

San Antonio Delta Zeta Alumnae Chapter
Monthly Board Meeting
May 12th, 2025
6:00 PM
La Madeline Restaurant Meeting Room

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order May 12th, 2024, at 6:05pm CST.

II. Attendance:

Norma Jean Giffin
Casey Galindo
Monica Harness
Diana Sarfin
Cyndi Munch
Yovhany Ortiz
Susan Gargotta
Afton Smith-Esparza

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Cyndi motioned to approve the minutes. Diana seconded that motion. April Minutes were approved as submitted by all members present.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President-Norma Jean Giffin

-National applications have all been submitted. They were due on May 1st. Norma Jean and Afton nominated Savannah Smith for the Outstanding CCD award. Please keep this submission confidential.

-Final study bags were delivered to the chapter at the last meeting on May 4, 2025.

-No information is available regarding registration cost for National Convention. Norma Jean is awaiting an email with the announcement. As soon as it is received, she will provide the information to Afton for payment.

-Norma Jean is going to start working on the newsletter in early June. She will be reaching out for pictures. Cyndi really likes the new format. We are switching to Canva.

b. VP Membership-Michelle Schuchert:

-Michelle is not with us tonight but she did send out two directories: a birthday list for Diana and the membership spreadsheet for all new members. That should assist Yovhany and Anna-Melissa out with people that might be interested in philanthropy or social events.

c. VP Programs- Yovhany Ortiz:

-We have a member that was interested in hosting a Mahjong lesson. The company is called Troop Mahjong and it is a one-on-one class on any of the following dates: July 23rd, August 5th, and August 12th. The class will be 2-3 hours for up to 24 attendees. We would need to identify a location since the instructor will come to us. Price is \$65 a person. Person providing the course would set up link to collect payments and she will give back 10% of payments collected so it will also serve as a fundraiser. We can create a social media post to try and

identify interest. It was determined that August 5th will not work for those attending national convention. Yovhany will proceed with the July 23rd date.

-We discussed publishing a generic Fall events calendar without details of locations so people can at least save the dates. The following activities are being considered: a happy hour in August, September Bingo event, October brunch and December Holiday Gathering. Michelle can set up a website with the calendar that we can put all the information in on as well.

-It was asked if it was too soon to pick a holiday gathering date. Saturday December 13th for lunch is the date that everyone tentatively agreed on this year.

-Chicken n Pickle is an event we could not do for 2025 but may look at in the new year during Springtime. Other events discussed included: Kendra Scott, Willie's dine out event, BJs Give Back event, Chilis Give Back event. Susan suggested a give back night noting a specific cause: IE scholarships. Afton suggested expanding this idea and offering an option to provide a donation for those who cannot attend.

d. VP Collegiate Relations-Monica Harness:

-Monica and Norma Jean attended the last meeting on the 4th. They have decided to increase their dues to \$110 a month. The chapter has finals this week.

-Fall calendar should be completed in July. One program that has been approved for the fall is an etiquette class. Topic will include meal etiquette, timeliness, etc.

e. Secretary-Emilia McGarity:

-Nothing to report.

f. Treasurer-Afton Smith-Esparza:

-\$4,813.46 is our current bank balance. \$100 shy of our \$2,400 budget. We collected \$2,300 with 46 memberships. An alumnae chapter member recently had her daughter initiated through the 1902 program. We anticipate that she will be added to the roster for the year.

-We are above budget in donations. We collected \$720.21 in donations. The fee has been about \$1.81 per transaction. Our bi-annual cadence for national scholarships include sending an OA Collegiate to Norma Minch Conference and our portion of the cost for our chapter president to attend national convention. Norma Jean spoke with Afton to see if funds were available to provide a \$500 scholarship to an OA Collegiate to assist with her attending Norma Minch Conference this year. With the \$720.21 donations received, enough funding is available for the scholarship. Diana Sarfin made a motion that we provide a \$500 scholarship to send an OA collegiate member to the Norma Minch Conference. Norma Jean seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

g. Panhellenic- Lisa Branam/Cyndi Munch:

-Cyndi wanted to have people meet each other more at the scholarship event since it did not occur much at the time.

-We have 31 ladies from San Antonio area requesting RIFs that will attend schools that have a Delta Zeta Chapter. They anticipate additional requests to come in throughout the summer.

Cyndi named off the local high schools where RIFs have come from.

h. Philanthropy-Anna-Melissa Cavazos:

-Norma Jean reported that Anna-Melissa sent out the information to be posted to Casey and Michelle for Better Speech and Hearing month.

-SA food bank we have a volunteer link that we hope to send out via email for sisters and their families to sign up to volunteer.

i. Ways and Means-Susan Gargotta:

-Rose shop will be posted next month. She will be taking photos and sending them to Michelle Saenz this week. She has decided to offer a beach towel that will be a pre-order option in addition to several other items.

-She is in the planning stages for fall sister pearl bags. She anticipates at least 5 new members based on recent graduation numbers.

-She found a cute turtle at HEB that could be a door prize for the dine out sisterhood/fundraising event.

-Susan wants to advertise Just 28th that the Rose Shop opening soon. Shop would be open August 1st through the 17th.

-Update on dangle orders: price of the dangles has increased. Gold plated dangle is still \$16 but the 10K gold dangle is now \$42. She was thinking she could add \$3 so everyone can get an office dangle if interested. She is currently offering them to the officers. Email her if interested. She will not place the order until August.

-She will be placing one more order with DZ design if anyone needs anything.

j. Public Relations-Casey Galindo:

-Everything is kept up to date and posted. Email her if there is anything that needs to be posted.

-Once she receives the rose shop information, she will send that out as well. Casey suggested the possibility of Michelle creating a quick link to the website calendar once it is created.

k. Website Administrator-Michelle Saenz:

-Michelle did not have anything new to report. The website is up to date. Let her know if anything needs to be fixed.

l. Sunshine Chair-Diana Sarfin:

-Diana sent out 2 birthday cards and songs.

V. Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm CST.