

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Winston-Salem NAACP
September 13, 2015**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Tyrone Travis called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Burris)

The minutes from May's meeting were e-mailed to the brotherhood over the summer. A **motion** to approve the minutes was made by Brother Jesse Hymes and seconded By Brother Wall. The **motion** was passed by the sign of Alpha.

Correspondence (Brother Sellars)

Brother Tajuan Sellars reminded brothers that both their e-mail and postal mail addresses need to be up to date in order to receive all chapter correspondence. Please contact him if there are any problems receiving any communications.

Financial Status (Brother Richardson)

Invoices were e-mailed to brothers on the current chapter roster following August's executive committee meeting.

Currently, the chapter's checking account stands at \$825.00 dollars. Brother Napoleon Richardson encouraged the brothers to pay the balance on their invoices as quickly- and as early- as possible to fulfill fraternal obligations. If a brother needs to either know where he stands or arrange for a payment plan, he can contact Brother Richardson. Cash, checks or credit cards are accepted.

Brother Richardson asked for brothers paying their grand tax directly to the national office to let him know so they could be credited locally.

There are currently 85 brothers listed on the chapter roll. After November 15, Brother Richardson will post the names of all active brothers at every meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Brother Williams)

There was no report at today's meeting; Brother Richardson will follow up with Brother Williams about account's current status.

A new treasurer may be needed for the chapter. If any brothers are interested, see Brother Travis for more information.

Presidential Remarks (Brother Travis)

Brother Travis shared the following items from the summer break:

- A three and a half hour Executive Committee meeting was held on Saturday, August 22.
- There were issues raised at last month's General Convention that need to be addressed at the local level.
- Brothers should pay attention to all of the chapter's e-mails.
- The goal for the coming year is to have 90-minute chapter meetings.
- The possibility of raising chapter fees may need to be addressed.
- A full compliment of brothers will be needed both at the district conference and the regional convention.
- Another goal is for Alpha Pi Lambda to compete for Chapter of the Year at this year's district conference.

Priority Business Items

Golf Tournament Review (Brother Hymes)

The second annual tournament was held on Friday, September 11 and it was a good time overall. There were more than thirty golfers at this year's tournament, representing a diverse group that included several women.

Before the tournament, two free golf clinics were held at Winston Lake with a handful of participants. More interested players will be needed for clinics held next year.

Total deposits from the tournament are currently \$3,149.00. Additional deposits could raise that total to more than \$6,000.00 (after expenses).

For next year's tournament the committee will be looking for more sponsors, more golfers, and ore support from brothers in terms of both volunteers and golfers.

Project Alpha (Brother Isler)

As the new chair of Project Alpha, Brother Victor Isler reported that he intends to be strategic about getting young men involved in the program. He intends to connect with Crosby Scholars, Black Achievers, the Phi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Youth Life Skills Institute to make the curriculum as efficient as possible by blending with existing programs. In addition, he will craft correspondence with key players across Winston-Salem.

A plan with a timeline will be presented at October's chapter meeting, and the actual program for Project Alpha will be in November.

Brother's Keeper (Brothers Roseboro/Mitchell)

Brother Stanley Mitchell reported about visits with Brothers Jones and McCloud on Sunday, August 2, recommending that younger brothers take advantage of the opportunity to get to know the senior brothers.

Bothers Roseboro and Mitchell are planning an event to recognize two senior brothers in the chapter, similar to a reception for the late Brother David Wagner in 2013. This event would be in January 2016, and details will follow after they have been finalized.

Special invitations will be extended to the chapter's widows to attend the Founder's Day Dance in December.

Brother Perry Lackey is doing better, but he's not yet ready to come to chapter meetings. He will send a message to brothers when he's ready to have visitors.

Beautillion (Brothers Sellars/Cheeks)

Brother Sellars presented the goals for the event, that would start with ten high school seniors partnered with ten chapter brothers for mentorship. The goal of the Beautillion would be to prepare young men for college life as well as positive impact for Winston-Salem community.

A timeline has been set for this program, beginning during the week of September 19-25 by contacting guidance counselors in the school system. The Beaus will be formally presented at the Founders Day Dance on Friday, December 4 (parents would need to be present, and wristbands will be used). The ending event will be on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Brother Sellars will recruit ten brothers for the core committee, and \$500.00 will be requested from the chapter as seed money. Other brothers will be brought on an as-needed basis, and the college chapters will be approached for securing meeting spaces for upcoming workshops.

Go To High School, Go to College

Brother Travis is looking for a chair to lead this committee.

Founders Day Dance (Brother Leonard Patterson)

Brother Paul Lowe has said that the documents for the band and the venue are in place, but they have not yet been signed.

The budget for the event will be \$9,000.00 and the price of each tables will \$300.00 each (ten seats per table). (Last year's dance had 32 tables at \$250.00 each.) At today's meeting, brothers agreed to buy 30 tables, with the decision about how to handle the tickets left to the brother's discretion. Support from brothers at the dance is important. See Brothers Patterson and Richardson for payments at next meeting.

Other possibilities for the Dance Committee to consider include general ticket sales and the inclusion of a fundraising component.

General Convention Report (Brother Burris/Caldwell/Travis/Wall)

Brother Travis shared the following details:

- The candidates for the 35th General President are Brothers Aaron Crutison Sr. and Everett Ward. Elections in 2016 will also be conducted electronically for the first time.
- Brothers Burris, Caldwell, Parks, Patterson, Travis, and Wall served as delegates.
- A decision was made by the General Convention not to increase size of Alpha Phi Alpha's Board of Directors.
- A college chapter was designated "inactive" the fraternity, while a brother had a physical altercation with the sergeants at arms during a business session.
- The fraternity is losing \$8.3 million dollars nationally because of inactive brothers.
- Brothers should check their e-mails and postings on AlphaNet for more information.

ANCA (Brother Travis)

The District Conference will be held from Thursday, October 29 through Sunday, November 1 in Durham. In addition to Brother Travis and the college chapter advisors, one more delegate will be needed for Alpha Pi Lambda's delegate strength.

A new District Director will be elected at this conference, with the final decision made Brother Ronald Natson as Southern Region Vice President. The candidates are Brother Michael Pittman of Kappa Lambda and Brother Tejaun Manners of Phi Lambda. Both candidates will be present at October's chapter meeting.

Standing Committees

Adopt a Highway (Brother Caldwell)

Alpha Pi Lambda was recognized for its Adopt-A-Highway participation for 25 years by the state of North Carolina. The recognition included a plaque and ten decorated safety vests.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Noah Williamson)**
 - The chapter had three delegates at August's General Convention.
 - All chapter members were present at Alpha Pi Lambda meetings.
 - Participated in a successful Barn Party at Wake Forest with Xi Eta.
 - "BI Back Week at WSSU" from Monday, September 14 through Sunday, September 20.
 - Alpha Week will be Monday, Oct. 19 until Sunday, October 25.
 - Three delegates will attend the District Conference in October.

- **Xi Eta (Brother Robert Sakaguchi)**
 - Attended the General Convention as the chapter's only delegate.
 - The Barn Party raised \$5,123.00 sales with \$4,333.00 in profits that will be split with Beta Iota.
 - Xi Eta has two aspirants for Fall 2015; their applications will be submitted to the District Director on Wednesday, September 16.
 - Alpha Week is scheduled for Monday, November 9 until Sunday, November 15.
 - A voter registration forum with has been set with Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry, with the exact date to be determined later.
- **Pi Nu**
 - No report.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Brothers Burris/Hargrove/Roseboro)

- A date for the Pan's Habitat for Humanity build will be set before the next Pan meeting.
- Brothers Burris and Hargrove will serve on the Pan's Black History Month Committee.

New Business

Brothers to host future meetings

Brother S. Wayne Patterson and his team will host the meal for October's meeting, while a team led by Brother Bobby Cuthbertson will host November's meeting.

Other

- Brother Hargrove distributed a list for brothers to sign up for the chapter's committees (two committees per brother).
- The new Assistant District Director is Brother Khalil Martin of the Pi Nu chapter.
- Four chapters will have intake in the Fall, with more expected in Spring 2016.
- There will be an upcoming executive committee meeting to discuss specific chapter events.
- Brothers Eustache and Hargrove working to update the chapter's constitution. The chapter will vote on all proposals for changes; a list of proposals to be sent to the brotherhood before October's chapter meeting, and the vote will be held at that meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary