

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2015**

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Bro. President Tyrone Travis. Bro. Chaplin Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

Presidential Remarks (Bro. Travis)

Bro. Travis opened the meeting by welcoming brothers to the first meeting of 2015, adding that the Founder's Day dance was a wonderful affair. Brothers attending the meeting then introduced themselves.

New Sergeant-At-Arms

Bro. Cedric Pickett has volunteered his name as a replacement for Bro. Orlando Mitchell as sergeant-at-arms. Nominations were opened for the position, and Bro. Pickett was approved as no other names were entered.

Convention reminders

The upcoming [84th Anniversary Southern Region Convention](#) will be March 19-22, 2015 in Orlando, Florida. The registration fee is currently \$200.00, increasing to \$250.00 after February 1.

The [109th Anniversary Convention/93rd General Convention](#) will take place on August 5-9, 2015 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Registration is currently \$400.00, with an increase to \$450.00 on February 3. As with the previous general convention in Austin, Texas, there will be no on-site registration.

Treasurer's Report (Bro. Richardson)

(Bro. John Williams e-mailed the report to Bro. Richardson, as he was under the weather.)

The chapter's balance in the checking account at Mechanics & Farmer's Bank stands at \$4,508.20, following all debits and credits made since November's meeting. A **motion** was made to accept the treasurer's report, and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Financial Status (Bro. Richardson)

Bro. Richardson asked brothers to see him in order to learn their respective financial status. Bro. Travis added that at least 34 brothers were dropped from AlphaNET, reducing the number of active brothers on file with the national office.

Bro. Richardson added that he has been communicating regularly with the national office to guarantee that all monies have been received, even though AlphaNET has not been regularly updated.

Priority Business Items

Founders Day Dance Wrap-Up (Bro. Lowe)

Bro. Travis stated that the 2015 Founders Day Dance would be on December 4. He intends to plan the dance during the spring, with a final proposal in place at the end of the fraternal year.

There was a problem with drinking from several underage brothers. As a result, there will be wristbands and ID checks to curb this at the next dance.

Bro. Lowe suggested that the cost for tables will have to increase for next year to \$30.00 for a table of ten, resulting in a price of \$300.00 per table. The 2014 dance had a shortfall due to the costs for the venue and food, but the goal is to break even with overall costs.

Four other venues have also been considered, but additional consideration would have to be given that would be either free or at a lower cost at the Anderson Center, such as parking.

At next year's dance, plaques will be presented to all past presidents of Alpha Pi Lambda in recognition for their service.

IMDP Update (Bros. Caldwell/Burris/Turner/Hargrove)

The chapter's Awareness Seminar was held Tuesday, December 9. There was a strong presence from the chapter at the event.

There were five interested gentlemen at the seminar. Bro. Turner added that several others who were not able to attend contacted him as well.

Bro. Turner opened the floor for brothers to decide on IMDP for the spring. After several comments from brothers, a **motion** was made for a moratorium on Spring 2015 intake, and brothers passed it with the usual Alpha sign.

Currently, AlphaNET shows 66% of the chapter as IMDP certified, bringing the chapter into compliance with the national office. Bro. Hargrove will lead another certification session for Winston-Salem once he determines a time and a place.

Science Fair (Bros. Clarke and Harrill)

The elementary school science fair will be this coming Friday (January 16) at SciWorks, with the secondary school science fair on the following Friday (January 23) at Wake Forest's Bridger Field House. All brothers are encouraged to attend in Alpha attire to show support.

Project Alpha (Bro. Chunn)

Marketing for Project Alpha will begin on Monday, January 19 with the event on Thursday, March 19 at various locations on Winston-Salem State's campus.

The calendar will be finalized this week and e-mailed to the brotherhood shortly thereafter. Event details will be presented at the next chapter meeting in February.

Several brothers also volunteered children from groups they work with regularly as possible participants.

Brother's Keeper (Bro. Roseboro)

During the holidays, [brothers visited all chapter widows as well as several 50-year brothers](#), presenting them with cards and poinsettias.

A permanent chair for Brother's Keeper is still needed; Bro. Travis is still seeking names, and Bros. Stanley Mitchell and Roseboro volunteered to serve in that role.

Standing Committees

Amenities (Bro. Roseboro)

Bro. Maurice Ware of the Children's Home has had serious health complications.

Bro. Perry Lackey is hospitalized with the flu in Charlotte. Bro. Roseboro passed around a card for the brothers to sign that will be delivered to him.

Adopt-A-Highway (Bro. Caldwell)

The next clean-up will be in four weeks, meeting at parking lot for Forsyth Seafood. The clean-up will also be held in conjunction Beta Iota and Xi Eta.

Ronald McDonald House (Bro. Caldwell)

Brothers met in December before the holidays, [making luminaries and wrapping gifts](#) for residents.

Scholarship

A chair is still needed for this committee. Any interested brothers should contact Bro. Travis.

Fund Raising (Bro. Howard)

Bro. Howard hopes to give \$6,000 in scholarships this year. He also plans to collaborate with Bro. Clarke in order to raise more money for initiatives by the Youth Life Skills Institute (YLSI).

A second tournament will be planned for the fall of 2015. Additional potential fundraisers include a car wash by YLSI participants and pie sales.

Social Justice (Bro. Parks and Patterson)

The recent NAACP elections were declared null and void by the national organization, so new elections will be rescheduled within thirty days. Information about elections will be sent to current NAACP members as well as other matters related to the Winston-Salem chapter.

Bro. Lowe is a finalist to replace State Senator Earline Parmon in the North Carolina Senate. Senator Parmon has been appointed to a position in the office of U.S. House Rep. Alma Adams.

Webmaster (Bro. Sellars)

Bro. Sellars assured brothers that the [chapter's website](#) will be updated and live by Saturday, January 31. He requested for pictures taken at chapter events be sent to him for posting to the [chapter's Flickr account](#).

In his role as corresponding secretary, he also asked for any brothers who haven't received any chapter e-mails to contact him at once.

He is still working with Bro. Hargrove about overall website development. Bro. Rann will assist to get relevant articles to the *Chronicle*.

Reclamation (Bro. Turner)

Bro. Turner proposed a get-together for brothers to see *Selma* on Friday, January 23 including wives and significant others. Details will be sent to the chapter by e-mail, and a notice will also be sent to the *Chronicle* in order to reach inactive brothers in the area.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Bro. Bristow)**
 - The Alpha Ambassadors program will launch a coat drive this week.
 - Neophyte week begins next week (January 18-24) with worship at Shiloh Baptist Church on Sunday and closing with a party on Saturday.
 - A proposal was made by the chapter for Alpha Pi Lambda's financial support at the upcoming regional convention for 50% of the cost of two hotel rooms during the convention.

- A **motion** was made by Bro. Mitchell for the chapter to pay the registration fees of the Beta Iota and Xi Eta chapters for delegates at the regional convention. Without a second, the motion failed.
 - A **motion** was made by Bro. Parks was made to fund Bro. Bristow's request. This motion also failed by not gaining a second.
 - Bros. Tanner and Parks volunteered to offset the costs for both chapters at the regional convention privately.
- **Xi Eta (Bro. Harris)**
 - Bro. Travis Jones graduated in the fall of 2014 with a degree in Physics, and Bro. Robert Sakaguchi is studying abroad during the spring semester of 2015.
 - A formal proposal for a scholarship banquet between Beta Iota and Alpha Pi Lambda will be written in January.
 - Participation in the debate competition at the regional convention will be partially funded by ANCA.
 - A chapter goal for the spring semester will be to address and alleviate the hostile racial climate on campus.
 - **Pi Nu- no report**

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

The shoebox ministry for Senior Ministries was a success in November.

The annual NPHC clean-up of the Odd Fellows cemetery will be on Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 19) from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Bro. Roseboro requested additional brothers to attend monthly meetings, and Bros. Hargrove and Burris volunteered to represent.

Other Fraternity Business

The annual MLK Breakfast will be Monday, January 19 at the Benton Convention Center. Brothers should arrive at 7:00 a.m. to serve as ushers for the event.

Bro. Dick Gregory is speaking at Winston-Salem State on Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Special recognition was given to Bros. Tanner and Parks for volunteering to offset the costs for the college chapters at the regional convention.

There will be no Valentine's Day Event this year.

Bro. Brown of Beta Iota will be collecting donations and blankets on Friday January 16 at the Donald J. Reeves Center (Winston-Salem State).

Delegates needed for delegates to Regional Convention. Bro. Mitchell recommended that college chapter advisors should be delegates based on events at the fraternity's Board of Directors Meeting in Charlotte.

Bro. Parks stated that NAACP, Lawyers Committed for Civil Rights Under Law, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund were given \$25,000 donations from Alpha, while the Dream Defenders received \$50,000. Additionally, the Civil Rights Clinic of the New York Law School offered to write a pro bono amicus brief before the United States Supreme Court for a specific case.

Bro. Chris Taylor reminded brothers that the Leadership at A Time of Injustice Forum would be at the Urban League on Friday, January 16 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. He is also preparing a leadership development institute program with both Carver High School and Carter G. Woodson School for a master's project; this could also be an opportunity for Alpha Pi Lambda's participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris
Recording Secretary