

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc**  
**Eta Epsilon Omega Chapter**  
**Minutes General Membership Meeting**  
**March 19, 2016**  
**Tucson Electric Power**

**Attendance:** Loyce Pickett, Jacquenese Price, Tinieshia Martin, Donye' Bonsu, Diseree' Dillard, Kineta Lewis, DeAnna Yarbrough, Sundi Williams, Tina Diggs, Sade Villareal, Arika Wells, J.L Ginger Stevenson-Arzani, Sylvia Goodwin, Darralyn Hookes, Baraka Mapp, Patricia Crowell, Jessica Wells (guest), Felicia Jackson, Sherry Cook, & Maya Nash

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM with the meditation by Soror DeAnna .

Soror Pat asked for the adoption of the Agenda and the Minutes of the March 18, 2016 General Meeting. Both were approved without corrections and followed by an introduction of Chapter members and guests.

**Officer Reports:**

**Anti-Basileus** – Soror DeAnna reported for Soror Alexis on the April kick-off of MIP and the ASCEND programs along with upcoming service events for the month of April 2016. There is a fundraising opportunity for the Grambling University vs. U of A football game in September 2019.

Sorors were reminded to sign-up for the NAMI Walk on April 2, 2016 and the Tucson Community Food Bank volunteer day on April 9, 2016.

**Tamiouchos:** Soror Kineta reported on the status of the Chapter's budget and bank accounts. There was an increase in website fees as the Domain and Hosting fees are no longer free.

She reminded Sorors of the necessity to consult with their respective Committee Chairman before spending money to prevent budget overruns.

**Pecunious Grammateus:** Soror Maya reported all expenses, the receipt of membership dues for 1 Soror and reminded Sorors to pay outstanding Founders' Day obligations.

**Epistoleus:** Soror DeAnna reported on invitations for past events from the League of Women Voters and the Tucson Urban League. Vogue Esquire 2016 Sepia Fashion Show mailed an invitation to the Chapter to host a fashion show. The Links will host "Two Women Who Did" Luncheon on April 9, 2016

Campaign literature was circulation from Sorors running for Far West Regional offices.

**Hodegos:** Soror Sherry welcomed guest Sorors, recognized Soror Diggs recent birthday and gave a leadership tip, "Leaders are those who knows the way and shows the way".

### **Committee Reports:**

**Founders' Day:** Kudos was given to Soror Darralynn and her committee on a great job done on the Founders' Day Luncheon. There was a suggestion to prep the room earlier in the day of the event.

**Fundraising:** Justin Kirk, Sports Event Planner at U of A presented a fundraising opportunity for the Grambling University vs. U of A September 10, 2106 football game.

Tickets in two designation sections of the stadium will be available for group purchase. Ticket costs will be \$12 and \$15, (full price \$15 and \$25 respectively). The Chapter can purchase tickets outright or guarantee a number of tickets. Tickets will be available for sale on April 1, 2016.

Tailgate areas are available for an extra fee. The Corporate tailgate area require the booking organization to prove food, alcohol, security and bartender, permits are required for security and bartenders. The lower cost tailgate option is \$80/car space and does not require a license or a permit but the Sorority can't control access without at least 2 security guards.

Soror Pat will meet with Justin on 3/22/16 to walk the stadium.

Kudos to Soror Ginger for her perseverance in getting Justin to host a Grambling University and U of A football game in Tucson.

**Membership:** Soror Maya conducted an MIP Orientation Workshop for Spring MIP.

Every sponsor and co-sponsor application and letters of recommendations must be typed in business form. All letters of recommendations must contain the physical address and the email address of the writer to receive notification of the Information Meeting.

All spaces on the application forms must be completed or N/A type in spaces that are not applicable. Co-sponsor forms are no longer required to be sent to Corporate, they should be mailed to the Chapter for the Basileus approval.

College transcripts shall be sealed and mailed to Soror Maya.

The Information Meeting is scheduled on March 26, 2016 at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Joel Valdez Library. 101 N. Stone, 10 am – 12:30 pm.

A recommendation was made to archive all workshop presentations to enable ready access to substitute Sorors.

Sorors were reminded to be mindful of MIP deadlines and dress attire for MIP meetings.

All MIP purchases require Soror Maya's approval. Unapproved purchases will not be reimbursed.

Ballots were distributed to Sorors to vote on prospective candidates.

**Scholarship:** Soror Sherry reported the Scholarship luncheon is scheduled on May 21, 2016 at the Tucson Country Club. A save-the-date notice was placed on the website. Potential awardees are Jimmy Hart, Christy Tedesco, Ania Butts and Wanda Moore.

The Chapter approved a ticket price of \$40/person and tickets will be available on April 1, 2016.

A \$500 donation was received from Colonel ? And gift certificate for hair and nails services was received from ???

Soror Sherry asked Sorors to donate gift cards in the amount of \$10- \$25. A 50/50 raffle is being considered.

Soror Sherry requested a video of Dr. Laura Banks to help raise donations for our Chapter's endowment fund.

**Unfinished Business:**

Purchase of Chapter Blazers postponed to next month's Chapter meeting.

Soror Pat reported that the Chapter qualified to send 4 delegates to Boule' and 2 additional Sorors could attend as delegates. The Chapter voted to name Soror Sade and Soror Silvia as additional delegates.

Soror Kineta suggested the 2016 budget updates to cover the \$900 Boule' registration fees for Soror Sade and Soror Silvia:

- Contingency Fund \$100
- Internal Audit \$300
- Membership Intake \$300
- Archive \$50
- Undergrad Sponsorship \$150

The Chapter approved the budget update.

The Chapter approved a \$50 donation to NAMI for their upcoming 5K.

The Chapter approved the Grambling University and U of A fundraiser.

The Chapter voted on the prospective MIP candidates:

- Renae Capers
- Shandleon Garner
- Zelema Harris
- Cesanee Johnson
- Stephanie Miller

Soror Pat reported the Supreme Basileus requested an increase in operating fees of \$250 per capita, which translates in an increase in membership dues. The Chapter will need to vote on the issue and Sorors should refer to the National website for additional information.

**Service Project:** Soror Sundi Williams reported on the pillowcase project for making dresses for African children. Sorors were reminded to bring pillowcases of all sizes to next month's Chapter meeting.

The Chapter approved Soror Kineta to initiate a Pay-Pay account for Chapter events with user fees to be paid by the user.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM