



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Eta Chi Omega Chapter  
Lafayette, LA

Chapter Business Meeting Agenda  
Saturday, September 20, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

South Regional Lafayette Parish Public Library - Auditorium  
6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503

*“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  
  
Subcommittee Reports:  
Empower Our Families  
Uplift Our Local Community

Soror Tynese Breaux &  
Soror Lisa Lazard  
  
Soror Lisa Lazard  
Soror Andretta Porter-Williams

Budget/Finance  
Membership  
NPHC  
Sisterly Relations  
Standards  
Generation NEXT

Soror Desiree Lemelle  
Soror Cassandra Pillette  
Soror Elizabeth Reaux  
Soror Monica Kincade  
Soror Linda Broussard  
Soror Breannie Charles

## Unfinished Business

Uplift Our Local Community - Grant Application Submitted by Eta Chi Omega

## New Business

Ratification of Executive Committee Action taken August 27, 2025 - Re: Courtesy to Madame Regional Director Shawn E. Simmons in the amount of \$450.00 from Surplus to cover travel-related expenses.

Ratification of Executive Committee Action taken September 3, 2025 - Re: YLI budget not to exceed \$500.00 to be taken from the Empower Our Family budget to cover supplies for the YLI Orientation and Kickoff scheduled for September 13, 2025, and supplies for the activity scheduled for October 2025.

South Louisiana Cluster Retreat Service Project Donation - STEM NOLA  
Recommendation of Executive Committee: ECO donate \$500 at the Polished Pearl level to the South Louisiana Cluster Service Project to come from the CHIPP line item in the Empower Our Family budget.

South Louisiana Cluster Retreat - Undergraduate Sponsorship requested by Madame Regional Director

## Sisterly Moments

### Announcements

- Executive Committee Meeting- Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual via Zoom
- Chapter Business Meeting - Sunday, October 19, 2025 - 2:00 p.m. - Location: SLCC-Lafayette Campus Devalcourt Auditorium located at 320 Devalcourt Street in Lafayette, LA 70506
- Executive Committee Meeting - Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Virtual via Zoom
- Chapter Business Meeting - Saturday, November 15, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Location: SLCC-Lafayette Campus Devalcourt Auditorium located at 320 Devalcourt Street in Lafayette, LA 70506
- Executive Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - Virtual via Zoom
- 2025 South Louisiana Cluster - December 5-6, 2025, New Orleans, LA
- Chapter Business Meeting - Saturday, December 13, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - Progressive Community Center, Lafayette, LA
- 94<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2026 - Host: Northeast Louisiana Cluster, March 25-29, 2025, Shreveport, LA
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Boule 2026 - Las Vegas, Nevada, Dates: TBD
- 95<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2027 - Hosts: West Texas/New Mexico Clusters, Location/Dates: TBD
- 96<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2028 - Host: Southeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD
- 97<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2029 - Host: Northeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD

Adjournment/Time \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn/Pledge



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Eta Chi Omega Chapter  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Lafayette, LA

**Date: August 16, 2025**

**Regular Meeting Number: 06 of 10**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was held at the South Regional Lafayette Parish Public Library, 6101 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus.

**Adopt Agenda**

It was moved by Soror Lisa Lazard and properly seconded to adopt the August 2025 business meeting agenda as presented with flexibility; and with the addition of two items under “New Business” (a) the Pink Pizzazz Ticket Incentive and (b) Discussion on October 2025 Business Meeting Date Change.

All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Quorum** was established. (X) Yes () No

There were 64 sorors in attendance, including three (3) visiting sorors.

Tracey Biagas-Hill, Sandy Alexander, Gloria Angus, Thomasine Batiste, Chloe Bello Cynthia Bernard, Gail Bonhomme, Connie Y. Butler, Verna Calais, Thea Celestine, Gabrielle Chapman, Breannie Charles, Courtney Citizen, Tahisa Colbert, Danielle Cole Thomas, Francheska Cormier, Shirley Cormier, Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Yolanda Dauterive, Mickel Dunbar, Jasmine Fitzpatrick, Terry Fontnette, Anitra Ford-Scott, Suzanne Foster, Deborah Garrett, Kenya Goode, Andrea Harrison, Gwen Hollinger, Charlotte Hutton, Keena Jean Louis, Blair Joseph, Monique Joseph, LaQuata Kennison, Karen King, Lisa Lazard, Niccola Ledet-McNair, Desiree Lemelle, Bria Lockett, Marilyn Marshall, Jamillia McKinley, Joann Nixon, Joelle Nixon, Yolanda Notto, Sharon Pierre, Tricia Pierre, Cassandra Pillette, Elizabeth Reaux, Lakeshia Reed, Jeneva Ruffin, Scheresia Russell, Calvary Sampson, Dorothy Scott, Christele Strowder, Marvel Swain, Mary Elizabeth Thibeaux-Clay, Patricia Thompson, Alfreda Thompson-Jackson, Quinta Thompson-Credeur, Felicia Washington, Kearia White, and Chastity Wilson.

Visitors: Soror Kyla Thomas, Rho Chapter, 1999, Soror Aliko Leblanc, and Soror Jamiya Mitchell

**Meditation**, Soror Thailund Porter-Green, CHAPLAIN

Soror Chastity Wilson delivered the meditation.

**Minutes**, Soror Deborah Garrett, GRAMMATEUS

It was moved by Soror Garrett and properly seconded to accept the minutes from the May 2025 business meeting, as presented.

All were in favor in accepting the minutes with no corrections. The motion carried.

**Correspondence**, Soror Niccola Ledet-McNair, EPISTOLEUS,  
See report for details of correspondence received.

<b>OTHER OFFICERS' REPORTS</b>	
<b>BASILEUS</b> <b>Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill</b>	Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:  <u>ECO Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Congratulations to Standards Committee for a successful retreat</li><li>• Leadership Seminar in Anaheim, California, was filled with workshops, forums, and other activities that were applicable in the leadership and life journey of attendees. It was a time of rejuvenation and sisterly bonding that hopefully inspired all to further excel in their journey. Updates will be shared during the upcoming chapter retreat.</li><li>• ECO Process Changes: In an effort to reduce the amount of e-mails being sent out to the chapter, a change is being made to the e-mail/notification process. See report for details.</li></ul> <u>Regional News</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Louisiana Cluster in 2025 will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Date: December 5-6, 2025.</li><li>• The South Central Region requested all Basilei in the region to nominate a chapter representative to serve on the Inaugural Faye B. Bryant Leadership Development Institute – Graduate Chapter Cohort</li></ul>

	<p>by August 15, 2025. Eta Chi Omega’s nomination will be announced during New Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 94<sup>th</sup> SCRC will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana: March 25-29, 2026.</li> </ul> <p><u>Corporate News</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• College bus tours will not be approved.</li> <li>• Chapter strategic plans should be 2-, 3-, or 5-year plans.</li> <li>• Chapters should consider implementing a Risk Management Plan related to Membership Experience in addition to the chapter’s regular Risk Management Plan.</li> <li>• 2026 Boule Dates pending. Location: Las Vegas, Nevada</li> <li>• Chapters cannot fundraise. All fundraising activities are to be moved to the Foundation by December 31, 2025. All references to fundraising are to be removed from chapter documents. Additionally, if chapters have a fundraising committee as a standing committee, it is to be reclassified since fundraising by chapters is not permitted. Our classification as a 501 (c)(7) organization indicates that funds are derived from members of the organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Questions were posed about what will happen to the chapter’s fundraising account after December 2025. Response was that it could be reclassified as a community, program, or philanthropic account</li> <li>b) All changes to the existing fundraising account must be in place by January 2026</li> <li>c) Monies received from the Debutante activities will go to the Foundation</li> <li>d) More information will be provided about existing fundraising obligations</li> <li>e) Activities that only involve sorority members are not considered fundraisers. Only when funds are requested from the community or nonmembers is it considered fundraising activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> ANTI-BASILEUS Soror Tynese Breaux and</b></p>	<p>Attached report as printed. Report presented by Soror Lisa Lazard. Highlights included:</p>

<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> ANTI-BASILEUS, Soror Lisa Lazard</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aug 2025 Program of Works – Activities</li> <li>• Aug 2025 Program of Works – Action Items</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Committee chairmen were reminded to please not schedule a meeting on the Tuesday prior to the chapter business meeting.</p>
<p><b>TAMIOUCHOS Soror Desiree Lemelle</b></p>	<p>Report as posted on Members Only site. Summary included:</p> <p><b><u>Operating Account as of 31 May 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 36,475.07  Total Income: \$ 1,205.00  Total Expenses: \$ 8,142.91  Ending Balance: \$ 29,537.16</p> <p><b><u>Operating Account as of 30 June 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 29,357.16  Total Income: \$ 0.00  Total Expenses: \$ 1,722.64  Ending Balance: \$ 27,814.52</p> <p><b><u>Operating Account as of 31 July 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 27,814.52  Total Income: \$ 150.00  Total Expenses: \$ 0.00  Ending Balance: \$ 27,193.62</p> <p>+++++</p> <p><b><u>Fundraising Account as of 31 May 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 23,241.44  Total Income: \$ 78.75**  Total Expenses: \$ 0.00  Ending Balance: \$ 23,320.19</p> <p>**Voided check (no reissue)</p> <p><b><u>Fundraising Account as of 30 June 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 23,320.19  Total Income: \$ 2,602.64**  Total Expenses: \$ 0.00  Ending Balance: \$ 25,922.83</p> <p>**Reflects \$1,852.64 in accounts adjustments and \$750.00 from debutantes and tea girls</p> <p><b><u>Fundraising Account as of 31 July 2025</u></b>  Beginning Balance: \$ 25,922.83  Total Income: \$ 5,450.00  Total Expenses: \$ 1,154.25  Ending Balance: \$ 30,218.58</p>

<p><b>PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS</b>  <b>Soror Anitra Ford-Scott</b></p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:</p> <p>Total Funds Collected for <b>Operating Account</b>:  Month of May- \$1,205.00  Month of June- \$89.00 (<b>\$80 redeposit amount and \$9-NSF Fee</b>)  Month of July- \$150.00</p> <p>Total Funds Collected for <b>Fundraising Account</b>:  Month of May- \$0.00  Month of June- \$750.00  Month of July- \$5,450.00</p>
<p><b>GRADUATE ADVISOR</b>  <b>Soror Tanya Sias</b></p>	<p>Attached report as printed by Soror Sias and presented by Soror Danielle Cole Thomas. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please contact Soror Tanya Sias at 337-945-2008 if you are interested in mentoring one or two of the undergraduates, or use the following link <a href="https://forms.gle/DgjiM9fjsWGezPFA">https://forms.gle/DgjiM9fjsWGezPFA</a> to complete the EB Mentor Google Form</li> </ul> <p><u>Important Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 16-17, 2025 – The undergrads are volunteering at the Freshmen Move-In activity</li> <li>• August 25, 2025 – First day of class</li> <li>• September 20, 2025 – Standards Retreat</li> </ul>
<p><b>HISTORIAN</b>  <b>Soror Chloe Bello</b></p>	<p>NO REPORT</p>
<p><b>HODEGOS</b>  <b>Soror Monica Kincade</b></p>	<p>Attached report as printed and presented. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to praying for our members who received courtesies for bereavement and/or illness</li> <li>• Please include Soror Carlita Babineaux’s family in prayer for bereavement</li> </ul> <p><u>Introduction of Visiting Sorors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soror Aliko LeBlanc</li> <li>• Soror Jamiya Mitchell</li> <li>• Soror Kyla Thomas</li> </ul>
<p><b>IVY LEAF REPORTER</b>  <b>Soror Breannie Charles</b></p>	<p>NO REPORT</p>
<p><b>PARLIAMENTARIAN</b>  <b>Soror Chastity Wilson</b></p>	<p>NO REPORT</p>
<p><b>PHILACTER</b>  <b>Soror Suzanne Foster</b></p>	<p>NO REPORT</p>

**REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE, STANDING COMMITTEES AND  
AD HOC COMMITTEES**

<p><b>Disposition of committee report was:</b>  <b>A. Referred back to committee</b>  <b>B. Postponed</b></p>	<p><b>C. Placed on file</b>  <b>D. Adopted in part (explain)</b>  <b>E. Adopted in its entirety.</b>  <b>F. Referred to another committee (explain)</b></p>
<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>Soror Tynese Breaux</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Basileus</b></p> <p><b>Soror Lisa Lazard,</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus</b></p>	<p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No.          Report as printed and presented for acceptance by Soror Lisa Lazard. Highlights included:</p> <p><b><u>Upcoming Event</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026 Debutante and Tea Girl Workshop, Saturday, August 23, 2025 11:00am- 1:00pm, Lafayette Public Library Main Branch 301 W. Congress St. Lafayette, LA 70501.</li> <li>• ILFOA Pink Pizzazz, Sunday, August 31, 2025 11:00am-2:00pm, Doubletree by Hilton 1521 W. Pinhook Road, Lafayette, LA 70503</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Outstanding Reports</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diamond Celebration Honoring Soror Melba Braud- March 8, 2025</li> <li>• Heart Sister Week- March 17, 2025- March 21, 2025</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEES</b></p>	
	<p><b>EMPOWER OUR FAMILIES</b>, Soror Lisa Lazard, Subcommittee Chairman.</p> <p><u>YLI</u>: No Report</p> <p><u>SENIORS</u>: No Report</p> <p><u>MENTAL HEALTH</u>: No Report</p> <p><u>CHIPP</u>: No Report</p>
	<p><b>BUILD OUR ECONOMIC WEALTH</b>          No Report</p>
	<p><b>ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT</b>          No Report</p>
	<p><b>UPLIFT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY</b> Soror Andretta Porter Williams, Subcommittee Chairman.</p> <p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No</p>

	<p>Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included:</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the Committee to contribute up to and not to exceed \$250.00 toward the September 12, 2025 event, The State of Your Prostrate 2025, with funds coming from the imitative budget line item.</p> <p>All in favor. The recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the Committee that Eta Chi Omega and Lambda Beta Omega UOLC Committee’s collaborate on the Warm and Cozy Inner and Outer Wear Drive with Gifting Grace organization.</p> <p>All in favor. The recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the Committee that Eta Chi Omega join the Autism Society of Acadiana Walk on the Wild Side 2025 Walk, September 6, 2025 at Zoosiana, 5:30 pm-7:30pm.</p> <p>All in favor. The recommendation carried.</p>
<b>ARCHIVES</b>	NO REPORT
<b>AUDIT</b>	NO REPORT
<b>BUDGET and FINANCE</b>	NO REPORT
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>	NO REPORT
<b>CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS</b>	NO REPORT
<p><b>DEBUTANTE</b></p> <p><b>Soror Sharon Pierre, Chairman</b></p>	<p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes () No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included:</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter accepts the applications of the top ten tea girls based on the rubric score.</p> <p>Rationale: Due to a change from a buffet meal to a sit-down meal, logistics has changed. One table seat 30 individuals and with 10 tea girls and their parents, it would be easier to accommodate them.</p> <p>All in favor. The recommendation carried.</p>

	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter accepts the suggested attire for the debutante ball as different shades of green.</p> <p>Rationale: The committee wants to bring uniformity back and to make it easier to accommodate members who are interested in attending.</p> <p>All in favor. The recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter accepts the proposed cotillion budget for 2025-2026. (budget attached).</p> <p>Rationale: To use as a guideline in making decisions for activities and to keep track of income and expenses.</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried.</p>
<b>EAF</b>	NO REPORT
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	NO REPORT
<b>GRADUATE ADVISORY</b>	NO REPORT
<p><b>LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p><b>Soror Angela Trahan, Chairman</b></p>	<p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes ( ) No Report as printed by Soror Angela Trahan and presented for acceptance by Soror Lisa Lazard. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The virtual book talk on <i>The Woman Code</i> by Sophia Nelson was held on Saturday, August 2, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The session was led by Soror Tahisa Colbert</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><b>Soror Cassandra Pillette, Chairman</b></p>	<p>Disposition of Report <u>E</u> Report Attached (X) Yes ( ) No Report as printed and presented for acceptance. Highlights included:</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter approves combining the budget for the June and November Mentor/Mentee Event for a total of \$700 to host a November Mentor/Mentee progressive dinner on November 21, 2025.</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p>

	<p>It was recommended by the committee that the chapter approves the chapter member orientation workshops on Saturday, September 6, 2025, and Tuesday, September 9, 2025, pending MRD/Corporate approval. Location to be determined.</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter hosts the chapter information session on Thursday, September 18, 2025, pending MRD/Corporate approval. Location to be determined.</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter conduct chapter prospective candidate voting on Sunday, September 21, 2025, pending MRD/Corporate approval. Location to be determined,</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It was recommended by the committee that the chapter conduct ME sessions on October 24-26, October 31-November 2, and November 7-9, 2025, pending MRD/Corporate approval. Location to be determined.</p> <p>All in favor. Recommendation carried.</p>
<b>NPHC</b>	NO REPORT
<b>PROTOCOL</b>	NO REPORT
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	NO REPORT
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	NO REPORT
<b>RITUALS</b>	NO REPORT
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	NO REPORT
<b>SISTERLY RELATIONS</b>  <b>Soror Monica Kincade, Chairman</b>	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"> <li>• Birthday recognitions for July and August 2025</li> <li>• Soror Jasmine McConnell-Fitzpatrick birthday is July 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Soror Andrea Brew Harrison birthday is July 10<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>

<b>STANDARDS</b>	NO REPORT
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	NO REPORT
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	NO REPORT
<b>GENERATION NEXT AD HOC</b>	NO REPORT
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Financial Cards</b>	Soror Alfreda Jackson has the financial cards.
<b>Chapter Documents</b>	Soror Desiree Lemelle has copies of the latest versions of Manual of Standard Procedure and the Constitution and Bylaws for all members who did not sign and pick up their documents at the chapter retreat.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>December Business Meeting – Proposed Date Change to December 13, 2025</b>	<p>Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus</p> <p>During the August 2025 executive committee meeting, the members discussed a recommendation to change the December 2025 business meeting from December 20, 2025 to December 13, 2025. The recommendation was presented to the members during the business meeting for approval.</p> <p>It was moved by Soror Breannie Charles and properly seconded that the chapter change the date of the December business meeting from December 20, 2025 to December 13, 2025.</p> <p>No objections. All in favor. The motion passed.</p>
<b>Announcement of Eta Chi Omega’s Representative for Inaugural Faye B. Bryant Leadership Development Institute – Graduate Chapter Cohort</b>	<p>Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill, Basileus</p> <p>Soror Biagas-Hill emailed a google form to the chapter membership, asking members to recommend a member to serve on the Regional Leadership Institute Cohort.</p> <p>Soror Biagas-Hill announced that based on majority recommendations, Soror Angela Trahan will serve as the chapter’s representative.</p>
<b>Ivy Legacy Foundation of Acadiana (ILFoA), Inc. - Update</b>	<p>Soror Chastity Wilson, Vice-President, ILFoA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deadline for submitting fall grant applications is October 21, 2025</li> <li>• Please look for social media blasts</li> <li>• Partnership through Lafayette Parish School System with Northside High School students dealing with homelessness</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Foundation presented seven (7) \$50.00 gift cards to Northside High School students to help celebrate graduation</li> <li>• The Foundation is discussing a community celebration</li> <li>• Possible project is to collect and deliver feminine hygiene products, underwear, and other personal items for the students</li> <li>• Several committees are available for members' involvement. The list of committees can be found under Members Only on the Foundation site.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>So far only 39 sorors have bought Pink Pizzazz tickets. A total of 347 tickets have been sold to date. The attire for the occasion is casual chic in shades of pink.</p>
<b>Pink Pizzazz Incentive</b>	<p>Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill</p> <p>To assist with payment of the chapter financial obligation, a suggestion was made that the Foundation could credit \$25.00 per Pink Pizzazz ticket sold, up to two (2) tickets, towards the 2026 financial obligation, if approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Soror Breannie Charles and properly seconded that the Foundation allow a \$25.00 credit per Pink Pizzazz ticket sold up to two (2) tickets to be applied to the respective member's financial obligation.</p> <p>No objection. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>
<b>October 2025 Business Meeting Date Change</b>	<p>Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill</p> <p>The chapter business meeting scheduled for October 18, 2025 conflicts with the homecoming festivities at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The festivities include honoring our Pearl Soror Melba Braud. Therefore, it was suggested that the chapter consider changing the date of the October 2025 business meeting to allow members to support our Pearl Soror.</p> <p>It was moved by Soror Suzanne Foster and properly seconded that the chapter change the date of the October business meeting from October 18, 2025 to October 19, 2025. The meeting time would be 2:00 PM</p> <p>All in favor. Motion carried.</p>
<b>SISTERLY MOMENTS</b>	

Thanks were given to all members who are working on the Foundation activities; congratulations to members who have been selected to receive awards and other acknowledgments from various organizations; thanks to members for recommending nominations for local boards; thanks to everyone for supporting the NPHC activities; thanks for many expressions of care, love, and other outreach received (calls, texts, emails, plants); thanks for prayers and consolation during times of illness and bereavement; for members who are working together in local schools; and thanks for acknowledging the success of all students in schools and universities.

**Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonian 5:18**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Announcements From the Floor

- Pink Pizzazz tickets are on sale until August 17, 2025
- Please get your chapter documents from Soror Desiree Lemelle after meeting
- If you RSVP'd for retreat, please pick up your attendance gift from Soror Goode
- All members qualified to serve as sponsor/co-sponsor, please see Soror Cassandra Pillette to sign your forms

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Hymn/Pledge**

Sisterly Submitted,

Deborah Garrett  
Grammateus

Tracey Biagas-Hill  
Basileus



**September 2025**

**Correspondence Report**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®**

**Eta Chi Omega Chapter**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
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Patricia Frank-Senegal Anysia Senegal- Wallace	2026 Dues-45.00
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. South Central Region	Thank you Card- Madam Regional Director-Dr. Shawn E. Simmons

**With Sisterhood in Mind,**

**Soror Nicola Ledet-McNair**

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# **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**  
**Eta Chi Omega Chapter**  
**Basileus Report**  
**Business Meeting**  
**September 20, 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.
  
- ♣ **ECO PROCESS CHANGES:** In an effort to reduce the amount of e-mails being sent out to the chapter, a change is being made to the e-mail/notification process.
  - The Zoom links for meetings will now be placed on the calendar in the Members Only section of the chapter's website.
  - If you are a committee chairman/co-chairman and need to announce an upcoming meeting, please provide all details of the meeting, including the Zoom link to the Anti Basilei with a copy to the Basileus no later than the Friday before the meeting date.
  - Any other members wishing to notify the chapter of upcoming events, announcements, etc. are to email the Anti Basilei with a copy to the Basileus no later than the weekend before they wish to have the announcement made.
  - A general e-mail with upcoming events and updates will be sent by the Basileus at the beginning of each week with the details. Members will also be encouraged to check the calendar in the Members Only section of the website on a regular basis.

***\*\*A follow-up evaluation will be made at a later date to determine the efficacy of the process. Changes will be made as needed.\*\****
  
- ♣ A list of all e-mail addresses and/or Google Groups utilized by the chapter is being compiled and once completed it will be accessible in the Members Only section of the chapter's website.
  
- ♣ ECO has received approval from MRD and corporate to move forward with the Membership Experience. Remember: Only Sorors who attended one of the Chapter Orientation Workshops are allowed to attend the activities during ME. Sorors who have not attended one of the workshops may still attend the final ceremony and luncheon. Additional details regarding same will be shared by the Membership Committee Chairman, Cassandra Pillette, once available.
  
- ♣ 2025-2026 ECO Officers are reminded to submit your photo for the chapter's website. Attire is black with a strand of pearls. Photos may be emailed to: [ecophotodirectory@googlegroups.com](mailto:ecophotodirectory@googlegroups.com).

- ✦ Website Updates are ongoing. We are in the process of removing all registered logos and shields from our website and social media accounts. Stay tuned for more information.
- ✦ Please continue to log your Black Dollar spending to track the money Eta Chi Omega is investing in Black and women-owned businesses.

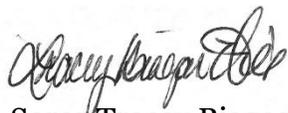
### **Regional News**

- ✦ South Louisiana Cluster in 2025 will be held December 5-6, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. If you plan to attend, please register as soon as possible. Once registration is full, there will not be any additional spaces added.
- ✦ 94th SCRC will be held March 25-29, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

### **Corporate News**

- ✦ NEW BRANDING GUIDELINES update from Leadership regarding Public Flyer/Events: ALL flyers that are public facing must be submitted for approval. Allow four to six weeks for approval. Requests for approval are to be emailed by the Basileus only.
  - Other items addressed: Use of presenters' images on flyers, venue names, etc.
  - Flyers prepared for events being held/sponsored by the Foundation do not require corporate approval. However, collaborations between the Foundation and the chapter will require corporate approval and will need a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) submitted.
  - Additional guidance provided for flyers. Always keep in mind management of risk.
- ✦ Chapters **CANNOT FUNDRAISE**. All fundraising activities are to be moved to the Foundation by December 31, 2025. All references to fundraising are to be removed from chapter documents. Additionally, if chapters have a fundraising committee as a standing committee, it is to be reclassified since fundraising by chapters is not permitted. Our classification as a 501 (c)(7) organization indicates that funds are derived from members of the organization.
- ✦ Chapters should consider implementing a Risk Management Plan related to Membership Experience in addition to the chapter's regular Risk Management Plan.
- ✦ Ongoing updates are being made to the Fonteva system. Corporate is aware of the current issues with the Fonteva system.
- ✦ 2026 Boule Dates pending. Location: Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sisterly Submitted,



Soror Tracey Biagas-Hill

2025-2026 Basileus



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

**Reminders:**

- *Review the ECO calendar when scheduling/planning your committee meetings. Text or email committee meeting dates to Anti-Basileus for calendaring. The Anti-Basileus will do the best to avoid conflicts. No committee meetings will be scheduled on Tuesday before the Chapter Business Meeting. Please allow at least a one-week notice of the meeting date and time to the chapter.*
- *There will be a 15-minute interval between committee meetings that are scheduled for the same day to allow a smooth transition between meetings.*
- *The Anti-Basileus sisterly request that if using the Chapter's Zoom link for committee meetings, do NOT record the meeting. The Chapter's Zoom account has limited storage space.*

**Corporate/ Regional News: See Basileus Report**

**September 2025 Program of Work – Activities**

- ECO Fall Fundraiser
- CHIPP Distribution
- YLI Pre-Launch
- Reactivation Event
- Build Our Economic Wealth Event
- Advocate for Social Justice Event- Voter Education
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prostate Awareness Event in Partnership with Eta Gamma Lambda

**August 2025 Program of Work – Action Items**

- Finance and Budget Discussion- Preparation of Budget
- Verification of Enrollment Status of Earline Pipkin Scholarship Recipient
- Continue 2026 Debutante Activities
- Continue Planning for Pink Fest
- Constitutional/Bylaw Changes
- Continue Selling Ads for the 2026 Debutante Cotillion Souvenir Booklet
- Submit 2026 Debutante Budget
- Begin Planning for Founders' Day 2026
- Begin Planning for NPHC Christmas Toy Drive
- Begin Planning 2026 Program of Work
- Begin Planning for Advocate for Social Justice- Voter Education Event
- Begin Planning for Habitat for Humanity Event

- Evaluation (Standards): Evaluation (Standards): Fall Fundraiser, YLI Activity, Reactivation Event, Build our Economic Wealth, Prostate Awareness Event

Submitted by Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Eta Chi Omega Chapter  
Tamiouchos Executive Committee Meeting Report  
September 2025

**FINANCIAL REPORTS POSTED ON “FOR MEMBERS ONLY” SITE.**

**Tamiouchos Updates:**

Corporate office provides the chapter with the tax liability amount each year. The 2024 federal tax liability is \$2,295 and the state tax liability is \$383 totaling \$2,678. Both federal and state liability taxes must be submitted to corporate by 12/31/2025. This amount has been paid from the surplus in the Fundraising account in prior years.

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  
 September 20, 2025

*Active Members: 141*

*Quorum: 47*

- Total Funds Collected for Operating Account: Month of August \$890.00

**Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 8/31/2025**

<b>2026 Dues</b>	\$600.00
<b>EAF</b>	
<b>Transfer Fees</b>	
<b>Reactivaton Fees</b>	\$290.00
<b>Total</b>	\$890.00

Total Funds Collected for Fundraising Account: Month of August \$2850.00

**Summary of Funds received by Activity as of: 8/31/2025**

<b>Debutante and Tea Girl Deposits</b>	\$2,850.00
<b>2025 Fundraising Obligation</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,850.00

- 2 New Sorors have been approved for Reactivation and 1 Soror Approved to Transfer into ECO:
  - Soror Kyla B. Thomas-Reactivation
  - Soror Louella Riggs-Cook-Reactivation
  - Soror Jamiya Mitchell-Transfer from Epsilon Beta
- No Sorors have transferred out of ECO
- 2025 Dues:
  - NonLife: \$385
  - Life: \$260
  - Golden/Pearl: \$155
  - Golden/Pearl/Life: \$30
  - Reactivation: \$405, after June 1, 2025-\$290

Sisterly Submitted,  
 Soror Anitra Ford-Scott

Pecunious Grammateus: Financial Report: 2025      Active members—139 Quorum - 46  
 Silver Stars-- 68      Golden Sorors --9      Pearl--0      Diamond--1      LM-- Life Members--36

	Soror's Name	DUES 2025 Dues Paid to Corporate	Bus Payment for Regionals	Donation for Alaya Christian	Melba Braud Scholarship	Diamond Celebration	Women Build Registration	2025 Fundraising Carryover	2026 Carryover/Dues
1	Alexander, Sandy	\$385	\$224.50		\$25	\$25.00			-
2	Alston, Janis      LM	\$260		\$25	\$25	\$25.00			0
3	Angus, Gloria	\$385					\$43.34	75.00	\$25
4	Arceneaux, Shawn Denise	\$385					\$43.34		
5	Babineaux, Carlita      LM	\$260		\$40	\$25	\$25.00		50.00	-
6	Baskerville, Quintella	\$385						46.71	\$0
7	Batiste, Thomasine	385							
8	Bello, Chloe'e	\$385				\$150.49	\$43.34		21
9	Bernard, Cynthia      LM	\$260	\$224.50		\$25				\$0
10	Bernard, Nicole	\$385						105.00	
11	Bernard, Philomena	\$385			\$25	\$25.00			0
12	Biagas-Hill, Tracey	\$385	\$224.50	\$50	\$50	\$25.13	\$43.34		\$250
13	Branch, Leesa	\$385				\$25.13	\$43.34		
14	Braud, Melba      (D)      LM	\$30						92.50	0
15	Breaux, Tynese	\$385	\$224.50	\$40		\$25.00	\$43.34		
16	Broussard, Carole      LM	\$260		\$50					145
17	Broussard, Linda	\$385		\$60	\$100				
18	Broussard, Nelda      LM	\$260							
19	Brown, Carmela Nadine      LM	\$385			\$25			90.00	0
20	Butler, Connie Y.      (G)      LM	\$30		\$50				180.00	0
21	Bynog-Barnes, Jamilla	\$385	\$225.00		\$25				
22	Cain, Myrtle      (G)	\$155				\$25.00			
23	Calais, Verna	\$385	\$224.50		\$25			50.00	
24	Carmouche, Christi	\$385							0
25	Carter, Breyone	\$385							
26	Celestine, Toni Brown      LM	\$260							\$40
27	Chapman, Gabrielle	\$385				\$25.00	\$43.34		
28	Charles, Breannie	\$385	\$224.50			\$25.00	\$43.34		0
29	Citizen, Courtney	\$385							\$15
30	Claiborne, Danielle	\$385						80.00	0
31	Clay, Brandi	\$385							0
32	Cobb, Mary Russell	\$385							\$5
33	Colbert, Tahisa      LM	\$260	\$225.00		\$100	\$25.00			\$0
34	Cole-Thomas, Danielle	\$385						105.00	
35	Comeaux-Bienvenu, Patsy (G)	\$155				\$25.00			
36	Cook, Kezne	\$385							

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37	Corley, Alecia	\$385			\$25			0	
38	Cormier, Francheska	\$385					65.00	\$0	
39	Cormier, Shirley LM	\$260		\$20	\$25	\$25.00			
40	Cormier-Zenon, Dolores LM	\$260	\$224.50			\$25.25	\$43.34	130.00	\$260
41	Craven, Chastity	\$385				\$50.00			\$25
42	Cretchain, Brittany	\$385							0
43	Dauterive, Kimberly Smith	\$385							0
44	Dauterive, Yolanda LM	\$260		\$10		\$25.00		140.00	0
45	Dauterive, Yolandra	\$385					\$43.34	105.00	
46	Drake, Mary Alice (G)	\$155							0
47	Duhon, Cindy LM	\$260		\$25	\$25	\$25.13			0
48	Duhon, Donna	\$385							
49	Dugas, Brenda	\$385	\$224.50	\$5		\$25.00		46.71	\$0
50	Dunbar, Mickel	\$385							
51	Finley, Stephanie LM	\$260			\$250				0
52	Fontenette, Terry	\$385			\$25				
53	Ford-Scott, Anitra	\$385	\$224.50	\$40		\$25.00		105.00	\$200
54	Fordice, Sylvia (G) LM	\$30				\$100.97			0
55	Foster, Suzanne	\$385					\$43.34	15.00	
56	Frank-Senegal, Patricia LM	\$260			\$25			80.00	250
57	Garrett, Deborah LM	\$260	\$225.00	\$40	\$25	\$25.00	\$43.34	65.00	\$0
58	Goodie, Kenya	\$385		\$20			\$43.34		
59	Harrison, Sonja Rachelle LM	\$260			\$65				125
60	Hollinger, Gwen LM	\$260			\$25				0
61	Hollinger, Noa	\$135							
62	Houston, Alonda	\$385				\$25.24		15.00	0
63	Hutton, Charlotte LM	260		\$50				80.00	
64	Jackson, Alfreda Thompson	\$385					\$43.34		\$225
65	Jackson, April	\$385							0
66	Jackson, Dwan	\$385							\$200
67	Jean-Louis, Keena LM	\$385	\$224.50	\$20	\$25			105.00	\$21
68	Jones, Reshelle LM	\$260							
69	Joseph, Blair	\$385		\$10					
70	Joseph, Monique	\$385		\$10	\$25	\$25.13			
71	Kennison, LaQuata	\$385			\$25	\$25.00		25.00	0

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72	King, Karen <b>LM</b>	\$260	\$224.50	\$50	\$50	\$25.00			
73	Kincade, Monica S.	\$385	\$224.50	\$200		\$152.20	\$43.34	15.00	\$25
74	Lazard, Lisa Anderson	\$385	\$224.50	\$25	\$25	\$25.00	\$43.34		
75	Ledet, Crystal	\$385						105.00	0
76	Ledet-McNair, Niccola	\$385				\$25.00			\$160
77	Lemelle, Desiree	\$385							
78	Lewis, Angela	\$385							0
79	Marshall, Marilyn <b>LM</b>	\$260		\$50	\$75	\$25.00	\$43.34		
80	Martin, Mathilda (G)	\$155							5
81	McKinley, Jameka	\$385	\$224.50				\$43.34		50
82	McKinley, Jamillia	\$385				\$25.00	\$43.34		
83	McZeal, Anastasia <b>LM</b>	\$260			\$25			65.00	\$0
84	Moore, Leslie	\$385							0
85	Mouton, Patricia <b>LM</b>	\$260						180.00	\$0
86	Murray, Monica Rogers	\$385			\$25	\$25.13			0
87	Narcisse, Yvonne	\$385		\$25	\$25	\$50.49			
88	Nixon, JoAnn (G) <b>LM</b>	\$30		\$15		\$100.00		37.50	\$92
89	Nixon, Joelle	\$385		\$15					
90	Pierre, Sharron <b>LM</b>	\$260		\$100	\$25	\$25.00		105.00	
91	Pierre, Tricia	\$385				\$25.00			0
92	Pillette, Cassandra <b>LM</b>	\$260	\$224.50	\$20	\$25	\$25.00	\$43.34	142.50	\$0
93	Porter-Green, Thailund	\$385			\$35	\$25.13	\$43.34		
94	Prince-Wilson, Jennifer	\$385				\$25.00			
95	Reaux, Elizabeth Broussard <b>LM</b>	\$260			\$25	\$25.00		65.00	2
96	Reed, LaKeshia	\$385				\$25.00			25
97	Register Gena <b>LM</b>	\$385		\$23.79	\$25				
98	Ruffin, Jeneva <b>LM</b>	\$260		\$20	\$35	\$25.13		80.00	\$0
99	Sampson, Calvary Rumley	\$385						45.00	\$0
100	Russell, Scheresia	\$385			\$30	\$25.00			0
101	Scott, Dorothy C.	\$385			\$100	\$25.00		185.00	\$215
102	Senegal-Wallace, Anysia "Nikki"	\$385						80.00	\$350
103	Sias, Tanya	\$385	\$224.50	\$5	\$25	\$50.00			
104	Simon, Pamela	\$385			\$40	\$25.00		11.25	12
105	Singleton, Theresa <b>LM</b>	\$260			\$50				
106	Stowder, Christele	\$385	\$224.50		\$100	\$329.88			

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107	Swain, Marvel <b>LM</b>	\$260				\$25.13			
108	Syrie, Evelyn <b>(G)</b>	\$155				\$25.00	62.50	145	
109	Taylor, Chantel Martin	\$385							
110	Terry, Carmen	\$385							
111	Theyard, Chaisley	\$385							
112	Thibeaux-Clay, Mary Elizabeth	\$385			\$25	\$25.00	85.00		
113	Thompson, Patricia Green	\$385							
114	Thompson-Credeur, Quinta Lennet	\$385		\$20		\$25.00	\$43.34	11.25	
115	Trahan, Angela	385	\$224.50						
116	Washington, Felicia	\$385				\$25.13	\$43.34		\$15
117	Washington, Natasha	\$385				\$25.00		101.25	50
118	White, Kearia McCants	\$385				\$25.13	\$43.34	105.00	100
119	Williams, Andretta Porter	\$385		\$50	\$100	\$25.00	\$43.34	105.00	
120	Wilson Chastity	\$385	\$224.50			\$25.00			215
121	Wilson, Haley	\$385						37.50	
122	Wilson, Rodricka 'Rock'	\$385							
123	Wiltz, Sharron <b>(G)    LM</b>	\$30	\$225.00			\$25.00		62.50	10
124	Young, Gloria	\$385							101
125	McConnell-Fitzpatrick, Jasmine (T) 2025	\$385							
126	Olivier, Latricia (T) 2025	\$385			\$25	\$25.00			
127	Mitchell, Kristy '(R) 2025	\$405							
128	Sias, Payton (T) 2025	\$135		\$5					
129	Kincade, Monica Maire Gale (T) 2025	\$135				\$25.25		75	250
130	Celestine, Thea '(R) 2025	\$405				\$25.00			
131	Lockett, Bria '(R) 2025	\$405							
132	Notto, Yolanda '(R) 2025	\$405			\$25				
133	Mouton, Gladys "CoCo" '(R) 2025	\$405	\$224.50						
134	Jones, Kaya '(R) 2025	\$405							
135	King, Peyton '(R) 2025	\$405							
136	Harrison, Andrea B. (T) 2025	\$240							
137	Sims, Ariana R. '(R) 2025	\$405							
138	Bonhomme, Gail '(R) 2025	\$605							50
139	Thomas, Kyla B. '(R) 2025	\$290							
140	Mitchell Jamiya (T) 2025								
141	Riggs-Cook, Louella '(R) 2025	\$290							

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Graduate Advisor Report  
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September 2025

- The Epsilon Beta members welcomed students back to school with a Poppi Drink give away on August 25<sup>th</sup>. They also helped with Freshmen Move-In on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Mentor/Mentee pairings have been emailed. Please make contact with your mentee. If you have difficulty contacting your mentee, please let me know.
- 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

- September 7, 2025 – CHIPP packing with ECO
- September 11, 2025 – Meet the Greeks
- September 20, 2025 – EB Standards Retreat – 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sisterly Submitted,  
*Soror Tanya Sias*  
Graduate Advisor

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Eta Chi Omega Chapter  
Hodegos  
Business Meeting Report  
September 2025

**Hodgeos Report**

Budget: Operations: \$1000

Current Funds Available: \$800

Please keep the following Sorors lifted in prayer.

**Bereavement**

- Soror Chastity Craven on the loss of her cousin, Ms. Ashley Victoria Craven.
- Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard on the loss of her baby brother, Mr. Laterrria “TJ” Williams, Jr.

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

Please feel free to contact the Hodegos at (337) 534-2962 via Text or telephone with any courtesy requests.

Submitted by:

Soror Monica Smith Kincade

Hodegos

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.® - ETA CHI OMEGA CHAPTER  
Program Report  
September 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.*
- ★ *Complete a tech request for QR sign-ins for committee/initiative events.*

**Upcoming Events**

- ★ *Walk on the Wild Side for Autism, Saturday, September 6, 2025, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Zoosiana 5601 Hwy 90 E. Broussard, LA 70518*
- ★ *YLI Kick-off/Orientation, Saturday, September 13, 2025, 9:15am-11:30am, Breaux Bridge Public Library, 205 N. Main St. Breaux Bridge, LA 70517*
- ★ *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prostate Awareness Event, Saturday, September 13, 2025 10:00am-1:00pm, Brown Park 1234 E. Pont Des Mouton Rd. Lafayette, LA 70507*
- ★ *Debutante/Tea Girl Workshop, Saturday, September 27, 2025, 11:00am-1:00pm, Lafayette Public Library Main Branch, 301 W. Congress St. Lafayette, LA 70501*
- ★ *September Reactivation Social, Saturday, September 27, 2025, 7:00pm, 1620 Jenkins Rd., Duson, LA 70529*

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

- ★ *Diamond Celebration Honoring Soror Melba Braud- March 8, 2025, 3pm-6pm*

- ★ Heart Sister Week- March 17, 2025- March 21, 2025
- ★ YLI Kick-Off/Orientation- September 13, 2025

## **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 (Connections)  
Uplift Our Local Community***

### **Committee Chairmen**

- ★ Empower our Families- Soror Lisa Lazard, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- ★ Connections (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.**

- ★ **The Third Quarter Initiative report will be due at the beginning of October to our Regional International Program Committee Chair.**
- ★ **The Program Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6pm. All Sorors are invited and initiative and committee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend as we will continue working on our 2026 Program of Work to be presented to the chapter for voting.**

Submitted by: Soror Tynese Breaux and Soror Lisa Lazard

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**  
**Eta Chi Omega Chapter**  
**Our Empowering Our Families Committee Report**  
**September 2025**

**Sub Committees:**

**Our Seniors:**

No Report

**Mental Health:**

No Report

**Youth Leadership Institute (YLI):**

**Budget \$3500**

**Remaining \$3,008.76**

**YLI Kick off and orientation was held** Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Breaux Bridge Public Library. 3 new and 2 returning participants attended.

Several were unable to attend due to cheer camp, practice etc. Please help us to recruit more.

**Recommendations -**

Budget to not exceed \$250 for refreshments and supplies for the September kick off/orientation and October workshop for Module 1.

Next Workshop at Breaux Bridge Library on October 4, 2025, at 9:15am.

## CHIPPTM (Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack):

EOF Budget/\$5450

Remaining/\$5200

Budget/\$20,000

Remaining/\$12,150.23

- Committee meeting held 08-26-25 via Zoom. The following sorors were in attendance:
  - Breannie Charles, Lisa Lazard, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Tynese Breaux, Tahisa Colbert, Joelle Nixon, Shirley Cormier, Jameka McKinely, Chastity Wilson
- **Partner school:** Westside Elementary, Duson LA
- **CHIPPTM Enrollment:** 100 students. Chapter voted to increase enrollment to 100 students from 60 students.
- **CHIPPTM 2025 Budget:**
  - Last CHIPPTM purchase: Sam's Club, 09-06-25 for \$2,455.74
- **CHIPP Distribution**
  - Last distribution date for 2024-2025 school year was 05-22-25 (last day of school)
  - Number of bags delivered as of today:
    - **Total bags delivered for 2025: 1,182**
    - **Total bags delivered for 2024-2025 school year: 1,976 bags**
    - **Total bags delivered overall since first delivery in Nov 2023: 3,152**
  - First distribution for 2025-2026 school year will be on 09-18-25
    - 100 bags to be delivered
- **Current CHIPP bags in storage**
  - 0 bags
- **Recommended CHIPP Packing Event Dates (all dates and rooms are confirmed and booked by Epsilon Beta)**
  - **Sunday September 7, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm at ULL Evangeline Room:** pack 400 bags to last until delivery date of Friday October 3, 2025-**COMPLETED**
  - **Sunday October 5, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm at ULL Ballroom B:** pack 400 bags to last until delivery date of Friday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> including an extra bag to be given on Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> to cover fall break on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>
  - **Sunday October 26, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm at ULL Ballroom B:** pack 500 bags to cover delivery until Friday November 21, 2025 to include one additional bag for Thanksgiving break that starts Monday November 24, 2025
  - **Sunday November 30, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm at ULL Ballroom B:** pack 500 bags to cover delivery until Friday December 19, 2025 to include two additional bags for Christmas break that starts Monday December 22, 2025 to Friday January 2, 2026
- **Projected expenses for the remainder of the 2025 school year:**
  - ~\$11,500 (based on ~\$2500.00 in expenses per 400 bags and ~\$3125.00 per 500 bags)

- Remaining balance of ~ \$3,105 that can be used for food item purchases in December 2025 for January 2026 deliveries
- **CHIPPT™ Supplies** (funding from ECO Empowering Our Families budget)
  - **Pink moving dollies**
    - **49.99 on Amazon**



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**Committee Recommendations :**

- Recommend purchasing additional CHIPP packing and storage supplies for a budget not to exceed \$250.00 to include at least 2 more moving dollies and 8 to 10 storage containers to be taken from the ECO Empower Our Families CHIPP budget
- Recommend to have CHIPP packing dates on the suggested dates of 09-07-25, 10-05-25, 10-26-25, and 11-30-25, at ULL in collaboration with Epsilon Beta from 3 to 6 pm.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Lisa Anderson Lazard, Chairman

Sub Committee Chairs:

Soror Breannie Charles - CHIPP™

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

Uplift Our Local Community Chapter Business Meeting Report

September 2025

Budget: Fundraising: \$2,700      Current Funds Available: \$1740

Committee Meeting Updates: **August 20, 2025, September 4, 2025**

- **Date of Meeting- August 20, 2025**

Members Attended- Andretta Porter-Williams, Kenya Goodie Lisa Lazard, Tracey Biagas Hill, Kyla Thomas Chloe Bello, Joelle Nixon, Gladys Mouton, Tahisa Colbert, Christele Strowder, Yolanda Notto, Cassandra Pillette, Tynese Breaux, Chastity Wilson

- Summary of meeting- The committee voted to participate in Walk on the Wild Side to be held at Zoosiana on Sept. 6, 2025. 5:30 -7:30 pm. The registration fee is \$25 to be paid by each participant. Suggestions were requested for a team name. The following names were proposed:

1. Soaring Ivy Sisters for Awareness
2. Sisters Uplifting the Spectrum
3. Pink and Green Sisters for Every Mind
4. Pearls for a Purpose: Autism Awareness
5. AKA for Autism Awareness
6. The AUsome Pink Bunch
7. Sisterhood Spectrum Support
8. Sorors in Stride

A poll will be taken to select the winning name. Soror Chloe Bello will make a flyer to be included in Madam Basileus' weekly chapter email. The Prostate Awareness Event with Alpha Phi Alpha will be held at Brown Park on Sept. 13, 2025. The UOLC and Advocate for Social Justice Committee will collaborate to provide Voter Registration and Education information table. A Budget of \$250 was approved and for healthy snacks will be provided. A Sickle Cell Awareness Walk/Run hosted by 100 Black Me of Greater Lafayette will begin at 8:30 am and the Health Fair begins at 10:00am. Pink F.E.S.T. may look differently due to new Corporate guidelines and regulations, the committee will have to revisit and possibly push the date back. Also, suggestions were regarding

changing the location to a school. Possibly J W Faulk School, where the kids who participated in Pink F.E.S.T. last year and live in the Holy Family Apartments attend school. Second Anti-Basileus has a relationship with the school and will make contact with the administration to discuss change of location. The *Warm and Cozy Inner and Outer Wear Drive* with LBO for Gifting Grace, collection will commence at the September Chapter Business Meeting. The committee will collect new or gently used: Coats, Jackets, and Sweaters.

- **Date of Meeting- September 4,2025**

- **Pink F.E.S.T. Subcommittee**

Members Attended-Andretta Porter-Williams, Kenya Goodie, Tracey Biagas Hill, Tynese Breaux, Breannie Charles, Tahisa Colbert, Kristy Mitchell, Yolanda Notto, Cassandra Pillette, Kyla Thomas, Chastity Wilson. Summary of meeting- The purpose of the meeting was to begin planning Pink F.E.S.T. 2025. Madam Basileus noted due to new Corporate Directives the event will look different from last and may have to be pushed back. Members recommended that the table set up from last year be repeated., all except the petting zoo. Soror Kyla Thomas recommended inclusion of Schoolhouse Safari, a hands –on educational demonstration of exotic animals. She will contact the business regarding programs offered and pricing. Identification of a location is still pending, awaiting update from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus after she speaks with J.W. Faulk Elementary School.

- Summary of Events:

- **Walk on the Wild**

Pearls with a Purpose for Autism met at Zoosiana on Saturday, September 6th dressed in Pink AKA T-shirts, Jeans, accessorized with a string of pearls. Team Flamingo was able to walk, laugh, connect, and make a difference. The flamboyance raised \$650 to support local programs for autistic individuals and their families. The following Sorors were present: Tracey Biagas Hill. Andretta Porter- Williams, Kenya Goodie, Breannie Charles, Tahisa Colbert, JoAnn Nixon, Yolanda Notto, Chastity Wilson.

- **Prostate Awareness Event**

The Prostate Awareness Event with Alpha Phi Alpha was held on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at Graham Brown Memorial Park. Voter Registration, Voter Education and information table. Sorors assisted with registering voters, verifying current voter status, provided brochures, pamphlets, and healthy snacks for both organizations. Sorors present: Kenya Goodie, Carlita Babineaux, Toni Brown Celestine, Chloe Bello, Breannie Charles, Joelle Nixon, Jameka McKinley, Marvel Swain, Kyla Thomas.

- Pending Committee Items-

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pink F.E.S.T.    October 2025    Location TBA**

**Warm and Cozy Inner and Outer Wear Drive w/ Gifting Grace  
Collection   -   September- December 2025       Chapter Business  
Mtg.**

- Committee Recommendations- None

Submitted by:

Soror Andretta Porter-Williams and Soror Kenya Goodie.

Committee Chair and Co Committee Chair



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**

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**Budget and Finance Committee Business Meeting Report**

**September 2025**

Budget: Fundraising: \$0      Current Funds Available: \$0

**Committee Meeting Updates:**

- Date of Meeting: 08/26/2025
- **Members Attended**  
Lisa Lazard, Tynese Breaux, Deborah Garrett, Tracey Biagas-Hill, Desiree Lemelle, Gabrielle Chapman, Anastasia McZeal, Tahisa Colbert, Jameka McKinley, Joelle Nixon, Alfreda Thompson Jackson, Jamillia McKinley
- **Summary of meeting**

*Points of Information*

Check #1576 in the amount of \$150 dated 11/08/2024 for Constance Carter was written by mistake. Funds have been removed as an outstanding check and was credited back to the fundraising bank account.

**Recommendations:**

**Action Item #1: Excess amount from Diamond Celebration Ad Hoc Line Item**

**Rationale:** The Diamond Celebration budget included \$250 for 10 complimentary tickets. This expense was not actually paid from the chapter's bank account. Therefore, it is an excess amount that was left over in the Diamond Celebration Ad Hoc Line item.

**Recommendation:** Move the \$250 excess amount from the Diamond Celebration Ad

Hoc Line Item to the Melba Braud Scholarship Fund Line Item.

**Action Item #2: Check Received From Debutante was Returned for Non-Sufficient Funds**

**Rationale:** Akeelah Lebrun’s debutante deposit payment was returned NSF. This debutante can no longer participate in the program, and a check will not be rewritten. The bank assessed a \$9 fee associated with the returned check.

**Recommendation:** Reduced the Debutante line item by \$9 to cover NSF fee in the fundraising bank account.

**Action Item #3 Delegate Not Requesting Reimbursement**

**Rationale:** A soror who was a delegate notified the Tamiouchos in writing that she will not be requesting reimbursement for South Central Regional Conference registration.

**Recommendation:** Move \$250 from the Delegate to Regional Conference Budget line item to the Contingency line item.

**Action Item #4: Reallocating the 2025 Budget**

**Rationale:** Sorors who reactivated and transferred into the Eta Chi Omega Chapter paid a total of \$1,457.50 towards chapter dues and the chapter foundation. These funds should be used for chapter operations in 2025.

**Recommendation:** Move \$1,447.50 from 2025 Dues for Reactivations and Transfers line items to the Contingency line item. The remaining \$10 is for a reactivated soror whose chapter foundation dues have not been submitted yet.

	<u>Current Balance</u>
Reactivations	\$565.00
Transfers	\$892.50
Contingency	\$136.40

**Financial Procedures – Courtesies**

Per the chapter’s Financial Procedures Part 8, Section A: The chapter will pay the following amounts for Soror courtesies. The Hodegos must be notified if a courtesy needs to be extended to a Soror.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Death</b>	
Soror (Pink & Green Spray)	\$150
Spouse (Plant)	\$50
Child (Plant)	\$50
Parents (Plant)	\$50
Sibling (Card)	\$5
<b>Other</b>	
Birth of a Baby (Gift)	\$50
Marriage (Gift)	\$50
Soror Leaving the Area (Card)	\$5
Outpatient medical procedure (Card)	\$5
Hospitalized (Plant/Flowers)	\$50
Outgoing Basileus Gift	\$100
Incoming Basileus Gavel	\$100
Retirement (Gift Certificate)	\$25

**Action Item #5: Include an Alternative to Plants or Flowers and Increase Courtesy Amount**

**Rationale:** Courtesies were extended to sorors who had death in their families; however, the current amount for a plant/flower courtesy listed in the financial procedures is not enough to cover extra fees associated with that courtesy. Also, some may want a gift card instead of a plant/flower to cover any other expenses.

**Recommendation:** Include a gift card as an alternative option to plants or flowers. The gift card and plant/flower courtesy will not exceed \$60.

**Update On Other Forms of Payment for the Chapter:**

Currently the chapter has the following forms of payment:

- Cash
- Money Order
- Cashier's Check
- Personal Check
- Paypal

Zelle is maybe forthcoming in the future, but it will not be the only form of electronic payment that sorors can use. The financial officers and Madam Basileus have discussed using square as another form of payment for the chapter; however, it was concluded that square would not be beneficial for the chapter to use at this time.

- Square Pros:
  - Better interface for users and easier to navigate
  - Easier for financial team to add items and collect additional information
  - More forms of payment are accepted
- Square Cons:

- Reports downloaded from system are difficult to read and would cause a burden for financial team
- Minimal difference in fee amount between PayPal and Square
  - Paypal = 3.49% + \$0.49; Square = 3.30% + \$0.30
- New system for members to learn may not be worth the effort at this time
  - Wait for Zelle, which has NO FEES and would have a greater benefit and impact. Tentatively available summer 2026

### **2026 Forthcoming Budget**

Committee Chairman can start sending in their desired 2026 budget amounts. Please email the Tamiouchos/Anti-Tamiouchos with these amounts. Emails can be sent to desireeL.1908@gmail.com and gabbycc1998@gmail.com

If you are going to be a silver star in 2026, please email the Tamiouchos/Anti-Tamiouchos so that you can be accounted for in the 2026 budget.

If sorors have any graduating seniors in 2026, please email the Tamiouchos/Anti-Tamiouchos so that they can be accounted for the book stipend in 2026.

### **Officer/Committee Chairman Budget Template Showcase**

Committee chairmen requested a budget template during the workshop this summer.

### **Vouchers**

Please submit vouchers to the voucher email ([ecovouchers@googlegroups.com](mailto:ecovouchers@googlegroups.com)) for expenditures within thirty (30) days of expense so that the Tamiouchos/Anti-Tamiouchos can issue/mail checks in a timely manner. The voucher form can be found on the chapter's website under reimbursement voucher.

Sisterly Submitted,

*Desiree M. Lemelle*

*Gabrielle C. Chapman*

Desiree M. Lemelle, Chairman  
 Gabrielle C. Chapman, Co-Chairman



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Eta Chi Omega Chapter

Membership Committee Chapter Business Meeting Report

September 2025

Budget: Operating- Membership Committee: \$1,500 Current Funds Available: \$1,150

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

Committee Progress:

**1. REACTIVATION**

- The chapter's reactivation goal is 10 Sorors, as a medium chapter. Thank you for all your efforts, we have exceeded our goal!!! Let's level up and shoot for reactivating 25 in 2025!!!
  - **Digital Welcome Kit** – The 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 includes accessing chapter email, expected communication, and how to join committees. with a budget not to exceed \$100. Planning is in process and should be ready no later than the August Chapter Business Meeting
- **Welcome Call**- The Membership Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman have completed the 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 following the March Chapter Business Meeting. (Completed)

- **New Soror Spotlight** – The Committee is planning to work with our Technology committee on a google form to collect data and consent to spotlight reactivating/transfer Sorors on our chapter social media accounts. (In Progress)
- **Reserved Seating** – The Committee rolled out 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 starting in February. The reserved seating would be available through May 2025. The feedback has been positive. (Completed)
- **New Member Orientation** – This orientation is included in the Plan of Work (POW) for April.
  - The chapter approved the recommended event date of April 26, 2025, with a budget not to exceed \$100.00. Planning is in process and will be shared with the membership soon. (Completed)
- **September Reactivation Social Media Campaign from MRD**  
Hello Sorors,

Hope you had a great summer! Membership is off to the races with a Reactivation Social Media Campaign. Read below for more from our International Membership Committee.

Below are the weekly captions that will be posted on the AKA social media platforms during Reactivation Month, starting today, Wednesday, August 27, 2025. Please share chapter members and your chapter's membership committee so they can be equipped to implement the reactivation campaign during September. Also, ask them to please share reactivation photos using our region's hashtag. Reactivation is being tracked by region, and SCR wants to win bragging rights!

Region Hashtag: #ReactivateSCR

Weekly Post Captions

\* Week 1 (intro): “Get ready, Sisters — September is Reactivation Month! Let’s reclaim our inactive sisters. Follow the pink road and try these best practices as a chapter or individually. Don’t forget to share your photos using your region’s hashtag. Which region will lead in reactivation?”

\* Week 2: “Postcards still brighten days. Send one to an inactive sister, or

plan a post carding day with your chapter. Share your photos with your region's hashtag."

\* Week 3: "Follow up with a phone call — invite a sister to your next meeting or program. Share your photos with your region's hashtag."

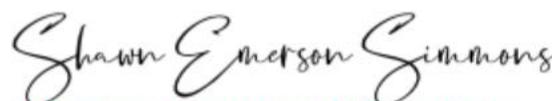
\* Week 4: "Busy schedule? Send a quick text to remind an inactive sister about reactivating. Share your photos with your region's hashtag."

\* Week 5: "Add a personal touch with an email. Answer questions, extend an invite, and encourage reactivation. Share your photos with your region's hashtag."

Lastly, [download from this highlighted link](#): the infographic with best practices (Week 1), two postcard versions (professional print and online/fillable for Week 2), and the sample scripts for the activities for Weeks 3-5.

Note that the Revised Reactivation Toolkit, sample scripts, and 2 postcard versions are also uploaded on the AKA1908 website under Resources/Forms & Documents/International Committee Forms/Membership Committee.

Sisterly,

  
**Shawn Emerson Simmons**  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
South Central Regional Director

- **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 Chapter approved the recommended theme of “Pink” easy Murder Mystery for the September Reactivation Social to be held on September 27, 2025, 1620 Jenkins Road Duson, LA 70509 at 7:00 p.m., Attire: 1920’s or Paraphernalia. This event includes a meal and chapter members would have roles as characters and

facilitate the solving of the mystery. The budget will not exceed \$350.

- Thank you to Soror Chloe Bello and the Generation NEXT Committee for answering the call to serve and SOAR, Soror Chloe is serving as this subcommittee's chairman. Please RSVP via the Google Form attached to Madam Basileus's weekly email, you do not want to miss this fun and sisterly event! (Planning is in progress with the Generation NEXT Committee).

## 2. RETENTION

- a. **Thank You Emails** – Thank You Emails to continuing/renewing chapter members for their continued commitment to ECO are in process.
- b. **Missed Business Meeting Communication** – 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 have been rolled following the March 2025 chapter business meeting with astonishingly positive feedback. (Ongoing)
- c. **Mentor/Mentee Program** – The Mentor/mentee interest survey is being circulated, preliminary mentor/mentee pairings have been made, and the pairs have been notified. This is ongoing, so please complete the survey if you are interested in serving as Mentor or if you would like to be paired with a Mentor. Goal is to reveal updated Mentor/Mentee pairings at the August Chapter Business Meeting (Ongoing)
- d. **Summer Mentor/Mentee Event** - This event is included in the Plan of Work for June.
  - i. The Chapter approved the recommended theme of a Progressive Dinner for the June Mentor/Mentee Event to be held on June 7, 2025, location TBD. This event would include a meal progressing in stages (drinks/appetizers; main course; dessert/coffee) with transportation between homes with a budget to not exceed \$400. (Postponed)
- e. **Fall Mentor/Mentee Event** - This event is included in the Plan of Work for November.
  - i. The Committee agreed to combining the budget of the June Mentor/Mentee Event with the November Mentor/Mentee

Event for a total of \$700 to host a Progressive Dinner on Friday, November 21, 2025.

### 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. Committee is planning to host the Fall Signing Day at the Fall Joint ECO/EB Committee Meeting.
  
- b. **Membership Experience (ME)** –
  - i. The Chapter voted in favor of conducting ME in 2025.
  - ii. Madame Basileus and Soror Pillette, as Membership Chairman, are certified through 2026.
  - iii. The Grammateus is preparing a 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 the preliminary list shared at the May 2025 Business Meeting; an updated list will be shared at the August 2025 Business Meeting
  - iv. Once that list is received, we will proceed with the collection of verifications of conference attendance and committee involvement.
  - v. The sponsor and co-sponsor requirements as outlined in the Membership Experience Manual, along with the adopted change made at the last Boule are as follows:
    1. Four consecutive years (48 months) of active membership in Eta Chi Omega prior to being a sponsor or co-sponsor.
    2. Attended at least 70% (7 out of 10) chapter meetings in each 12-month period, for the past 24 consecutive months prior to the soror certification date.
    3. Attended at least one (1) of the following events: Boule, Leadership Seminar, or Regional Conference over the past two calendar years.
    4. Attended at least two (2) of the following events: Cluster conference, Regional Leadership Meeting/Chapter Retreat/Chapter Training, Undergraduate Round-up over the past two calendar years.

5. Participated in Sorority/chapter activities by attending at least three (3) of the following activities, each year, for the past two (2) calendar years:
  - a. Committee work
  - b. Founders' Day Programs
  - c. Connection and Social Justice Events/Legislative Days
  - d. Program attendance
  - e. Fundraisers
- vi. Timeline for ME
  1. Chapter: First, electronically submit ME Request to the SCR Membership email and THEN once reviewed submit to the portal and STOP (STOP requires MRD Approval to proceed)
  2. MRD/Corporate: Regional Director notifies Chapter to proceed with ME and conduct Orientation Workshop
  3. Chapter conducts Orientation Workshop, Chapter conducts Information Session, reviews documents and votes on Candidates.
  4. MRD/Corporate: Chapter submits Information Session Sign in to MRD and Tally Sheet from vote.
  5. Chapter: Mail completed packet for review by Corporate office RECEIVED before ME timeline/window and STOP
  6. Corporate office sends either approval of candidates or necessary corrections to the region.
  7. MRD/Corporate: Chapter is notified of any corrections by the ME Liaisons to complete corrections within 24 hours and STOP.
  8. Chapter: Once final approval is received, Chapter will receive official notification from MRD and may proceed with ME
  9. Chapter: Submit ME initiation fees, order materials and begin ME Weekends
  10. Chapter: Send Candidate Commitment Statement and ME Not Completed Report upon completion of Final Commitment Ceremony
- vii. The regional membership liaisons will begin reviewing ME requests starting **August 17, 2025**. The Corporate Office will accept paperwork for Graduate ME: **August 24-October 15**. (Completed)
- viii. The required documents to submit to the regional team on August 17, 2025, and the responsible Sorors include:

1. ME Health Check Form- MB and ME chairman
2. Request for Authorization to Conduct Graduate ME- MB and ME chairman.
3. Proof of ME Certification- MB and ME Chairman
4. ME Budget- MB, ME Chairman, ME Co-chairman
5. Schedule of ME activities- MB, ME Chairman, ME Co-chairman

(Completed)

ix. **Chapter Orientation Workshop** -The following Sorors **MUST** attend the ME Chapter Orientation Workshop:

1. Any Soror who plans to Sponsor/Co-sponsor a candidate.
2. Any active graduate chapter members who plan to participate in the ME
3. All ME workshop presenters
4. Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Grammateus, Tamiouchus, Pecunious Grammateus, and Epistoleus

**Chapter Member Orientation Workshop Dates – approved by MRD (Sorors only need to attend one, attire is business casual)**

**Saturday- September 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Lafayette Renaissance Charter High School Cafeteria- 306 Acadian Hills Lane Lafayette, LA 70507 (Completed)**

**Tuesday- September 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Lafayette Renaissance Charter High School Cafeteria- 306 Acadian Hills Lane Lafayette, LA 70507 (Completed)**

x. **Chapter Information Session** -The following Sorors **MUST** attend the ME Chapter Information Session:

1. All prospective candidates, including legacy candidates.
2. All sponsors and co-sponsors
3. Basileus, Membership Chairman, and Grammateus

**xi. Chapter Information Session Date:**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Lafayette  
Renaissance Charter High School Cafeteria- 306  
Acadian Hills Lane Lafayette, LA 70507**

**xii. Chapter Voting Date:**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 2:00 pm at Lafayette  
Renaissance Charter High School Cafeteria- 306  
Acadian Hills Lane Lafayette, LA 70507**

**xiii. ME Sessions** -Conducted for nine (9) days over three (3) weekends, Friday to Sunday. At least two of three (sponsor and one of the two (2) co-sponsors OR the two co-sponsors will participate in every ME activity.

**xiv. ME Sessions Dates:**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time (see ME schedule of events for details) at Lafayette  
Renaissance Charter High School- 306 Acadian Hills Lane  
Lafayette, LA 70507**

4. Committee Recommendations:  
None

Submitted by:

Soror Cassandra Pillette

2025-2026 Membership Committee Chairman

**National Pan-Hellenic Council  
Lafayette Chapter  
September 4, 2025 Minutes**



The Lafayette Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council met on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 1010 Auburn Street and via Zoom.

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

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:03 P.M.

The opening prayer was led by Kappa Alpha Psi.

Special guests were Keler Mitchell and Chris Arceneaux who spoke on behalf of the upcoming Tees fore Keys Golf Tournament supporting Lafayette Habitat for Humanity on November 8, 2025, at 8am - 2pm. Both were asking for NPHC support for the event. Information for the event will be sent to the president to share with members.

Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$5,611.30

All NPHC members are in good standings. Dues are due and can be paid at the next meeting.

It was moved by Kappa Alpha Psi and seconded by Sigma Gamma Rho that the Treasurer's report be accepted and be placed on file. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Old Business

- Special shout out to all members of NPHC for another successful 2025 Scholarship Program that was held in May.
- Delta Sigma Theta received a disbursement for \$100.00 for Full Page Ad for Inaugural Honorees.
- NPHC forms were late. Special thanks to Casey Henry and Tremaine Rossyion for completing the paperwork.

Items discussed and actions acted upon were:

- The members decided to sponsor a 2026 Super Bowl and Bayou Classic Football Pool. Pool sheets will be available at the December meeting for the Super Bowl. Bayou Classic Pool sheets will be available in October for members.
- The NPHC-LAFAYETTE CHAPTER gift wrapping social will be held in December.

We are waiting to hear back from Chris Williams to confirm a date.

- The NPHC-LAFAYETTE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at the Clifton Chenier Center. Building and date is secured. Alpha Phi Alpha will be in charge of the program.
- Don't forget to start collecting toys for the NPHC-LAFAYETTE CHAPTER'S annual toy drive.
- Please send Madame President your updated contact information
- We need to decide on which Mode of Communication we will use so we can all be included in NPHC group chat.
- Progressive Baptist Church College Sunday Featuring the Divine 9 Choir is on Sunday, September 14th @ 9am.
- NPHC will table the po-boy sale until next year.
- The members decided to give \$200 for the 13th Annual Holiday Care Package Love Thy Neighbor on Sunday, December 7, 2025
- Kappa Alpha Psi Theta Nu will be celebrating 50 years during UL Homecoming.
- Delta Sigma Theta presents "The Inaugural Delta Honors" on Sat. Sept. 20th @ 6:30 pm Progressive Community Outreach Center. Honoring 6 Distinguished Men from the community. Tickets are \$65
- Omega Psi Phi will be hosting their Founders' Ball on 11/15/25 at the Cade Community Center. Tickets are \$50. Eventbrite
- Santa Arrival in December TBA
- Daddy/ Daughter Dance TBA
- Alpha Phi Alpha will have a collegiate line. They will be hosting "The State of Your Prostate! Prostate Cancer Awareness along with Alpha Kappa Alpha on Saturday, Sept. 13th from 10am - 1pm at 1234 East Pont de Mouton Road
- Congratulations to Dr. Erica L Williams, PhD in Public Policy Management and Leadership from Walden University.
- Happy Birthday to all members celebrating a birthday in May, June, July, August, and September!!!
- Next meeting October 2, 2025

It was moved by Delta Sigma Theta and seconded by Alpha Phi Alpha that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

Closing Prayer: Omega Psi Phi

Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Sam

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Eta Chi Omega Chapter  
Sisterly Relations/Strengthen Our Sisterhood Committee Report  
Business Meeting Report  
September 2025

**Sisterly Relations/ Strengthen our Sisterhood Report**

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

The Sisterly Relations Committee met on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 7:15 pm. The following Sorors attended: Tynese Breaux, Cassandra Pillette, Chastity Wilson, Shirley Cormier, Christele Strowder, Anitra Ford Scott, and Joelle Nixon-Nelson.

The committee planned the following activities utilizing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Soaring in Sisterhood Sisterly Relations Resource Guide :

September Theme: ECO Game Day Glow

A Sisterhood Pep Rally.

**September Birthdays**

3- ANASTASIA MCZEAL
4- PATRICIA FRANK- SENEGAL MONICA KINCADE
5- YOLANDA DAUTERIVE PAMELA SIMON
8- MARILYN MARSHALL
27 – JAMEKA MCKINLEY

Submitted by

Monica Smith Kincade

Sisterly Relations Chairman



**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**  
**Eta Chi Omega Chapter**  
**Standards Committee Business Meeting Report**  
**September 20, 2025**

Budget: Chapter Retreat - \$1,875  
Committee Updates:

Current Funds Available: \$82.85

- The chapter retreat was held Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Rock'n'Bowl in Lafayette, LA.
- 83 Sorors registered and 66 were in attendance.
- See attached Standards Retreat Survey Results
- A huge THANK YOU for the Sorors who graciously stepped up to chair one of the subcommittees. It's because of you and all participating Sorors that made this year's chapter retreat a success.
- Next committee meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 7:00pm.
- Committee Recommendations  
✚ None

Submitted by:

Soror Linda Broussard  
Committee Chairman

Soror LaQuata Kennison  
Committee Co-Chairman

**NOTE: STANDARDS EVALUATION ATTACHED AS PDF FILE**

# 2025 Standards Retreat Evaluation

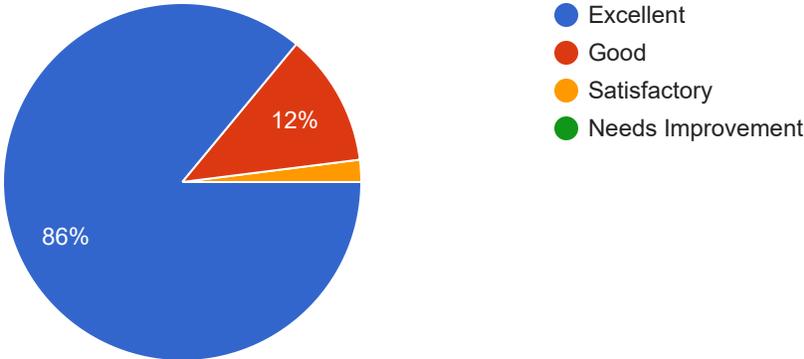
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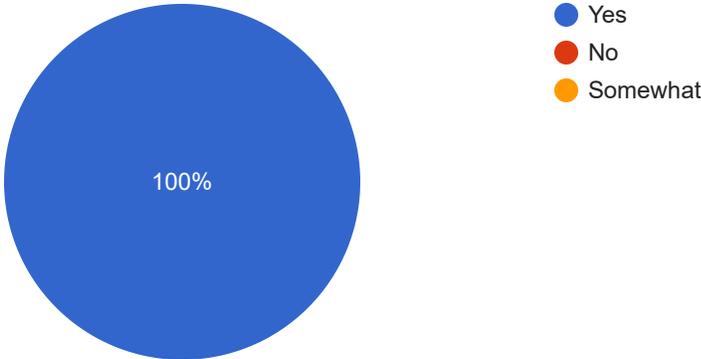
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## Was the Retreat informative?

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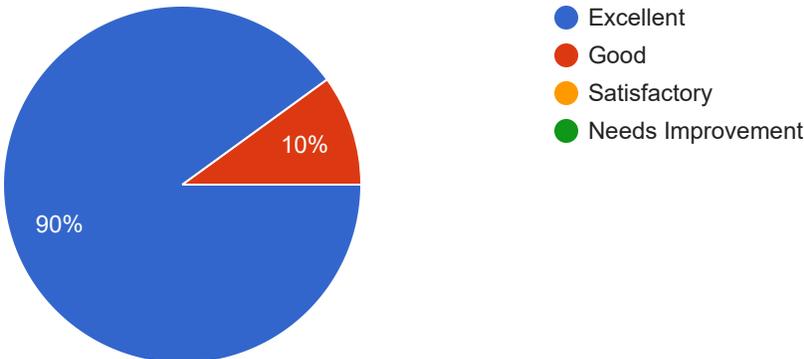
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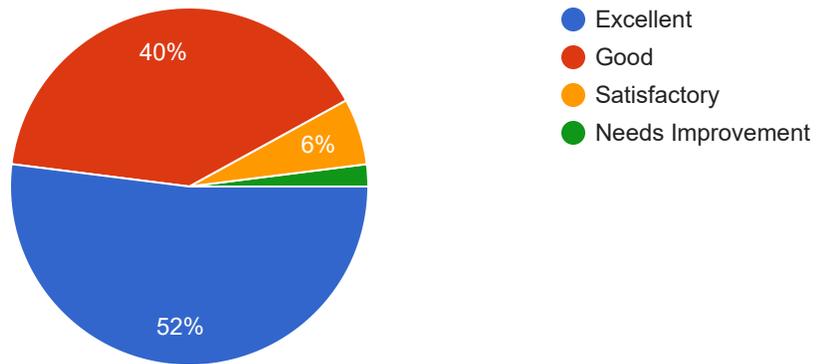
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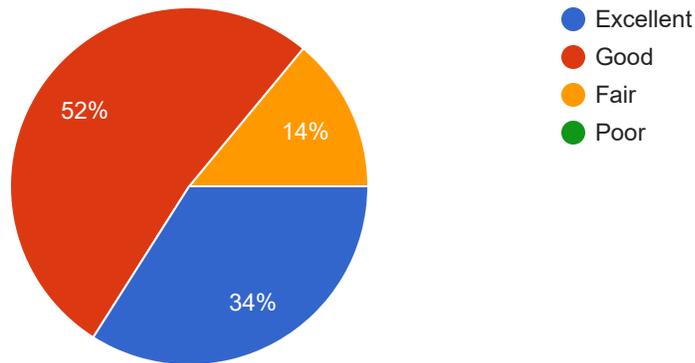
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### How would you rate the food and refreshments?

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## What was your biggest takeaway or favorite part of the Retreat?

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Strategic planning

The updates and committee/ events information.

My biggest takeaway was the updates from corporate.

Sister Squad Planning

Connecting with my sister squad.

New policies and procedures and MEETING MY SQUAD FACE TO FACE!! This was great

The Entire event

Collaborating with Soror Squads throughout the day on all interactive activities

Table

Engagement Activities

The updates

Interactive with Intention

Activities

Very informative

I really loved everything. The spirit and sisterhood was abundant!!!!

All the information shared was informative. It gave me a better understanding of ECO.

The opportunities to work together with sorors sitting at the same table.

Idea sharing

Sister Squad, planning and Collaborating

State of the Foundation



The information gained

Updates

Sisterly relations game

The new procedures and protocol for public facing events

It was nice to be able to present suggestions to the standards committee to revise change or delete. I also enjoyed sitting with my Soror Squad and participating in the sisterly relations game.

New information from Leadership

Environment, activities, squad activity

Information from leadership

Working with my squad

Working with our Soror Squad was fun!! And that we were able to make suggestions to the Standards Committee.

All information was grand 🥰

Sitting in groups according to our Soror Squads to force us to set a date and plan an activity.

Meeting Sister Squads

Great integration of strategic planning and Soror Squad introduction and engagement

Soror Squad

Engaging with sorors and getting more information how to operate going forward through the rest of 2025

Unity

Team building

We need to work in sync with one vision for our chapter.

Getting to know Soror squads



The activities

Soror Squad Activity

There is always a need for Sorors to contribute in many ways. Great leadership!!!

The interactive portions were awesome.

Soror Cindy presentation

Loved interacting with Sorors and wonderful ideas they shared

Being grouped by Soror Squad

The sisterly engagement and being with my Soror Squad.

I loved Soror Cindy's presentation. Very informative.

Squad bonding and steps in planning events

The changes from leadership.



## Do you have any comments or suggestions for the Standards Committee?

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None

N/A

No

Na

Everything was great but the lighting for "Senior" eyes wasn't user friendly.

Not necessarily for the standards committee but be mindful of treating all sorors equally and be careful with getting information accurately.

Maybe a more lit (lighting ) place

Not now

Keep setting the standard in soaring!

Consider better lighted room

Great job

Excellent event and agenda

Excellent Job!

I really enjoyed the retreat!

Amazing Retreat!

Well done

Decrease amount of time per session

n/a

Stay committed

I can't wait to attend a meeting



Well...Well done 🍷

I rated the venue low because of the lighting, but I understand that there may have been limitations due to time constraints. But the retreat was Excellent!

Excellent activities... loved collaborative planning ideas for Debutante Tea; steps for chairing a committee... etc.

Please publish survey results

NA

Increase budget for next year to allow more options for venue and food.

Thank You

Keep up the good work

Great event!

Not really. Perhaps virtual attendance for any who wish to participate but can't if that is at all possible? Great job!

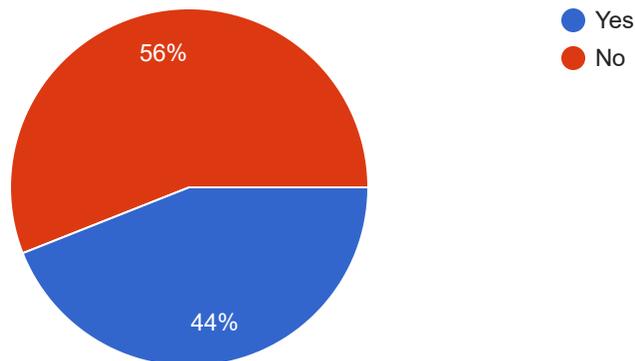
Signage was needed when entering the building.  
Decoration and activities were excellent!!

Keep up the good work!

Did you serve on the Standards Committee and/or attend a Retreat planning meeting?

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# Google Forms







## Generation NEXT Committee Chapter Business Meeting Report September 2025

September 20, 2025

- Budget: \$650
  - Confirmed with Tamiochous that starting budget was \$750 and not \$500. As of now only \$100 has been used from the budget.
    - There are outstanding vouchers that still need to be submitted for reimbursement
- Last committee meeting held 09-02-25 via Zoom. Attendees included Sorors Breannie Charles, Kezne Cook, Jasmine Fitzpatrick, Mickel Dunbar, Jamillia Mckinley, Blair Joseph, Chaisley Theyard, Ariana Sims, Haley Wilson, Calvary Sampson, Gabrielle, Chapman, Chloe Bello, Blair Joseph and Desiree Lemelle
- **June Directive: Summer Social**
  - Completed on 06-20-25
  - Held at The Yard Studios. Donation of venue and photobooth from Cameron Theyard.
  - Sorors in attendance included members of the ECO Generation NEXT committee and Generation sorors from the graduate chapters from Baldwin, LA, Franklin, LA, and Opelousas, LA.
- **September Directive: Reclamation Activity**
  - Will partner with the membership committee for the murder mystery reactivation/reclamation schedule on 09-27-25. Generation NEXT sorors will volunteer as the murder mystery actors
- **October Directive: Parliamentarian Procedure**
  - Will work with chapter parliamentarian and protocol committee chair and co-chair to plan a workshop to go over parliamentarian procedure and sorority protocol
    - Will incorporate interactive games and door prizes
    - Committee voted on a budget not to exceed \$150 for food and prizes
    - Tentative venue: Scott Library-large room
    - Tentative date: 10-11-25
    - Tentative time: 10 am to 12 noon
- **November Directive: GenNEXT Community Service Drive**
  - Suggestions include the following:
    - Partnering with ILFoA, Uplift Our Local Community and Empowering Our Families committee to participate in the Catholic Charities of Acadiana Homeless to Housewarmed project
      - Learn more about the project here:  
<https://catholiccharitiesacadiana.org/homeless-to-housewarmed>

- Blessing bag project: provide bags with hygiene items to individuals living with homelessness
- **December Directive: Vision Board Party-Leadership Goals for the Future**
  - Planning in progress.
  - Tentative dates are 12-13-25, 12-14-25, 12-20-25, or 12-21-25

Sisterly Submitted by Soror Breannie Charles  
Generation NEXT Chairman

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- ❖ **Uplift Our Local Community – Grant Application Submitted by Eta Chi Omega**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ **Ratification of Executive Committee Action taken August 27, 2025 – Re: Courtesy to Madame Regional Director Shawn E. Simmons in the amount of \$450.00 from Surplus to cover travel-related expenses.**
- ❖ **Ratification of Executive Committee Action taken September 3, 2025 – Re: YLI budget not to exceed \$500.00 to be taken from the Empower Our Family budget to cover supplies for the YLI Orientation and Kickoff scheduled for September 13, 2025, and supplies for the activity scheduled for October 2025.**
- ❖ **South Louisiana Cluster Retreat Service Project Donation – STEM NOLA**

# **NEW BUSINESS,** continued

- ❖ **Recommendation of Executive Committee: ECO donate \$500 at the Polished Pearl level to the South Louisiana Cluster Service Project to come from the CHIPP line item in the Empower Our Family budget.**
- ❖ **South Louisiana Cluster Retreat – Undergraduate Sponsorship requested by Madame Regional Director**

## **SISTERLY MOMENTS**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ **Executive Committee Meeting- Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**  
– Virtual via Zoom
- ★ **Chapter Business Meeting – Sunday, October 19, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. –**  
**Location: SLCC- Lafayette Campus Devalcourt Auditorium located at**  
**320 Devalcourt Street in Lafayette, LA 70506**
- ★ **Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 5, 2025 –**  
**Virtual via Zoom**
- ★ **Chapter Business Meeting – Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**  
– **Location: SLCC-Lafayette Campus Devalcourt Auditorium located at**  
**320 Devalcourt Street in Lafayette, LA 70506**
- ★ **Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – 6:00**  
**p.m. – Virtual via Zoom**
- ★ **2025 South Louisiana Cluster – December 5-6, 2025, New Orleans, LA**
- ★ **Chapter Business Meeting – Saturday, December 13, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**  
– **Progressive Community Center, Lafayette, LA**
- ★ **94<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2026 - Host: Northeast Louisiana Cluster, March 25-29,**  
**2025, Shreveport, LA**
- ★ **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Boule 2026 - Las Vegas,**  
**Nevada, Dates: TBD**
- ★ **95<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2027 – Hosts: West Texas/New Mexico Clusters,**  
**Location/Dates: TBD**
- ★ **96<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2028 – Host: Southeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD**
- ★ **97<sup>th</sup> SCRC 2029 – Host: Northeast Texas Cluster, Location/Dates: TBD**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**HYMN/PLEDGE**