82nd South Central Regional Conference
Planning Kick-Off Meeting
February 10, 2013
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX

MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OPENING

Meeting Called to Order (4:31pm), Welcome, and Roll Call
Soror Patricia Webb, 2014 South Central Regional Conference Chairman

- Chapter Roll Call
  - Alpha Xi Omega (Dallas, TX)
  - Delta Alpha Omega (Waco, TX)
  - Beta Mu Omega (Fort Worth, TX)
  - Chi Zeta Omega (Plano, TX)
  - Gamma Omicron Omega (Tyler, TX)
  - Omicron Epsilon Omega (Wichita Falls)
  - Omicron Mu Omega (Dallas, TX)
  - Tau Rho Omega (Carrollton)
  - Upsilon Lambda Omega (DeSoto, TX)
  - Xi Theta Omega (Arlington, TX)

Meeting Meditation
Soror Bertha Scott, 2014 South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman

Greetings and Welcome to the Kick-Off Meeting
Soror Tamika Tutt, Northeast Texas Cluster Coordinator

- Relevant scripture to remember: Romans 12: 4-6
- We will all have different rolls but everyone is important and we should work as a team

Welcome from the Hilton Anatole Hotel
Michele Lotspeich, Hilton Anatole Senior Sales Manager

Meeting Attendance Introductions
Soror Scott

- Soror Chelle Wilson, South Central Regional Director
- Conference Chairman and Co-Chairmen
  - Soror Patricia Webb, Conference Chairman
  - Soror Madelyn Butler, Conference Co-Chairman
- Soror Chanel Baker, AKA Member and Hilton Hotel Sales Team Staff Member
- Sorority International Committee Representatives
- Regional Committee Members
- Regional Officers
- Chapter Basilei
- Yasmin Barnes, Meeting Note Taker
Words from the Regional Director
Soror Chelle Wilson, South Central Regional Director

- I am excited about the number of Sorors in attendance at the planning meeting
- Information regarding the implementation of a first class conference
  - Conference planning will be led by the outstanding leadership team and Chapter Basilei
  - Dallas’ conference will be the 82nd Regional Conference
    - Significance of the number eight: new beginnings (bible), pool’s most important ball
    - Significance of the number two: kindness, balance, like minds.
  - Conference Facility – Hilton Anatole where we will not be limited on space
  - Vision – as committees start to meet, envision your ideal conference. Ask yourself, what can make this conference different. Think of out-of-the-box ideas with a new spin and share those with the conference and committee leaders.

Path Forward
Soror Webb

- This meeting is the official Kick-Off
- Path forward from today
  - Conference Steering Committee has only met a few times but preliminary planning has begun. During planning, we want everyone to be
    - Cohesiveness – we always want to be on the same page in our attitude and work
    - Committed – we need Sorors to commit to planning and execution throughout the entire process
    - Conscientious – always be aware of what we are doing, help relay information to other Sorors, and remember that staying informed is key
    - Respectful – be respectful of each other as you work together
    - Resourceful – although we already have corporate sponsors (Dell, AT&T, etc.) that will carry forward after the New Orleans conference, we always want to remain resourceful. If you have an employer or a corporate sponsor contact, please let us know.
    - Realistic – we have big dreams for a fabulous conference but we have to be realistic regarding budget and resources. Have an open mind but remain realistic. But remember, no idea is too small. If you have ideas text, email, or relay them by coming to meetings. Every idea will be vetted.
  - $150 assessment per NE Texas Cluster Member
    - There will not be Chapter assessments for the 2014 Regional Conference.
    - There will be individual Soror assessments of $150
      - Must be paid by all active NE Texas Cluster members that are members of the Conference Host Chapters
      - Must be paid to the Chapter, do not send individual payments to the Region’s Tamiouchus or to Regional Conference Committee members
      - General members only pay the assessment if they are a part of Host Chapter Committee
Chapters should collect individual assessments from their members and submit those funds as they are collected. Please send Chapter checks for assessments collected to the Regional Tamiouchus, Soror Delicia Narcisse, by the 30th of each month.

All active member assessments are to be paid in full no later than September 1, 2013.

Committee Sign Up

- The Committee Sign Up site is still active. There is no limit on the number of Sorors allowed on a committee.
- Committee Chairmen will be selected by the Regional Director and the Conference Chairmen.
- Special Event Chairmen (Ex: EAF AKApollo) will be selected first followed by a committee sign up. This will give those Special Event Chairmen a chance to meet with the Region and Conference leadership for vision and event direction.
- Conference committees will work in conjunction with the Regional Leadership Team (Ex: South Central Regional Logistics Chair will work closely with the appointed Conference Logistics Chairman).
- Committee Chairmen Meetings will be monthly starting in April.
- Meetings will be held in different locations and by teleconference. This will result in equitable travel for all participating members. Meetings will be in Dallas, East Texas, and in Western DFW (Fort Worth area).
- Online interactive reporting and communication tools will be utilized for committee reporting and information dissemination.
- Partnering Committees, with linked conference activities or overlapping responsibilities, will be paired up and will stay in constant communication.
- A Conference Communication Team will be established utilizing Chapter Basilei.
- Finance reporting will be open/transparent with frequent reports being made available to everyone.
- Cooperative committee interaction will result in quality and effective planning for the most fabulous Regional Conference in the history of South Central.

2014 Regional Conference Invitation
Soror Madelyn Butler, 2014 South Central Regional Conference Co-Chairman

- Overview for 2014 Conference Invitation.
  - Theme will be based on Michael Jackson songs: Black/White and Man in the Mirror.
    - An exciting video, directed by Soror Carisma Ramsey, will feature
      - local celebrities, community leaders, politicians, and activists saying great things about Dallas
      - DFW attractions
      - messages from Chapter Basilei.
    - Simultaneously, Sorors will be dancing in the isles.
    - A pink and green mass choir will be singing.
    - Practice dates for welcome participation will be going out very soon via Chapter Basilei.
Closing Remarks
Soror Wilson

- We are certainly going to have a good time in New Orleans, but everyone is excited about coming to Dallas! Continue the excitement and enthusiasm during planning. The closer you get to something great, the more struggles that come along but we will work together to make this conference great. It seems like a long way away but the 2014 South Central Regional Conference will be here before we know it. We want Sorors attending our conference to feel the Sisterly Spirit as soon as the walk in. Remember, no idea is too large or small.

Q/A/C
1. (Q) Date of the Conference (A) March 13-16, 2014
2. (Q) Parking Ticket Validation (A) Sorors will be passing out validation cards
3. (Q) What is the conference theme (A) Not selected yet, there will be a theme competition among Chapters
4. (Q) What is the individual assessment for Undergrads (A) It will be half of the Grad amount, $75
5. (Q) How do we sign up for committees? (A) The online tool still open and available
6. (C) Remember the Dallas Stars for the video
7. (Q) What is the New Orleans invitation attire? (A) Dancers in isle will wear T-Shirts currently being designed by the Regional Director, people in different scenes/capacities will have different consumes
8. (Q) Is there a committee currently working on the invitation (A) Yes, a small group of Sorors are putting together the skit, after that task is complete all Sorors interested will invited to join the group via practice invitations

Announcements
1. All Basilei should pick up pins from Soror Pat after the meeting. These pins have New Orleans and Dallas on them
2. Chapter Basilei stay for a photo after the meeting
3. Soror Miranda Small, Regional Logistics Chairman, was lost and unable to attend the meeting. However, she will be introduced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm