

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Sunday, March 12, 2017**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

**District Director's Remarks (Brother Tejuan Manners)**

Brother District Director Tejuan Manners joined the chapter for its meeting. He welcomed the new brothers from the Beta Iota chapter and emphasized the value of the Alpha network while holding tight the spirit and love of the fraternity that they have right now. He also encouraged them- as well as all brothers attending the meeting- to change the trend of remaining active after only three years, to make the fraternity to be everything to them as it should be, and to remain active and engaged.

Brother Manners also added the following remarks:

- He was glad to visit Alpha Pi Lambda on his tour of chapters in the district. He said that all chapters are dealing with same struggles, regardless of size and type.
- He wants to raise the minimum GPA to 2.75 in the District, and is exploring this possibility.
- A “scorecard” for chapters is in development. Details about what it will include will be shared later, but its goal will be consistency across chapters.
- The Regional Convention will be in Raleigh next weekend, and plans have been made for it to be different than other conferences. Events will include active dialogues with both state leadership and regional leadership, a silent march to the State Capitol, and the Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest at Halifax Mall.

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

After a conversation regarding with other chapter presidents, Brother Parks had a focus on ideology as how it relates to his role as chapter president. He commented that as Alphas, it's important to focus the ideology in a manner that will address the needs of the organization. Also, being able to exchange ideas with other chapters should be encouraged if the fraternity is to strengthen itself and work through its challenges. There are implications for one's view of Alpha, whether a conservative view or a progressive view of the chapter, district, region, and international level.

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

The minutes were e-mailed to the chapter on Thursday, March 9. A **motion** to approve the minutes as written was made by Brother Wall and seconded by Brother Tony Caldwell. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

### **Correspondence (Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

No correspondence for the chapter has been received.

Brother Purcell was thankful to the chapter for its support through difficult times. He will be returning to active status as the chapter's corresponding secretary.

### **Financial Report (Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Tyrone Travis)**

The beginning balance for the chapter's checking account was \$137.53 current balance: \$196.53. This reconciliation was in compliance with Mechanics & Farmers Bank.

### **Priority Business Items**

#### **Chapter Retreat (Brother Victor Isler)**

The Chapter Retreat was held on Saturday, March 4. Overall, the retreat was a good event that encouraged self-reflection and potential chapter growth. It included a great deal of candor and perspective about how the chapter can foster support for all its members.

Topics addressed included:

- Intake and reclamation
- Revisions to the chapter constitution, especially in regards to the National Programs and Special Projects
- Dues and finances
- Foundation matters
- Educational committee
- Fiscal management
- Fundraising
- Founders Day Ball

#### **Constitution and By-laws Committee (Brothers Harold Eustache and Gregory Parks)**

Brother Parks led the chapter through the changes proposed by the Constitution and By-laws Committee and thanked Brother Harold Eustache for his work.

Revisions to the Constitution were e-mailed to the brotherhood for review on Thursday, March 9. The chapter vote, along with further changes as appropriate, proceeded in the following course:

- Preamble: No further changes. A **motion** to approve the Preamble was made by Brother Isler, and was seconded by Brother Wall. The **motion** was passed unanimously.

- Article I: No further changes. A **motion** to approve Article was made by Brother Isler, and was seconded by Brother Hargrove. The **motion** was passed unanimously.
- Article II: No further changes. A **motion** to approve Article was made by Brother Isler, and was seconded by Brother Hargrove. The **motion** was passed unanimously.
- Article III-VII: A **motion** to approve Articles III-VII was made by Brother Emery Rann and was seconded by Brother Hargrove. The **motion** was passed unanimously with the following additional changes:
  - Change: The phrase “Chapter Dean of Initial Membership Development Process (IMDP)” has been changed to “Dean of Membership Development” throughout the revised Constitution.
  - Change to Article VII: “IMDP Management Team” shall be added as a Standing Committee.
- Article VIII-XII: A **motion** to approve Articles VIII-XII was made by Brother Stanley Mitchell and was seconded by Brother Isler. The **motion** was passed unanimously with the following additional changes.
  - Change to Article VIII: Section 1: replace the word “Majority” with “Quorum.” The explanation of a quorum will be detailed in the By-laws.
  - Change to Article VIII: Replace “Brother” with “Officer.”
  - Change to Article VIII: Remove the current Section 4 as written.
  - Change to Article IX: Add “special assessments” to Section 1.
  - Changes to Article IX:
    - Add “if paid after the conclusion of the May meeting each year” to the end of Section 2, Subsection d. This will mirror the language in Section 2, Subsection b.
    - The following **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell regarding Article IX: Section 2: “If dues are not paid by the end of May, the Brother will be penalized \$50.00.” The **motion** was seconded by Brother Paul Lowe, and was passed by majority vote (8-4).
    - The following **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell to approve the language of Article IX, Section 2, Subsection (f) as written. The **motion** was seconded by Brother Paul Lowe, and failed by a vote of 4-8.
    - The following **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell to approve the language of Article IX, Section 2, Subsection (g) as written. The **motion** was seconded by Brother Paul Lowe, and failed by a vote of 4-8.
    - The word “fiscal” was replaced by “fraternal” throughout Article IX.
- By-laws: A **motion** to approve the By-laws was made by Brother Mitchell and was seconded by Brother Jesse Hymes. The **motion** was passed unanimously with the following additional change.
  - Change to Number 10: Add the following sentence to the end of the existing sentence: “One-third of voting members who are active both with the General Organization and The Chapter shall be a quorum for chapter votes.”

#### **Area 4 Report (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Twenty new brothers (fifteen from Beta Iota, five from Sigma Delta) were initiated on Saturday, March 11.

Registration for the ANCA license plate has extended to the Regional Convention next week.

### **Regional Convention (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Registration has closed. Brothers who are not registered have been encouraged to attend to show support.

Delegates for Alpha Pi Lambda will be Brothers Fredrick Evans, Austin Howard, Paul Lowe and Stanley Mitchell.

### **General Convention (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

[The 94<sup>th</sup> General Convention](#) will be held from Thursday, July 12 until Sunday, July 16. Registration will end on Monday, June 12 and hotel rooms are selling out quickly.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Adopt a Highway (Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

The next clean-up will be on Saturday, April 1. Brothers should arrive by 8:00 a.m. and park at Forsyth Seafood

#### **Boy Scouts (Brother Victor Isler)**

Brother Isler has registered as Scout Leader for the program at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

### **Standing Reports**

#### **College Chapter Reports**

- **Beta Iota (Brother Darell Slade)**
  - 15 brothers initiated into Beta Iota on Saturday night.
  - The Neophyte Showcase will be on Monday, March 20 at 7:06 p.m. in The Pitt at Winston-Salem State.

### **For the Good of the Order**

#### **WSSU 40 Under 40 Program (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Brother Hargrove was recognized as one of Winston-Salem State University's "40 Under 40" alumni. Donations for scholarships that support this program can be made [at this link](#), and the awards gala will be on Saturday, April 8.

**LDCEI (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

[The 2017 LDCEI](#) will be held from Wednesday, June 21 until Sunday, June 25 at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. Each chapter is encouraged to send a minimum of two students, and the fee for both students and chaperons to attend is \$225.00.

**Bowl for Kids' Sake (Brothers Tony Caldwell and Derrick Hargrove)**

The chapter raised nearly \$500.00 for the event held on Saturday, March 4. Brothers who attended brother their families and everyone had a good time.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and was immediately followed by the meeting of the Youth Life Skills Institute conducted by Brother Alvin Howard.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary  
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