

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Sunday, April 19, 2020**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Roland Leak called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and Brother Richard Watts gave the invocation.

President's Remarks (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak had no remarks for today's meeting in the interest of keeping it short.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

Brother Burris reported that the minutes from March's meeting were distributed to the chapter by e-mail earlier today.

With no corrections, a **motion** to approve the minutes as written was moved by Brother Darrel Clodfelter and seconded by Brother Vincent Howell. The **motion** was carried with a majority by voice vote and one vote in the negative.

Correspondence (Brother Vincent Howell)

Brother Howell reported that no mail had been received for the chapter before today's meeting.

Financial Report (Brother Napoleon Richardson and Brother Kenny Lathan)

Brother Richardson presented the Financial Report for the chapter's checking account at M&F Bank for the period of February 29, 2020 until March 31, 2020.

- The opening balance for the chapter's checking account was \$4,480.27.
- With \$155.74 in deposits and \$457.10 in checks written toward operating expenses, the new balance ending balance is \$4,178.91.
- There are currently no outstanding checks.

Additionally, Brothers Lathan and Richardson haven't met at M&F Bank to add Brother Lathan's name to the chapter's account due to the coronavirus emergency.

A **motion** to approve the Financial Report was moved by Brother Darrel Clodfelter and seconded by Brother Nate French. The **motion** was carried unanimously by voice vote.

College Chapter/District/NPHC Reports

College Chapter Reports

Beta Iota (Brother Chris Taylor)

Brother Taylor reported the following items:

- The last day of classes will be Monday, April 27.
- IMDP has been delayed until Fall 2020.
- Brother Denzel Hanes has been elected the next president of the chapter.
- Nine brothers will be graduating this year. Ideas for graduation gifts include small care packages, Alpha face masks, and a graduation stole.

Xi Eta (Brother Christian Burris)

Brother Burris reported the following items:

- Congratulations to Brother Miles Middleton on being elected the next President of Wake Forest University's Student Government.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Brother Chaundee Brown who will be leaving Wake Forest to enter the NBA Draft.
- All four of Xi Eta's candidates have decided to continue with IMDP in the fall semester.

Winston-Salem NPHC (Brother Darrel Clodfelter)

Brother Clodfelter reported that the Council has not met due to the coronavirus restrictions.

Committee Reports

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brother Jesse Hymes)

Brother Hymes reported that there has been no in-person meeting since the coronavirus emergency. However, the YLSI currently has more than \$14,000 in its account.

Marketing and Communication (Brother Allan Younger)

Brother Younger commented on the six streams of communication for Alpha Pi Lambda:

1. *Website*. A new organization, Charles Media, has been identified to maintain website and bring it online.
2. *Facebook*. The chapter's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AlphaPiLambda) is currently active.
3. *Instagram*. The chapter's Instagram page (www.instagram.com/alphapilambda1931) is currently active.
4. *Twitter*. The chapter's Twitter page (www.twitter.com/AlphaPiLambda) is not currently active.
5. *Internal e-mail*. The chapter's Gmail account is currently active.
6. *GroupMe*. The chapter has a GroupMe for the quick exchange of messages and information.

There was a brief discussion about utilizing the chapter's communication streams. Suggestions from that discussion included:

- The Marketing and Communication Committee will examine the current channels and make suggestions regarding streamlining and creating a secure channel for active brothers of the chapter.
- Change the name of the existing GroupMe to "WSFC Alphas" and not discuss any chapter business on it.
- Brother Younger created a chapter only GroupMe for active brothers only. This will be verified using Alpha MX

The Marketing and Communication Committee will review these suggestions and present a recommendation to the chapter about moving forward later.

2021 ANCA Conferences (Brothers Roland Leak and Allen Younger)

Brother Younger has agreed to serve as the local liaison for planning the 2021 conference in Winston-Salem. Volunteers will be asked to serve with him, especially those with previous experience with past conferences.

The ANCA Conference Committee will be meeting tonight to discuss the 2020 and 2021 conferences. The location for the 2021 conference, however, has not yet been established.

Brother Leak will confer with Brother Pittman about his expectations regarding the local liaison and his relationship with the ANCA Conference Chair.

March for Babies (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak reported that the 2020 March for Babies has moved to fundraising only because the walk for this year has been canceled. Donations to the March can be made at this link: <https://marchforbabies.org/Fundraising/Team?teamId=135816&teamEventId=2923716&p;PersonId=7098358>

IMDP (Brother Darrel Clodfelter)

Brother Clodfelter reported the following items:

- All IMDP-related activities have been moved to the Fall. Brother Clodfelter will contact Brother Area Director Ed Zimmerman about how fall intake will proceed and if another awareness seminar will be needed. In any case, the chapter feels that caution is necessary in moving forward.
- Dates and locations for the chapter's Smoker as well as meetings for the Sphinx Club and Probate Club will be rescheduled.
- All the chapter's current candidates have agreed to remain under consideration and leave their money at the Corporate Office.
- The corporate office erroneously sent membership ID cards to several candidates even though they hadn't completed IMDP. Brother Clodfelter has collected them and is holding on to them until further notice.

- All sponsors and recommenders are asked to check in with Brother Clodfelter if they intend to remain in those roles in the Fall.

2020-2021 Chapter Elections (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell reported that the Nominating Committee compiled the list of nominees last night and it was shared with the chapter by e-mail today. All names were shared with the Nominating Committee by either interested brothers or by the recommendation of another brother.

After final slate is confirmed, Brother Leak will create a Qualtrics survey and send it the chapter for online voting. Brothers can also generate a Word document of the ballot to mail in if desired.

All active brothers with the chapter will be eligible to vote in the election.

At this point, the following names were presented to the chapter in nomination:

- President: Brother Fredrick Evans. A **motion** to close this nomination was moved by Brother Gregory Parks and seconded by Brother Ben Carson. The **motion** was carried by voice vote.
- Vice President: Brother Darrel Clodfelter and Brother Ron Davis. A **motion** to close this nomination was moved by Brother Parks and seconded by Brother Richardson. The **motion** was carried by voice vote.
- Recording Secretary: Brother Christian Burris. A **motion** to close this nomination was moved by Brother Richardson and seconded by Brother Clodfelter. The **motion** was carried by voice vote.

Following these nominations, a **motion** to accept the remaining nominees to be approved as submitted was moved by Brother Calvert Jeffers and seconded by Brother Alvin Keyes. The **motion** was carried by voice vote.

Education Committee (Brother Ron Davis)

Brother Davis reported the following items regarding scholarships:

- Sixteen applications have been received this year. The applications will be reviewed, and that number will be narrowed to eight.
- The Committee will meet virtually to discuss the applications and schedule interviews.

Upcoming Events

- Brother's Keeper Support Group
 - The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. The date for June's meeting will be determined later.
 - These meetings will be conducted virtually as Zoom meetings.

- Golf Tournament
 - The tournament is set for Friday, August 7 at the Winston Lake Golf Course, but it may be postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.
 - Trophies for the winning teams can be completed three weeks before the event.
 - Arrangements for food will be set later.
 - The Golf Tournament Committee will consider the financial state of supporting businesses as sponsors prior to and during the tournament.
 - The decision to either proceed with this year's tournament or postpone it will be made on Sunday, May 10.
- Chapter Picnic
 - The date for the picnic has yet to be determined.
 - Brother Richardson has released the existing reservation for Tanglewood. A secondary location being considered.
- Alpha Pi Lambda 2020-2021 Retreat
 - The chapter retreat is tentatively scheduled for August 2020.
 - The location and format will be announced later.

For the Good of the Order

General President Election Discussion

Details about current candidates, Brother Willis Lonzer, III and Brother Roderick L. Smothers, Sr., have been shared with all active Alphas. Following a brief discussion, the chapter decided not to formally endorse a candidate.

Ballots will be mailed this current week by the Corporate Office.

Chapter Dues

Brother Richardson asked for brothers to mail their dues to his home address. (Dues are \$250.00 if paid by May 31 and \$300.00 afterward.) He will set up a PayPal account for future payments later.

Brothers in Care

Brother Stanley Mitchell's mother passed away yesterday. Services have been scheduled for this coming Friday.

Brother Perry Lackey's Homegoing Service was last Friday.

Brother Lawrence Lipscomb's wife passed several months ago, but he's doing well.

Brother Dwayne Cordier's mother is recovering from the coronavirus.

Brother Billy Simmons returned from his around the world cruise safely.

Post Office

Brother Fred Terry asked brothers to contact Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis as well as Representative Virginia Foxx to save the United States Post Office:

- Senator Burr: (336) 631-5125
- Senator Tillis: (704) 509-9087
- Representative Foxx: (336) 778-0211

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. **The next virtual chapter meeting will be on Sunday, May 17.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter