

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2015**

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order by Bro. President Tyrone Travis at 5:08 p.m. and the invocation by Bro. Charlie Wall. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

Approval of Minutes (Bro. Burris)

The minutes from April's meeting had been sent by e-mail to the brotherhood before today's meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bro. Jesse Hymes, and it was seconded by Bro. Wall. The motion passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

Correspondence (Bro. Sellars)

The Winston-Salem NPHC Founder's Day church service was held this morning at Friendship Baptist Church.

Bro. Sellars asked brothers with questions about any forwarded e-mails to reply directly to the original author of the e-mail. Replies to Alpha Pi Lambda's e-mail address may not necessarily be directed to the author.

Financial Status (Bro. Richardson)

Bro. Richardson reminded brothers to see the financial secretary for any financial matters and that there are a few checks in the mail.

Any dues collected after July 1 will be applied to the next fraternal year (2015-2016).

Treasurer's Report (Bro. Williams)

The treasurer's report was reconciled on Wednesday, May 13. The previous balance reported at May's meeting was \$1,817.48; currently, the balance is \$1,692.48. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Bro. Richardson and was seconded by Bro. Hymes. The motion passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

Presidential Remarks (Bro. Travis)

- There are 58 financial brothers in the chapter; and five brothers represent the chapter's delegate strength. The chapter needs to maintain its financial status in order to remain active and continue to function.
- Alpha is strong in the area and the region, and Alpha Pi Lambda has played a part in it with brothers assuming leadership roles at these levels.

- The chapter picnic will be on Sunday, June 14. The costs are \$25 per brother, \$5 per guest.

Priority Business Items

Founders Day Dance (Bro. Travis)

The dance has been scheduled for the evening of Friday, December 4. The location will be the Anderson Center at Winston-Salem State University, and the cost will be \$300 per table.

Due to Bro. Lowe's new responsibilities, Bro. Leonard Patterson has taken over as the new chair for the dance.

Picnic (Bro. Richardson)

The chapter picnic will be at Tanglewood's Shelter 4 on Sunday, June 14 from 4:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. The first 100 cars through the park entrance do not have to pay the \$2 entry fee.

The menu will be the same as last year: any "exotic" items can be grilled on site.

Both horseshoe and volleyball courts will be available.

As noted previously, the costs are \$25 per brother and \$5 per guest, and money will be accepted all this week.

Picnic committee members will be contacted about their responsibilities by Bro. Richardson.

Golf Tournament (Bro. Hymes)

This year's golf tournament is set for Friday, September 11. Planning is moving along on the tournament, and all assignments have been given to committee members.

Brothers are encouraged to participate and to form their teams.

Julius Reese is willing to provide lessons for beginners and anyone who needs a refresher. There will be no fee for these lessons.

Project Alpha

Bro Chunn has left the chapter, so a new chair is needed for Project Alpha. Bro. Victor Isler has expressed an interest to serve as chair.

Brother's Keeper

Bro. Rann will chair this committee and work with Bro. Stanley Mitchell.

Election of Officers

Due to changes to Alpha's rules and regulations, chapter officers must be re-elected every year. Bro. Wall made a motion that all current officers remain in place for the new fraternal year and it was seconded by Hymes. The motion passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

General Convention (Bro. Travis)

There are currently six candidates in the race for the 35th General President.

The cost for Alpha Pi Lambda's five delegates to attend the General Convention is \$2,250. All brothers, however, are encouraged to register.

To date, the agenda has not been made public.

Standing Committees

Adopt a Highway (Bro. Caldwell)

The next round of clean-up along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive will be in June; details will be sent by e-mail.

Ronald McDonald House (Bro. Caldwell)

Eleven brothers from Alpha Pi Lambda and Beta Iota participated last Tuesday. The outgoing volunteer coordinator expressed her thanks to the chapter for their support.

Fund Development (Bro. Howard)

Four high school seniors have requested applications for the scholarship program: Christopher Crawford, Michael Hinton, Alexander Massenburg, and Trovin Venable.

Currently, there is \$2,979.55 in the main account for the Youth Life Skills Institute, with \$1,229.55 earmarked for scholarships. \$6,667 total dollars are needed to award \$5,000 in scholarships for 2015.

Five children continue to be transported for the free YMCA program at Petree Elementary from Rolling Hills Apartments. A grant of \$1,000 was made to the [GIDE project](#) to provide the transportation.

Upcoming fundraising projects include a fish fry tentatively planned during the summer and the golf tournament in September.

March of Dimes (Bro. Carson)

Bro. Carson lost one of his sons several weeks ago, but brothers are encouraged to continue and support the [Alpha Phi Alpha-Winston-Salem](#) page for March for Babies (currently up to \$400.00).

Brother's Keeper

Several senior brothers were contacted to attend today's meeting and Bro. Dr. Willard McCloud was in attendance.

Archives (Bros. Wall/Burris)

A new chapter directory will be available in the fall.

Reclamation (Bro. Turner)

- Challenged every brother to contact three brothers to attend the picnic in June.
- Bro. Travis has received four names of brothers in the Winston-Salem area who want to connect with the chapter.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota**
 - 14 brothers from Beta Iota graduated from Winston-Salem State on Friday, May 15.
 - The mother of Bro. Anderson Mayes, a Fall 2014 initiate and a 2015 graduate, passed away on Mother's Day. Brothers are encouraged to lend financial support for funeral expenses via a [gofundme page in her name](#).
- **Xi Eta**
 - Two brothers will graduate from Wake Forest University on Monday, May 18.
- **Pi Nu**
 - No report.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Bro. Burris)

Bro. Senator Paul Lowe was recognized by Alpha Pi Lambda for his service to the Winston-Salem community during today's Founder's Day service at Friendship Baptist Church.

New Business

Beautillion

Bro. Sellars has encouraged the chapter's support for a Beautillion as a means for overall support of the four National Programs. He plans to call a special meeting next month to start programming in the spring of 2016. All sponsorships for the Beautillion will work around sponsorships for the golf tournament.

LDCEI

Bro. Roseboro will send two children to the institute at Savannah State University in June and act as their chaperone.

Words from Bro. Area Director Pittman

- March of Dimes: North Carolina is second in the region in terms of donations for the program; Georgia is currently in the lead. Two \$100 checks from Kappa Lambda were sent as support for Alpha Pi Lambda.
- Concern for August's General Convention: as of two weeks ago, less than five college brothers from ANCA are registered.
 - All Alpha Pi Lambda advisors are registered.
 - All chapter delegates to be registered by the end of May.

Other

- With the caveat that "Alpha is taxing Alpha out of business" brothers were reminded that both dues and table fees for the dance will be due after the new fraternal year begins in September.
- External sources of income needed to support the chapter, and they will be considered over the next month. Ideas from brainstorming included:
 - Weekend shopping trip to Atlanta for wives: no.
 - Trip to Cherokee: yes.
 - Atlanta Falcons game, especially if playing Carolina Panthers: yes.
 - Flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's at \$10 per ticket: yes.
 - Dinner percentage nights at BWB, Zaxby's, Chipotle, etc.: yes.
 - Video game tournament: yes.
 - Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament: yes.
- A Jazz Night will be on Thursday, May 21 to support Bro. Senator Lowe's campaign for election to the General Assembly. Information will be sent to ANCA for support from the entire district.
- The Charter Day Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 30. Additional details will follow via e-mail.
- A news conference announcing this year's line-up for the 2015 National Black Theatre Festival will be on Monday, June 8 in downtown Winston-Salem. (Additional suggestion: flyers in Charlotte at the General Convention?)
- The annual fee for the chapter's post office box has been renewed.
- Bros. Thomas Coverson and Denzell Moton will also graduate from Wake Forest on Monday with graduate degrees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn. This was also the final chapter meeting of the 2014-2015 fraternal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris
Recording Secretary