance engagement and retention through organizing activities.

a. It was noted that the Committee has recommended a Membership Plan to address this.

ii. Establish a Mentorship Program within the first month of joining (their initiation)

1. It was noted that the Committee has recommended a Membership Plan to address this, which includes reactivating and transferring Sorors as well.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

a. Soror King shared the applicable Risks applicable to Membership.

i. **Hazing Risks** were discussed both inside and outside of ME.

1. Identification of chapter traditions/culture that foster an atmosphere of hazing.

a. Discussed not glamorizing hazing or being “made”.

ii. **Reputational Risks** were discussed including improper association or influence by graduate chapter members with their prior undergraduate chapters. The Committee also discussed ensuring that the expectations of candidates for graduate ME were in line with the graduate ME experience.

iii. **Operational Risks** of lack of succession planning and training for chapter leadership were discussed.

1. Assisting with annual chapter retreat

2. Coordination of mentoring for chapter leadership

6. Pending Committee Items: Discuss and Plan November 2025 Mentor/Mentee Event

7. Committee Recommendations:

i. The Membership Committee recommends proving newly reactivating/transfer sorors for 2025 with a digital welcome kit to include a nametag for recognition and the cost to not exceed \$100 from the membership committee budget.

(If approved, the remaining membership committee budget will be \$1,150.)

- ii. The Membership Committee recommends hosting the New Member Orientation on April 26, 2025, location to be determined with a budget to not exceed \$100 from the membership committee budget.
(If approved, the remaining membership committee budget will be \$1,050.)
- iii. The Membership Committee recommends hosting a “Pink” easy Murder Mystery Reactivation Social on September 27, 2025, location to be determined with a budget to not exceed \$350 from the membership committee budget.
(If approved, the remaining membership committee budget will be \$700.)

- iv. The Membership Committee recommends hosting a Progressive Dinner Mentor/Mentee Event on June 7, 2025, location to be determined with a budget to not exceed \$400 from the membership committee budget.
(If approved, the remaining membership committee budget will be \$300.)

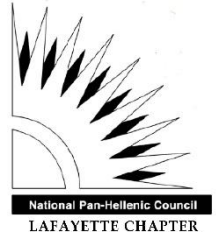
Submitted by:

Soror Cassandra Pillette

2025-2026 Membership Committee Chairman

National Pan-Hellenic Council Lafayette Chapter Minutes

March 6, 2025



The Lafayette Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council met on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at the A11010 Auburn Avenue and via Zoom.

Members present were: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Kappa Alpha Psi.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:06 P.M.

The opening prayer was led by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

It was moved by Alpha Kappa Alpha and seconded by Kappa Alpha Psi that the minutes be accepted and any corrections be given to the recording secretary in writing. MOTION CARRIED.

Bills: No bills at this time

Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$2455.44

Items discussed and actions acted upon were:

- Hoop Dreams hosted by Vision Leadership to be held March 8, 2025 at Lafayette Renaissance Charter High School.
- SMILE Community Action Gala will be held on April 11, 2025. Tickets are \$50
- Erica Williams has a Youth Group that does community service. Contact Erica for more information.
- Erica Williams and Ronald Cormier will attend the meeting regarding the Black Heritage Parade on Friday.
- Po-Boy sale March 29, 2025.
- NPHC Scholarship Program scheduled for May 4, 2025.
- NPHC Town Hall Meeting – more will be scheduled.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas 3/21-23/2025
- Kappa Alpha Psi Regional Conference 4/17-19/2025
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Diamond Soror Celebration 3/8/25
- Zeta Phi Beta Undergraduate Retreat 3/7-8/25

- Zeta Phi Beta Community Baby Shower 3/27/25. It was moved by Alpha Kappa Alpha and seconded by Alpha Phi Alpha to donate \$50 to the Zeta Phi Beta Community Baby Shower/ MOTION CARRIED.
- Sigma Gamma Rho Regional Conference 3/6-9/2025
- Delta Sigma Theta Statewide Conference 3/28-30/2025
- Delta Sigma Theta Beautillion 4/13/2025
- Happy Birthday Erica Williams 3/13/25

It was moved by Alpha Phi Alpha and seconded by Zeta Phi Beta that the meeting be adjourned.
MOTION CARRIED.

Closing Prayer: Alpha Kappa Alpha

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Reaux

Alpha Kappa Alpha

NPHC President

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Sisterly Relations Business Meeting Report
March 2025

Budget: Operating: \$1200 Current Funds Available: \$1100

- January Founders Day Event January 17, 2025, expenses \$100 contribution to event budget.

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Meeting Date February 18, 2025, via Zoom
- Attendance:
 - Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Lisa Lazard, Cassandra Pillette, Marilyn Marshall, , Dorothy C. Scott, Blair Joseph, Monique Joseph, Chastity Wilson, Patricia Frank-Senegal, Kezne´Sims Cook, Jamillia McKinley, Andretta Porter Williams, Monica Rogers, Tahisa Colbert, Monica Rogers Murray, Jeneva Ruffin, Karen King, Leesa Branch, Chloe´ Bello, Thomasine Batiste, Dolores Cormier Zenon, Christele Strowder Niccola Ledet-McNair, Desiree Lemelle, Scheresia Russell, Keena Jean Louis, Natashia Washington, Joelle Nixon.
- The Committee’s recommendations were approved by majority vote during the Chapter February Business Meeting.
 - Consolidate Strengthen our Sisterhood Initiative with the Sisterly Relations Committee.
 - Soror Squad Reveal moved to March 2025.
 - Heart Sister Week moved to March 2025.
- The committee selected March 17-21 as Heart Sister Week.
- Soror Squads will be Interest Specific with 4-6 members in each group.
- Trailblazer Recognition
 - **Heart Sister Event Information**
 - A google survey and Event was emailed to the membership last week. Heart Sisters will be finalized after business meeting on March 15, 2025. Sorors will be notified of their Heart Sister on Sunday March 16, 2025, via email and phone call. Sorors will spend the week getting to know their Heart Sister with mutually agreed upon activities. The Heart Sisters will reveal to all sorors participating who they are and exchange a thoughtful gift (\$25) during the Heart Sister Soiree on Friday, March 21. All Heart Sisters will be revealed to the membership during the April Business Meeting.

- **Soror Squad Reveal**
 - The committee decided on interest specific Soror Squads.
 - Google Soror Squad surveys were made available to the chapter.
 - 91 sorors have submitted a response.
 - Sorors that have not submitted a response will be contacted via phone call and or text message to request submission of survey.
 - Soror Squad Reveal will occur during March Business Meeting
 - Surveys will be sent to Newly transferred and Reactivated Sorors monthly.
- **Trailblazer Recognition**
 - **Collaboration with Generation Next,**
 - All Chapter Trailblazers will be presented and celebrated during March Business Meeting utilizing the information collected from the Generation Next Survey as submitted by the membership for the Chapter social media Salutes.
- **March Birthdays**
 - 11- Joelle Nixon. 16- Gloria Angus. 17- Terry Fontenette

Submitted by:

Soror Monica Kincade

Chairman

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Strategic Planning Report



The Strategic Planning Committee met via Zoom on February 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Soror Elizabeth Reaux at 6:08 PM. Members present were: Sorors Cassandra Pillette, Thailund Porter-Green, Joelle Nelson, Jameka McKinley, Sylvia Fordice, and Elizabeth Reaux. The opening prayer was led by Soror Thailund Porter-Green.

The members present briefly discussed what is strategic planning and the most recent Strategic Planning report that was presented at the December meeting.

Soror Reaux asked the members present to envision the members of ECO venturing out on a road trip (Strategic Planning) with our GPS being our Constitution. We need to decide where we are going/destination (Goals).

Whatever mode of transportation we decide to use, we must make sure it's in good working order (Chapter's strengths and weaknesses).

Members discussed some of the Chapter's strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths:

- Members are multi-taskers in that they belong to other organizations where they serve in leadership roles, have jobs, and take care of family.
- Members are very knowledgeable
- Members are good at networking
- Members are very gifted and talented
- Members come from diverse occupational backgrounds
- There are members who are working hard behind the scene

Weaknesses:

- There are different camps (cliques) in the membership
- You will see the same people working
- New members are made to feel invisible

- Some members who came in through the Graduate chapter are made to feel less than those who came in through the undergraduate chapter

Suggestions:

- Increase activities for members
- Survey members outlining their gifts and talents
- Chairs invite members to assist on committees

The closing prayer was led by Soror Sylvia Fordice.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM

Points to Ponder

Authentic comes from a Greek word meaning "to author". Write your own story...don't copy someone else's!

-Rev. Lance Watson

Respectfully submitted.

Soror Elizabeth Reaux

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Technology Committee Report

Business Meeting Report - March 2025

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Meeting: 3/6/25
- Members attended: Karen King, Lisa Lazard, Chloeé Bello, Deborah Garrett, Blair Joseph, Kezne' Cook, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Breannie Charles, Dolores Zenon, Tynese Breaux, Cassandra Pillette, Chastity L. Wilson, and Jamillia McKinley.
- Summary of meeting
 - Updating the Chapter Website
 - Updating the directory
- 1. Sorors will be asked to send in a picture of themselves to be included on the photo directory.
 - Regional Conference booklet
 - 1. An email went out to the chapter on March 10, 2025, asking sorors interested in submitting individual award applications to submit their request by noon on March 11, 2025.
 - 2. A GroupMe was created for sorors who want to work on the chapter's award book. Anyone interested in assisting may contact the Technology Chair directly at haleywilson7829@gmail.com or 985-210-0869.
- Tech Request: The list below details the number of days required for the production of services requested. Sorors are asked to strictly adhere to the timeline for submission requests.

Chapter Zoom Link - 1 week

Chapter Text Message Reminder - 2 weeks

Social Media Post - 2 weeks

Promotional Flyers - 2 weeks

Digital Presentation - 2 weeks

Technology Equipment - 2 weeks

Submitted by:

Haley Wilson

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Diamond Celebration Ad Hoc Committee Business Meeting Report
15 March 2025

Budget(Total Ticket Sales): \$3370

Current Funds Available: \$ 607

Scholarship Funds Raised: \$ 1600+ Chapter Silver Sorors

\$ 325 Scholarship Link

\$297.52 Founders' Day Remaining Funds

Committee Meeting Updates:

- Date of Event
 - 08 March 2025 from 3-6pm at the UL Student Union Ballroom B
 - Attire was Pink, Green and Bling
 - 150 Guest Total was on the guest list
 - 9 Tickets were comped for speakers

- Highlights of Event
 - Mistress of Ceremony
 - Soror Lisa Lazard
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Soror Stephanie Finley spoke
 - The Matt Gary Jazz Trio f/ Vocalist Nebu Nezy performed
 - Announced Scholarship to benefit Undergraduate Sorors in Soror Melba's Name
 - Food was provided by Sodexo Catering

- Pending Committee Items- The receipts are still being reconciled and will be finalized and presented in the April Report

- Committee Recommendations- The committee was presented with a Diamond Celebration Commemorative Pin. There are 10 pins remaining, it is recommended that for a donation of \$50 or more to the Melba D. Braud Scholarship Fund the 1st 10 Sorors will receive a Commemorative Pin with 100% of donations going to the Scholarship Fund.

*The final budget and receipts will be reconciled and presented in the April Business Meeting Report.

DIAMOND CELEB		Diamond Celebration	
Categories	Details	\$ Estimated	\$ Actual
Expenses: Venue	Deposit		0
	Venue Rental	ULL (Epsilon Beta)	0
	Entertainment		300.00
	Decor		800.00
Expenses: Programs	Book & 1 Page		200.00
Expenses: MRD/Special		Honorarium(\$500)	500.00
Expenses: Comp Tickets	10 Guests		250.00
Expenses: Catering	Food	Sodexo (136 + 10 comp)	3874.10
TOTAL EXPENSES			2766.14
			5924.10
Income	ECO (60 x \$25)		1500.00
	EB (12 x \$14)		168.00
	Guests (178 x \$25)	(130@25.00)	4450.00
TOTAL INCOME			6118.00
NET PROFIT			193.9
			603.86

Submitted by: Christele Strowder

Committee Chairman



Generation NEXT Committee Chapter Business Meeting Report

March 15, 2025

- **Generation NEXT goal:**
 - Generation NEXT targets chapter sorors age 40 years and younger to involve younger graduate members by organizing events specifically for this age group, help sorors find commonality within their peer group, encourage chapter engagement, equip them with the knowledge to be effective and active members, and collaborate with standing committees to ensure their inclusion in chapter activities. Generation NEXT aims to foster leadership opportunities and contribute to the chapter's growth and sustainability. Its directives are created by the international Generation NEXT committee.
- **2025 Committee Budget and remaining:** \$500
- **Last committee meeting** held 02-17-25
 - Sorors in attendance: Kearia White, Breyone Carter, Christi Carmouche, Jamillia McKinley, Joelle Nixon, Gabrielle Chapman, Haley Wilson, Bria Lockett, Chloe Bello, Jasmine Fitzpatrick, Blair Joseph, Calvary Sampson, Tynese Breaux, Chaisley Theyard, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Kezne Cook (**Co-Chairman**), Breannie Charles (**chairman**),
- **Monthly directives** by the International Generation NEXT Committee (only January to June available)
 - **March: Women in Leadership-31 Day Challenge-Interactive calendar created by the international Generation NEXT committee**
 - Current and ongoing: Interactive 31-day calendar submitted by the International Generation NEXT committee
 - Consists of daily social media posts on chapter's social media accounts
 - Please react and share!
 - Please complete the google form emailed to the chapter if you would like to be featured for any of the days or may have pictures to submit for any of the days. **Access google form here:**
<https://forms.gle/ki5szLg9DZgFYmk77>

- Tentative: Attend as a group to the ULL Annual Women's Leadership conference to network and engage. Also, will support two Generation NEXT sorors: Soror Calvary Sampson, a conference committee member, Soror Kearia White will be a vendor, and Soror Brittany Cretchain is a session panelist.
 - **April: Leadership Development Workshop**
 - In progress: Partnering with the leadership development committee to create a workshop for Generation NEXT sorors and possibly include sister champions and members of Epsilon Beta
 - **May: Total Wellness Challenge**
 - Ideas pending
 - **June: Summer Kick-Off Social**
 - Ideas pending
 - **Directives for July to December** are not yet available.
- **Visual Committee Directory**
 - Generation NEXT photoshoot and individual headshots to be completed Saturday 03-15-25 after chapter meeting.
 - Shirts to be produced by chapter soror Breyone Carter, owner of Seaux Pretty Custom Creations, and pictures will be taken by Brandon Foster photography. Both are black owned businesses which continues to support our February directive of supporting black owned businesses.
- **Sister Champions:** Silver, Golden, Pearl, or Diamond chapter sorors who are interested will be paired with a Generation NEXT soror to share their knowledge and experiences to provide younger sorors with the tools needed to grow into leadership opportunities.
 - Information will be sent at a later date for interested sorors to sign up as sister champions
- **Connect with Epsilon Beta sorors**
 - Activities to be planned to help undergraduate sorors with their transition to graduate chapters.
- More information about Generation NEXT and the monthly directives may be found via the International Generation NEXT Instagram: @generationnext1908
- **Next committee meeting: 03-17-25 via Zoom.**

Sisterly submitted by:
Soror Breannie Charles
Generation NEXT Committee Chairman

**ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER OF
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SCRC TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
Little Rock, Arkansas
TRAVEL OPTIONS

OPTION #1

HOTARD	\$8,960.76	Wednesday, April 30 Depart Lafayette at 8:00am (from Target on Louisiana Ave.) Arrive Little Rock, AR 2:00pm Sunday, May 4 Depart Little Rock, AR at 9:00am Arrive Lafayette at 3:00pm (from Target on Louisiana Ave.)
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OPTION #2

HOTARD	\$7,808.20	Thursday, May 1 Depart Lafayette at 8:00am (from Target on Louisiana Ave.) Arrive Little Rock, AR 2:00pm Sunday, May 4 Depart Little Rock, AR at 9:00am Arrive Lafayette at 3:00pm (from Target on Louisiana Ave.)
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ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- Quote does not include hotel room or tip for the driver.
- We have requested driver, Candy Broussard (relative of Soror Tanya)
- Includes a discount for cash or check payment
- Bus can accommodate 56 passengers
- Available to joint venture with surrounding chapters
- Minimum of 45 passengers at \$200 pp for Option #1; 40 at \$195 for Option #2
- A \$250 deposit is required to hold the date with the full balance due 30 days before travel.
- PERKS OF BUS TRAVEL:
 - You don't have to drive!
 - Lots of leg room.
 - Private restroom.
 - No luggage restrictions or fees.
 - Fellowship and bonding time with sorors!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**Vote on April 2025 Meeting Date –
Proposed: April 12, 2025**

**Vote on 2nd Annual Prostate
Awareness in Partnership with Eta
Gamma Lambda, Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc. Proposed Date is
September 13, 2025**

Special Courtesy Request

**SISTERLY
MOMENTS**

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Executive Committee Meeting- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual via Zoom
- 2025 Habitat for Humanity - Women Build - April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Registered ECO participants only.
- Chapter Business Meeting - Saturday, April ____, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - SLCC- Lafayette Campus- Devalcourt Auditorium
- 93rd SCRC- Host: Arkansas Cluster, Little Rock, AR - April 30, 2025 - May 4, 2025
- AKA Day at the Capitol - Louisiana - Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Leadership Seminar 2025- Anaheim, California
- 94th SCRC- Host: Northeast Texas Cluster- 2026
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Boule 2026 - Las Vegas, Nevada
- 95th SCRC- Host: North Louisiana Cluster- 2027

ADJOURNMENT

HYMN/PLEDGE