NB38 ZOOM MEETING MINUTES for 50TH DELTAVERSARY

Sunday, February 26, 2023, 5:30pm

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Greetings **Sorors**!

Sunday **New Birth 38** had its fourth zoom meeting in planning for our **50th DELTAVERSARY!** The **Zoom** call was well-attended by **16** Sorors as follows:

Carliss	**Maureen**
Deborah Hoy Jones	**Marguarite**
Stephanie	**Sharon**
Stephanie	**Michelle Queen**
DD	**Cassandra**
Debra Faucett	**Sylvia**
Vera	**Roxanne**
Debra Green	**Deborah Hughes**

Sorors **Millie, Michelle Hairston** and **Barenda** submitted comments and/or offered their support prior to their absence from the meeting.

Guest Presenter: **Lynne Middleton Knight** 21ag77f

The meeting began with prayer led by **Rev. Deborah Hoy Jones**

Discussion items were as follows:
Wellness Checks
Committee Reports
Other Business
Announcements

WELLNESS CHECKS
Line Sisters on the call each reported that all was well with them and their families. Sands **Debra Green** reported on a foot injury she has to get operated on, Sands **Vera** described reported that she had an UVI infection that has presented her with vision problems and will require surgery. Prayers continue to go out for Sands **Millie** who is physically and mentally fighting to regain her physical health and **Denise Motley** whose been diagnosed with a rare disease that affects her vocal chords.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NB38 50th Scholarship Committee: **Gretchen, Stephanie, Debbie H, Jones, Tee Tee, Gloria, Debra Faucett** and **DD.**

Cassandra reminded the group that during our last meeting, the Committee voted to join with our own Alpha Gamma Chapter in contributing **$25,000** in making a donation to Morgan's Scholarship Foundation Fund. Sands would work to obtain our goal through *personal donations* and *fundraising efforts*. **Cassandra** then gave an overview of the questions and concerns bought up during our November zoom meeting tasked to the committee in addressing and securing a representative from our beloved **Alpha Gamma Chapter** as follows**:**

After some discussion, the group voted to join our beloved Alpha Gamma chapter's Endowment Fund. However, there were some questions that **Gretchen** needed to get addressed for us in proceeding.

1. How is the AG Endowment run or operated?
2. What type of endowment has been set up?
3. We would like to review the AG Endowment's portfolio in reviewing officers, how it was set up, whether it was tax deductible and the health of their endowment status

Gretchen acquired Alpha Gamma's Endowment Caretaker, **Lynn Knight Middleton** to address our concerns and questions. **Lynn** reported that the Alpha Gamma Endowment was started 2010 and that during their first fundraising effort during homecoming raised $10,000. The AG endowment is managed by the University but AG are the administrators. The school manages the portfolio which is not available for viewing; but all statements come to **Lynn**. The Endowment is healthy, follows market trends and currently at **$99,407** in which 2022 $4,073 was used for scholarships to students and smalls loans ranging from few hundreds to around a thousand are awarded to students in need. **Lynn** also reported that money contributed is done so in perpetuity (no fixed maturity date) and the challenge has always been to maintain at $100,000. The fund does accrue interest with a 2.67 return.

For tax purposes, **Lynn** suggested that our goal amount could be divided up and paid individually for tax purposes. The MSU Foundation however prefers checks be mailed to the point person with Morgan State University Ag Endowment described in the memo line; and mailed to the *Morgan State University Foundation* individually to receive receipts. She suggested not making any payments online. The group thanked **Lynn** for her participation and time in assisting us.

The group then concluded after some discussion:
Debra Faucett and **Maureen** will draft a letter that will include a pledge card to mail Sands in responding back with any interest in contributing to our fund and as confirmation to pledge a monetary gift amount by **February 15th**. Each Sands will then be held responsible to save towards that amount and contribute it by **July 1, 2023**. The *NB38 Scholarship Committee* will monitor and document all contributions in assessing how much has been contributed and in putting into place fund raising efforts to obtain any remaining balance. Plans are to make our contribution during Homecoming of this year in October.

Oceanfront Vacation Rentals for 2024: Denise "DD" Adams

Cassandra reported the **DD** had submitted four vacation ocean front rentals to review and one villa/condo on our website https://newbirth38.simplesite.com/453469828/453469830. **DD** strongly suggested first we determine who wants to rent vacation ocean front as a group and who wanted private accommodations near the rental. Of the 16 on the call, all expressed interest in participating

with 5 requesting private residences. Please contact **Cassandra** with your choice of rental and preference to reside with group or private.

DD explained that these properties go fast and that a deposit will be required to hold our location once selected. Sands please look over the rentals **DD** has provided and pick one. So far **Sharon** and **Cassandra** like #1. The cost of housing will be divided by the group or by the occupants choosing the private condos or villas.

Concluding the discussion, it was suggested line sisters review the Vacation Rentals https://newbirth38.simplesite.com/453469828/453469830 page on our website and give your top choice.
Dates in consideration in **2024.**
Mid-September 2024
April 10 – 14, 2024
March 2024 before spring break

Homecoming 2023 Committee:
DD, Sharon, Stephanie, Tee Tee, Cassandra

This group did not officially meet so there was no discussion. Cassandra did ask that Sands send her suggestions or ideals on how they would like to celebrate during homecoming. Some suggestions thus far consist of:

- Private Luncheon
- Attending Gala
- Attending Church Service
- Golf Cart Tour of Campus

Sands **Arlene** has also offered her home for a interim retreat during this summer.

NB38 Support Services Committee:
Deborah Hughes, Michelle H, Michelle Q & Lauretta

Cassandra read the purpose of the Committee also found on our website https://newbirth38.simplesite.com/187727197/194575119 . **Deborah Hughes** informed the group that the current balance in our fund is **$710.82** from its 2019 origin. They are now collecting **$75** due for the year by March 31, 2023. **Payments can be made in increments of $25/month with the full $75 due by March 2023**.
Payments can be submitted to the Treasurer via check, **CashApp, PayPal, or Zelle**.

$Deborahnixonhughes or Mail fees to:
DEBORAH HUGHES, 9313 Old Court Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244

NB38 Outreach Committee:
Michelle H, Maureen, DD, Gretchen, Carliss & **Tee Tee**

Cassandra asked for volunteers to act as a task force to communicate with Sands uncomfortable utilizing technology in ascertaining their interest in participating in our 50th activities or in being kept informed. There are Sands who can only be contacted by mail or phone. **Carliss** and **Gretchen** provided some efforts that have been made to reach Sands to no avail; but one Sands took issue with naming names without knowing the situation as to why any Sands were not responding or

communicating with us. **Marguarite** explained she had been absent due to her grandmother and caretaker responsibilities; but she was aware of activities just not present during meetings. Volunteers for the NB38 Outreach Committee consist of:

Cassandra will provide the Committee with the names of Sands who from her experience in her past attempts to communicate who failed to respond so that they may divide up the names and outreach using current directory contact information..

Other Business:
Cassandra informed the group that the new location of our website requires $139 to renew our domain for the year. She suggested a fund for administrative things needed. She says she's been able to maintain payments on a monthly basis with previous domain owners but this renewal fee came at a bad time. **BLESSINGS to the Sands who covered the renewal fee TO maintain our website for the year. THANKS!**

Announcements:
Sands **Debra Faucett** announced that she married **Charles "Wes" West** on December 1, 2022 to the delight of those present on the call. She is happy and enjoying her life in Huntsville, AL.

Sands **Stephanie** reminded her line sisters about her upcoming wedding reception in Maryland on ***May 6, 2023****;* and to please inform her of your interest to attend if you had not already.

Cassandra informed the group that the most recent **NB38 Directory** is available under the **NB38 Directory Link tab** on the website **https://newbirth38.simplesite.com/187727197/194575133** or by contacting her. **Please review and provide updates.**

The meeting ended with prayer led by **Stephanie.**

Our next **NB38 ZOOM MEETING** is scheduled for **FEBRUARY 26th, 2023,** at **5:00pm**.