

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Room 1107, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Sunday, May 21, 2017**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:19 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 thanked brothers for their patience during the year with very long chapter meetings to handle the business of the chapter, but the ball has been moved significantly since the beginning of the fraternal year.

He also noted that sadly, two brothers have passed into Omega Chapter: Brother Dr. James (Jimmy) Jones and Brother Emery Rann III. The passing of these brothers has led to moments of reflection about what Alpha is all about, and should be a part of the chapter as we go forward to make it needs to be: a brotherhood but also about the business of the fraternity.

**Vice President's Remarks (Brother Victor Isler)**

Brother Isler shared that this was a year with “growing pains” about how we operate as a chapter, but there were several successes as well:

- For the national programs, the chapter has begun to partner with Crosby Scholars, as well as engaging with the Youth Life Skills Institute.
- A new partnership was also begun with the Boy Scouts troop at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.
- Brother Derrick Hargrove took the lead with March of Dimes' March for Babies in April.
- Brother Alvin Howard has spearheaded the restoration of the Youth Life Skills Institute toward normal operations.
- Brother Fredrick Evans has done a wonderful job concerning reclamation and bringing new brothers to the chapter.
- The chapter has a new and updated constitution, with new positions to be filled.

Overall, the chapter has met the mark for what it should be doing.

A planning retreat will be scheduled during summer with a set of proposed dates sent to be sent to the brotherhood as soon as possible.

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

The minutes were sent by email to the chapter on Saturday, May 20. With no changes or corrections, a **motion** was made by Brother Fredrick Evans to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Brother Isler. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

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

No correspondence has been received for the chapter during the last month.

### **Financial Status (Brother Tyrone Travis)**

The previous balance in the chapter's checking account was \$190.53 on Friday, April 7. As of Friday, May 19, the current balance is \$2,035.00. The account was reconciled with Mechanics & Farmers Bank on that date.

Several brothers have taken advantage of paying chapter dues early for next fraternal year. Brother Travis will send receipts to brothers who have paid by postal mail this week.

### **Priority Business Items**

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

A list of all graduating brothers in the area will be shared after all names have been received.

Updates to chapter rosters are due by Thursday, June 1.

Brother Alonzo Cee is now working with Brother Eric Heath as the Assistant Executive Director for ANCA. The new Assistant Area Director is Brother Eric Johnson of the Beta Iota Chapter.

A new position, Area Chief of Staff, has been filled by Brother Thomas Armooch of the Sigma Delta Chapter.

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

The 2017 General Convention will be in Baltimore, Maryland from Wednesday, July 12 until Sunday, July 16. Registration will be \$350.00 for college brothers and \$400.00 for alumni brothers. Registration will end on Monday, June 12, and there is no onsite registration.

Delegates for Alpha Pi Lambda will be Brothers Tony Caldwell, Derrick Hargrove, Paul Lowe, and Tyrone Travis.

Two potentially controversial items are scheduled to come before the body in July: a non-discrimination clause and an amendment regarding the definition in a male in terms of membership. Discussion about these items will be continued at the chapter retreat that will take place before the General Convention.

### **Standing Committees**

### **Brother's Keeper Committee (Brother Stanley Mitchell)**

The passing of Brother Rann and all the events from the past week demonstrated the need for brothers to remain connected. This extends to the need to check on chapter's widows and senior brothers, and the committee will explore having a meal for the widows in conjunction with the Reclamation Committee.

Along with input of Brother Wall and Brother John Singleton, the committee will send proclamations regarding the passing of Brothers Jones and Rann to National Office, along with funeral programs, in time for the Omega Service at the General Convention.

### **College Brothers Affairs Committee (Brother Christian Burris and Brother Tony Caldwell)**

#### Beta Iota:

- Three brothers will be going to the General Convention.
- Three brothers graduated from the chapter last Friday (May 19), and twelve brothers will be returning to Winston-Salem State in the fall.

#### Xi Eta:

- A Chapter retreat is scheduled for the weekend of June 30.
- One delegate will attend the General Convention.
- One brother graduated from the chapter last Monday (May 15), and three brothers will be back at Wake Forest in the fall.

### **Education Committee (Brother Nate French)**

Brother Mitchell will be meeting tomorrow morning with **Watts?** regarding sending children to the LDCEI in June as well as mentors/chaperones to accompany them.

Brothers French and Mitchell have been attending school board meetings. All brothers are encouraged to attend meetings for the new school year, scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m., beginning in August.

A mentorship program led by Brother Nate Barber is being coordinated with Carver High School. Brother French will bring profiles for all area high school in the fall to identify other locations to expand the program.

The Barbershop Program has been tabled until the chapter retreat.

Project Alpha was held with the Crosby Scholars on Tuesday, April 18, and it was a success. The next workshop will be held with Brother Marc Winbush's lacrosse team in July.

A Go To High School, Go To College event will be coordinated with the Piedmont Youth Football & Cheer League at Wake Forest's Bridger Field House on Saturday, July 22 from 10

a.m. until 1 p.m. It will map process the process of transition from high school to college with an athletic perspective. The number of participants from the League has yet to be settled, but would ideally be for around 100 students and their parents.

### **Elections Committee (Brother Victor Isler)**

There will be information at the retreat regarding the election of new officers per the revised constitution.

### **March of Dimes (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Alpha Phi Alpha assisted with set-up and parking at the annual March for Babies event, with participation from the Alpha Pi Lambda and Beta Iota chapters. Organizers said that it was the best and quickest set-up in several years.

Contact info for the March of Dimes will be passed to the next chair of the committee.

### **Ronald McDonald House (Brother Tony Caldwell)**

The last event for the year was held on Tuesday, May 2. The chapter will start the fourth year of its partnership with the organization in August.

At some point in the future, Brother Caldwell would love to see the chapter make a \$500.00 donation to Ronald McDonald House.

### **Reclamation (Brother Fredrick Evans)**

The committee brought several brothers into the chapter during the past fraternal year.

Brother Calvert Jeffers will be a part of committee next year.

The committee intends to review the chapter roster to include all current brothers and their contact information. An Omega section will also be created to recognize deceased chapter brothers and their families.

The committee will also coordinate visits with brothers who are no longer attending chapter meetings, especially with other committees like Brother's Keeper. Brother Evans would like to begin by visiting Brothers David Tate and Dr. Willard McCloud, Sr. next Sunday, May 28.

The committee will plan smaller activities and their families during the year, particularly around holidays. These will include:

- Bowling events, with twenty brothers at \$72 per lane, planned for either Sunday, June 25 or Sunday, July 2.
- A resume-interview workshop for Area 4's college brothers, hosted with the Kappa Lambda Chapter.

- Other ideas: wine-tasting, wine cruise, road trip via Brother Clevell Roseboro's bus company, lunches out with brothers, and pairing up brothers of differing generations to get to know one another.

### **Social Committee (Brother Victor Isler)**

The committee is looking at four venues for this year's Founders Day Dance. A final proposal and cost models will be brought to the upcoming chapter retreat.

A proposal to hold a chapter cookout on Sunday, July 9 was made by Brother S. Wayne Patterson. A **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell to have a chapter picnic at no cost to the chapter and Brothers pay \$25.00 with final details to be confirmed later. The **motion** was seconded by Brother Alonzo Turner and was passed unanimously.

### **Standing Reports**

#### **Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Brother Christian Burris and Brother Derrick Hargrove and Roseboro)**

- The Council celebrated its 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Friendship Baptist Church today. Brother James Branch was recognized by the chapter for his contributions to the community.
- The inaugural Winston-Salem Greek Picnic on Saturday, May 27 beginning at 12 noon. It will be held at Triad Park's Shelter #1 in Kernersville.

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

#### **Lacrosse**

Brother Winbush's lacrosse team lost its last home conference game for the season on Saturday, May 20 against Cape Fear Academy.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn. A meeting of the Youth Life Skills Institute followed the chapter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter