

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Sunday, October 9, 2016**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and Brother Willie Clark gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

**President's Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)**

Brother Parks reiterated his expectations to get the business of the chapter done in a way that is more efficient and effective, including streamlining the chapter's operations. He added that the immediate payment of dues by brothers is needed in order for the chapter to operate as it should.

Brother Parks will also be calling brothers to volunteer for chapter committees.

**Vice President's Remarks (Brother Victor Isler)**

Brother Isler stated that his goals for the fraternal year were that the operation of both the National Programs and the chapter's standing committees are efficient. A planning meeting was held yesterday (Saturday, October 8) for the chapter's committees, and a report was e-mailed to chapter yesterday. Highlights from the meeting included:

- The chapter will pursue four fundraising projects: a 5K walk/run around Martin Luther King Day, a video game night, a chapter fish fry, and a spring party for young Black professionals.
- Brother Stanley Mitchell will revise the constitution to present to the Executive Committee and then the regular chapter meeting in November.
- Brother Mitchell will also lead a discussion regarding the Founders Day Dance during a separate committee meeting. Cost models will be addressed for this year's event and new opportunities for next year will be explored.
- Merge the Youth Life Skills Institute, Go To High School, Go To College, and the LDCEI together as a collective effort, leading to spring conference.
- A formal structure for the board of the Youth Life Skills Institute will be outlined.

**Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)**

The minutes were e-mailed to the chapter on Saturday, October 8. Following one correction, a **motion** was made by Brother Calvert Jeffers to approve the minutes and was seconded by Brother Derrick Hargrove. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

**Correspondence (Brother Christian Burris for Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

No correspondence had been received by mail for the chapter as the post office box has been closed. The chapter is in the process of getting a new box for physical correspondence.

### **Financial Report (Brother Tyrone Travis)**

Currently, the chapter has over \$4,100.00 in its account; however, upcoming expenses include delegate registration for the District Conference.

Brother Travis will work with previous treasurer Brother John Williams to transfer details regarding the chapter's financial accounts.

### **Priority Business Items**

#### **ANCA Conference/Issues (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Brother Hargrove distributed his area director's report to the chapter. Highlights included:

##### ANCA

- The District Conference will be held from November 10-13 in Greensboro at the Koury Convention Center.
- Registration fees are \$185 until Saturday, October 15, going up to \$200 until Saturday, October 29. There will be onsite registration.
- Brothers are encouraged to register and ideally stay one night at the conference hotel.
- Judges needed for the awards competitions, and representation from Area 4 is especially needed.
- Delegates from Alpha Pi Lambda will be Brothers Christian Burriss, Tony Caldwell, Darrel Clodfelter, and Gregory Parks.

##### IMDP

- IMDP Training will be on Friday, October 21 at Wake Forest University in Greene Hall.
- A cease and desist order was brought against the Beta Iota chapter due to allegations of hazing, and Brothers William Porter, Chris Taylor and Frankie Jones are conducting an investigation.
- Chapters interested in intake for Spring 2017 need to send a request form to Brother Hargrove by the end of this week.

#### **Founders Day Dance (Brothers Stanley Mitchell and Victor Isler)**

Due to contractual obligations, the Dance will be going forward as scheduled at the Embassy Suites. The cost of the room, a plated meal for 300 people, two bartenders, and a DJ/band comes to over \$11,000.00.

The Committee will revisit the costs of the plated meal in favor of a buffet that would not require additional servers. Another possibility is serving heavy hors d'oeuvres. Cost models for the food options will also be presented to the brotherhood.

Other options to reduce costs include forgoing a live band in favor of a DJ and moving the dance to a smaller room within the Embassy Suites.

The target price for the event is \$35.00 - \$40.00 per person.

For future dances, a specific piece for scholarship will be incorporated into the details.

These options and others will be fleshed out by the committee and presented to the brotherhood over the next two weeks. A chapter vote will be taken electronically if needed regarding specific matters.

### **Chapter Dues Vote (Brother Victor Isler)**

At the Chapter Retreat on Saturday, June 28, the question about the costs associated with the chapter's specific programs and external fraternal obligations was raised in terms of the chapter's dues. Alpha Pi Lambda's dues have stood at \$200.00 for almost 15 years, and the recommendation to raise dues to \$275.00 was proposed during the retreat.

A vote was tabled until November's meeting until a budget could be presented to the brotherhood regarding the chapter's total expenses. Until then, chapter dues will remain at \$200.00.

## **Standing Committees**

### **Fundraising (Brother Darrel Clodfelter for Brother Alvin Howard)**

As mentioned previously by Brother Isler, four fundraising projects are being planned for this fraternal year:

- Madden Game Night located at Winston-Salem State University or Wake Forest University with no expense to the chapter.
- A 5K run/walk with corporate sponsorships to offset costs.
- A chapter fish fry.
- A spring party for Black professionals.

Other ideas include a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture during 2017. The committee also welcomes any additional fundraising ideas.

## **Standing Reports**

### **Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Brothers Burris, Hargrove and Roseboro)**

- Alpha Pi Lambda has been asked to contribute two turkeys for two Thanksgiving baskets at the Winston Lake YMCA.
- A college tour of northern HBCUs is being planned. The chapter has been asked to both sponsor two students for the trip and provide chaperones if needed.

## New Business

### **Reclamation**

Brother Reginald Hutchings has joined Alpha Pi Lambda by way of Macon, Georgia.

Brother Fredrick Evans has rejoined to the chapter.

### **NAACP**

Brother Travis will follow up with Brother Napoleon Richardson regarding a donation to the Winston-Salem NAACP from earlier this year.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary  
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