**Meeting started at 12:45pm.**

**Those in attendance:** Shannon Howard, Kelsey Paris, Rhonwyn Ratchford, Nancy Montgomery, Alana Bott, Kelli Burns, Pat Benjamin, Laura Britanisky, Linda Coles, Amanda Ferguson, Emily Griest, Bernadette Hardigan, Danielle McDonald, Bette Newberger, Brenda Riggins, Billie Trocke, Leia Todaro, Lisa Weisbrod, Christine Subacz, Lynn Michal.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Recording Secretary**: Nancy Montgomery - Reading & Approval of August 2019 Minutes
3. **Elected Officer Reports**
   1. **President – Shannon Howard** reported that we now have another Alum Initiated who was initiated at Eta Eta in Nov. Also Shannon presented Danielle McDonald with the Karen Urette Community Involvement Award that was announced at Founder’s Day but Danielle couldn’t attend. Shannon proudly announced that our chapter received the Diamond Circle of Excellence! Lastly, Shannon shared that Palm Spring Convention info would be arriving in Feb.
   2. **Elections –** Shannon announced that the Nominating Committee finalized a slate of Officers for the 2020-2022 term. The Slate was presented and Shannon counted votes for each officer. The results:
      1. President: Kelsey Paris
      2. Vice President: Amanda Ferguson
      3. Treasurer: Rhonwyn Ratchford
      4. Secretary: Nancy Montgomery
   3. **Vice President – Christie Kroeger** was not in attendance. Shannon reported that we now have 47 dues paying members! A membership directory is being finalized and will be sent to all who paid dues. Also it was announced that Lauren Laventi (new Eta Eta chapter advisor) will be the Winter Sister Spotlight.
   4. **Treasurer – Rhonwyn Ratchford** passed out copies of current income and expenses. The chapter remains financially strong. The new fundraiser held in fall, Final Exam Surprise Bags made over $500 profit with 10% to go to GOTR. No decision made on what financial gifts (if any) to give to collegiate chapters.
   5. **Collegiate Recruitment Information -**Eta Beta (at Fla. Southern) is now going to start having Formal Spring Recruitment. The re-decorating of the Eta Beta chapter suite is almost complete thanks to hard work of Janet Ruppert. Eta Eta will not be doing a spring COB.
4. **Appointed Officer Reports**
   1. **Alum/Collegiate Relations - Kate Calalang** was not in attendance. Shannon shared that Moonball will be Feb. 22nd and it is requested that alumnae attend to show support. Kate is working on setting up meetings with the new Collegiate/Alum relations chair and senior chair to work on some events and implementation plans on how to improve alum relations – more info. coming soon!
   2. **Florida Alumnae Chapter Liaison – Nancy Montgomery** shared that the 3rd annual Florida Alum Chapter state day would be happening the next day (Jan. 12th) in Lakeland. It was expected that six (of the 13) chapters would be attending. Kelsey, Amanda, and Rhonwyn would be attending along with Nancy. It was expected that Tampa would be the chapter providing ideas and support to the other chapters who struggle with leadership issues and programming ideas, etc.
   3. **Fundraising –Nancy** initiated the launch of a new fundraiser. Shannon, Kelsey, Rhonwyn, and Christie all worked with her to make it happen. About 80 emails were sent to parents of Eta Eta members. A total of 43 bags were assembled on Nov. 24th and delivered to the Eta Eta chapter meeting on Dec. 1st. They were well received by the women. Nancy sent thank you to all parents who ordered. Nancy will head up another effort for the spring, but expects MORE alumnae help will be needed as it is hoped that about 80 orders will be placed this time.
5. **Founders Day Chairwoman – Billie Trocke** announced the 2019 event at Peeble Creek country club went very well, except the Ritual Chair did not do the correct ritual. There was some discussion on how this event should work in future. It was decided to continue to have it with Eta Eta but to not have much role in the planning. We will continue to present the two Alumnae chapter awards at this event. It was mentioned that alums may wish to consider attending Eta Beta Founders’ Day if they can.
6. **Panhellenic Delegates – Lisa Weisbrod and Bette Newberger** shared info about St. Pete Panhel luncheon being same day as Eta Eta Moonball on Feb. 22nd. Not much info on what TAPA is doing. However, TAPA appears to still be planning on providing scholarships again this spring.
7. **Philanthropy Chairwoman – Kelli Burns** asked for everyone to continue to shop/look out for nice items to donate for future GOTR baskets. Kelly urges everyone to consider volunteering their own time to any of the GOTR events or to consider being on the GOTR board.
8. **Programming Chairwoman – Kelsey Paris announced she met with Shannon and Christie and arranged all programming for the Winter, Spring and even into the summer this time. Everyone applauded Kelsey on her hard work and great ideas! So many events seem to help bring out one or two new women to attend. This increases membership. Kelsey provided list of all events planned for 2020 so far:**
   1. January 22nd – American Eats – Ford’s Garage at 6:30pm
   2. February 9th – Day at the Fair – FL State Fair at 10am
   3. February 20th – Spanish Eats – Bulla Gastrobar at 6:30pm
   4. March 7th – Day in the Garden – Largo Botanical Gardens at 11am
   5. March 21st – Syracuse Triad Luncheon – Bahama Breeze at 11:30am
   6. March 29th – Goat Yoga – In the Loop Brewing at 10am
   7. April 7th – Greek Eats – Taziki’s Mediterranean Café at 6:30pm
   8. April 17th – Shuffle Night – St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club at 6:30pm
   9. May 2nd – Cinco de Mayo Celebration maybe now called “Derby De Mayo”! – Nancy Montgomery’s at 5pm
   10. May 20th – Trivia Night – Sail Pavilion at 7:30pm
   11. June 6th – Craft Night – Pretty Penny’s DIY Crafts at 6:30pm—but Emily offered to lead an art lesson, if we wanted to hold the event at someone’s home. Kelsey is going to explore this idea.
   12. June 18th – Italian Eats – Mellow Mushroom at 6:30pm
   13. July 21st – Line Dancing – Dallas Bull at 7:30pm—Danielle recommended Kelsey consider going to OBriens pub (N. Dale Mabry) for their line dancing as the venue and the crowd may be more enjoyed by everyone.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:10pm. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE**:  April 4th at Karen Urette’s home on Davis Island. This will be Officer Installation meeting.