

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**  
**Sigma Lambda Omega Chapter**  
**AKA Connection Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes from Thursday, March 12, 2020**

The AKA Connection Committee met via conference call on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Sorors in attendance included Deborah Neal, Chairman; Arianne Ousley, Co-chairman and Michelle Watson.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on activities and information on voter registration and legislative issues.

It was noted that an error was made on the calendar for the March activity. March 3rd was the date for the California Primary and not March 10th as documented.

Two (2) activities were held on Tuesday, February 11th. A voter registration drive was conducted at Pierce College from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m in partnership with the student group Umoja. Soror Kalynda McLean facilitated the group's participation and prepared flyers for distribution on the campus. Sorors Deborah Neal, Diane Newberry and Gilonda Butler were in attendance. Although only three (3) students registered, the Umoja group engaged numerous students in discussion about the importance of voting and civic engagement.

The second activity of the day took place at BCCHS from 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. This civic engagement.voter registration/voter education workshop was held in collaboration with the Coalition of Politically Active Students (COPAS) at BCCHS. Sorors in attendance included Cynthia Barnett, Michelle Watson and Tracie Bowdoin. Soror Tracie facilitated the acquisition of space for the workshop. Soror Cynthia conducted rigorous discourse about civic engagement using a powerpoint presentation as the backdrop for the discussion.

Soror Michelle Watson will ensure that there will be a section of the monthly newsletter dedicated to AKA Connection.

AKA Day at the Capitol is scheduled for April 26-27. Soror Deborah will check with Soror Patrice Marshall who is State Coordinator to confirm whether the event will take place.

2020 Census is upcoming. The Bureau is seeking Census workers - salary is \$19-\$25 per hour.

Soror Deborah will investigate legislative issues that the chapter might address through a letter writing campaign as to date there has not been any information from corporate as to those issues we should address. There is, however, a focus on the Census. Sorors continue to be encouraged complete the Census and help others to do so as well.

Locally, recent issues on the ballot for the primary election were Measure R and Proposition 13. The former did not pass. The latter measure passed.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Neal

AKA Connection Committee Chairman-