

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law
Sunday, November 13, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

President's Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)

Brother Parks shared that with the election of Donald J. Trump as the President-elect of the United States, the mission of Alpha Phi Alpha is no different as it was in 1906. Uplifting the race, and being a light for the world, is important even in the days that face this country. Both Alpha Phi Alpha and the brothers of Alpha must be willing to transform themselves to become better men for what is yet to come.

In the meantime, the work of Alpha Pi Lambda is getting back to basics: revise the constitution and bylaws, develop new strategies to raise revenue, maintain consistent revenue via dues, and continue to both build and strengthen the brotherhood.

Vice President's Remarks (Brother Victor Isler)

Brother Isler has connected with Mona Lovell of the Crosby Scholars, who informed him that the organization has started a minority male initiative and that participants in the program would need support from positive role models. Brother Isler believes the chapter could be able to engage the initiative with "Project Alpha" and "Go To High School, Go to College" on a trial basis as advisors and mentors during workshops from January-May 2017. He would like to invite the program coordinator to speak to the brotherhood about the program, and Brother Parks said that this would take place at January's chapter meeting.

Additionally, Brother Isler is exploring a partnership with Boy Scout Troop 813 at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church following a conversation with the troop's leader.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from October's meeting were e-mailed to the chapter on Saturday, November 12. Following one correction, a **motion** was made by Brother S. Wayne Patterson to approve the minutes, and Brother Wall seconded it. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Burris for Brother Jeffery Purcell)

There was no physical correspondence received at the chapter's mailbox. Brother Purcell will bring receipts from recent mailings to the chapter as well as the rental of the chapter's mailbox.

An e-mail regarding [Phi Lambda's Black and Old Gold Ball](#) was received. It will be on Friday, December 9 in at the Embassy Suites RDU in Cary, and tickets are \$70 per person.

Financial Report (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

At the previous meeting, the balance for the chapter's checking account was \$1,699.83. Currently, the chapter's account stands at \$10,529.83. A **motion** to approve the financial report was made by Brother S. Wayne Patterson and was seconded by Brother Isler. The **motion** was passed unanimously.

Brother Richardson reminded all brothers to complete their financial obligations to the chapter. He will submit all grand tax payments as well as the chapter's insurance payment to the National Office on Tuesday, November 15.

To date, eleven tables have been purchased for the dance at \$325 apiece.

Priority Business Items

Budget Committee Report (Brothers Richardson and Isler)

The budget for the chapter was not ready for today's meeting, so the report of the committee has been postponed. As a result, chapter dues were not raised and will remain at \$200.00

Foundation/Youth Initiative Report (Brother Alvin Howard)

Brother Howard distributed a report regarding the Youth Life Skills Institute (YLSI).

Additionally, Brother Howard received a letter stating that the tax exempt status for the Youth Life Skills Institute was revoked due to a change in the rules, and he presented an action plan to restore the YLSI's status eight weeks from today. Brother S. Wayne Patterson volunteered to resolve the issue on the chapter's behalf, and Brother Howard will meet with him to coordinate his efforts.

Brothers Warren Leggett and Robert Brown, Jr. will assist Brother Howard to set up a financial and accounting system for future accounting purposes

Founders Day Dance (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell advised the chapter that we have been committed to the dance because of a contract that was signed last year.

The Committee had intended to introduce a tiered pricing structure to reward brothers who had paid their chapter dues early. Due to a chapter mistake, the e-mail that was sent out was not in a timely manner.

A **motion** was made by Brother Isler stating that all tables purchased between today and midnight on Friday will be \$325.00, and all tables purchased after that date will be \$425.00. Brother Jesse Hymes seconded the **motion**, and it was passed by a majority vote.

The dance will be from 7:30 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. on Friday, December 2. A light reception will be held beforehand, and a live band will be featured. The Committee is negotiating parking details with the hotel; hotel rooms will be available at \$89.00 each.

Standing Committees

A Voteless People is A Hopeless People (Brother Tony Caldwell)

A voter registration drive was held on Saturday, August 20 in conjunction with AKA's Community Day. 127 new voters were registered during the event.

Brothers Isler and Nate French also led voter education seminars at St Paul's United Methodist Church during October.

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Caldwell)

The chapter volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in October. Two brothers and an aspirant were present.

Scholarship/Education Activities (Brother Alvin Howard)

The Scholarship Committee will hold its first meeting on Friday, December 10. A sign up sheet for brothers to join the committee was also distributed.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Darrel Slade)**
 - A Financial Literacy Forum was held on Wednesday, September 14 at Winston-Salem State. Brothers partnered with the sorors of the Gamma Lambda chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
 - A debate watch party/post debate dialogue was held on Monday, September 26.
 - Brother Quante Perry was crowned Mister WSSU during Homecoming.
 - A lunch with Brother General President-Elect Everett B. Ward later this month at Winston-Salem State. Alpha Pi Lambda is invited to attend.
 - A planning retreat for Spring 2017 has been scheduled for the end of the semester.

- A Spring 2017 Information Seminar will be held at 7:06 pm on Wednesday, November 16. A Miss Black & Gold interest meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17.
- **Xi Eta (Brother Kyle Johnson)**
 - The chapter's Fall 2016 neophytes, Brothers Jason Pugh and Leonard Snipes, were introduced to Alpha Pi Lambda.
 - Spring 2017 information seminars for intake and Miss Black & Gold will be held later in November.

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

- Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed to two needy families at the Winston Lake YMCA on Tuesday, November 22. Alpha Pi Lambda will provide the turkeys for both baskets.
- Funds for the Shoebox Ministry will be collected at the Pan meeting in December. Participating chapters are asked to donate three boxes at \$15.00 each.

New Business

Fundraising Committee

Brother Darrel Clodfelter has agreed to serve as the chair of this committee in Brother Howard's place.

Winter Chapter Retreat

Brother Parks will find a date for a chapter retreat in January 2017. Business will include revising the constitution and bylaws, the relationship of the chapter to the YLSI going forward, and chapter dues for the next fraternal year.

Report from the 2016 District Conference

Mona Zahir, Miss Black & Gold for the Beta Iota Chapter, was the First Runner-Up for the District competition and was also awarded the Best talent. Miss Zahir was also the top March of Dimes fundraiser.

Brother Stanley Mitchell was recognized for conducting this year's Hobart Jarrett Debate Competition.

The 2017 Regional Conference will be held March 23-26 in Raleigh. Planned events include a march by brothers to the State Capitol as well as the Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Competition conducted on the Capitol Grounds.

The 2017 District Conference will be held November 9-12 in Concord.

Madden Fundraiser

Brother Austin Howard distributed a plan for Madden video game tournament that would be held in March 2017 at Winston-Salem State. Equipment rental fees can be offset with only three people registered; after that, all profits would be for the chapter.

Brother Parks gave his approval for the fundraiser to proceed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary
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