**Tampa Bay Alumnae – Business Meeting 1/13/18**

**Call to Order – 12:42 PM**

1. Welcome and Into
   1. Attendance
      1. Nancy Montgomery, Rhonwyn Ratchford, Staycie Polo-Bravo (Eta Eta), Abbey Sims (Eta Eta), Samantha Thompson (Eta Eta), Graysen, Lauren Levanti, Karen Urette, Lisa Weisbrod, Bette, Newberger, Pat Benjamin, Rachel, Billie, Christie Kroeger, Janet Rupert, Janet Robertson, Cathy Cochran, Lori Dunnel, Cathy Taulbee, Linda Coles, Dawn
2. Minutes of September Meeting
   1. Motion – Cathy Taulbee; Second – Lauren Levanti
   2. Passed
3. Presidents Report
   1. Chapter Diamond Circle of Excellence – Awarded to us this Fall
   2. 130 Sisters attended Founders Day
   3. Rhonwyn Ratchford given a IIKE Award
   4. New alumnae chapter email – use for general communication
   5. Convention Awards – what we would like to submit for
      1. Alum/Collegiate Relations
      2. Chicago Award
      3. Hall of Fame Award
      4. Communications Excellence
      5. Volunteers to create and draft submissions
         1. Kelli Burns
         2. Cathy Taulbee
         3. Nancy Montgomery
   6. Operating Fund Update
      1. Renaming to the 1874 fund
      2. Want folks to give in increments of 1874.
      3. Hope to give the board more flexibility what they want the funds to be used for
   7. Membership and Website
      1. Directory has been updated, all should check it to make sure it is updated
      2. 34 members counted
      3. Website – feature sister each quarter
   8. Programs Update
      1. Syracuse Triad Luncheon – 11:30 AM at Bahama Breeze
      2. Alum & Me – March 25th at the Eta Eta house
      3. Next Chapter Meeting – theme Ode to Tampa Bay
      4. Cinco de Mayo Dinner – 5/4/18 on a Friday
4. Treasurer Report
   1. Started at about $4500 on 8/1/18
   2. 40 members now!
   3. Collected about $300 for the garage sale
   4. Estimating $2500 - $3000 to still be spent by the end of the year
   5. Ideas for fundraisers always welcome
   6. Close to $500 being contributed to GOTR from our chapter so far this year
   7. Collegiate Support – Eta Eta
      1. ~ $200 on picnic tables
      2. Looking for some sort of sun umbrella
5. Elections
   1. Nominating Committee Report – Bette Newberger
      1. President - Julie Melnyk Berry
      2. Vice President - Shannon Urban Howard
      3. Treasurer - Rhonwyn Rathford
      4. Secretary - Christie Kroger
   2. Vote on the slate in its entirety
   3. Slate Passed by vote
6. Alumnae/Collegiate Relations Report
   1. GOTR
      1. Run coming up on May 5th
      2. Start thinking about items that can be contributed for baskets for Founders Day
      3. Progressive dinner for GOTR will be on again in the Fall
   2. Holiday Huddle
      1. Met at the mini donut factory, for TB alumnae and Gamma Phi collegians who live in the area who was home for the winter break.
      2. Had a good group and time for everyone to get together and chat
      3. About 8 collegians attended, 4 alumnae
      4. Include the Lakeland alumnae next year in the communication
   3. Eta Eta Update
      1. No spring recruitment
      2. Currently at 125 total
      3. A lot of Moonball fundraising will be done this year
      4. Moonball is a volleyball tournament
      5. February 24th, 5-7 PM at the USF Rec Center
      6. There will be a FB event and it will be shared with us
      7. Shirts will be sold and available
      8. 28 women live in the house
   4. Eta Beta Update
      1. Recruitment went well in the Fall, numbers were very low overall
      2. 20 New Members
      3. 72 Total
      4. Loan for the home is paid off
      5. Moonball is second weekend of February
      6. Pig Fest – Jan 26/27 as a fundraiser for CampFire USA. This is how they get most of their operating fund for the year.
      7. HCB has four women on the board
   5. University of Florida is in the process of building their house
7. Alumnae Panhellenic
   1. Flyer for the Tri-City luncheon was passed around
      1. Saturday, February 10
      2. Brio at International
      3. $29 per person – link in MailChimp that was just sent out
      4. Speaker is the women who invented Elf on a Shelf
   2. Sunday March, 4th
      1. Brunch and Bubbly, fundraiser for Tampa Panhellenic Scholarship
      2. $26 per person
      3. Hip Room on N. Franklin
      4. Open to friends
   3. Wendy Swertfeger now the Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate for Clearwater
8. Fundraising Ideas
   1. Craft fairs to sell items
   2. Make and sell jam
   3. Christmas Ornaments
   4. T-shirt quilts
   5. Bourbon and Bowtie type bracelets
   6. Keep thinking of ideas
9. New Moon, New Connections
   1. No updates yet
   2. Probably in March
   3. Wednesday a good night
   4. Informal happy hours and beach meet ups

**Meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM**

**Next Chapter Meeting – Sat. April 14**

Next Board Meeting - TBD