

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Bro. President Travis, following the taking of chapter pictures. The opening prayer was given by Bro. Wall.

Presidential Remarks (Bro. Travis)

Bro. Travis welcomed brothers to today's meeting and "picture day", adding that he hoped to see the same number of brothers at January's meeting. Introductions by brothers followed the welcome.

Bro. Travis welcomed eight Fall 2014 initiates of the Beta Iota Chapter who were attending today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October's meeting were e-mailed by Bro. Sellars on Thursday evening. No corrections were submitted

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, and it was properly seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Financial Status (Bro. Richardson)

Bro. Richardson reported that the balance \$1,435.54 and the chapter is in balance with the November statement for Mechanics & Farmers Bank.

A motion was made to approve the treasure's report as read and it was properly seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bro. Travis reminded brothers to pay their dues to be nationally active.

Treasurer's Report (Bro. Williams)

The report was covered by Bro. Richardson in the previous section.

Priority Business Items

Founders Day Dance (Bro. Lowe)

Bro. Lowe reported that the dance was a struggle because of the Anderson Center's availability. However, the Dance will be at the Anderson Center on Friday, December 5 with the Phase Band performing.

To date, there have been twenty total commitments from brothers with fifteen tables sold. At least 28 tables are needed to make the dance profitable.

Bro. Lowe suggested the following items for consideration regarding the 2015 dance:

- The Milton Rhodes Center should be viable option as another venue. There would be more latitude in terms of caterers and the number of tables that would be needed.
- The Anderson Center uses Aramark, which creates a higher cost for the food.
- Price for tables should be raised to \$250, with \$300 projected as the eventual price for a table.
- The number of seats per table should be decreased from ten to eight.
- A fundraising component should be built in going forward
- Planning for the dance should begin either January or February.

Bro. Travis stated that the dance would go forward as scheduled, but the suggestions from Bro. Lowe would be incorporated into the planning for next year.

Bro. Richardson and Bro Rann will be available to take money for the dance at their respective offices, and invitations will be ready for pickup later next week.

Brothers and guests are asked to bring a toy for children ages 6-16. They will be donated to Brenner Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House.

IMDP Update (Bro. Hargrove)

Area Four's IMDP concluded last night at 10:56 p.m. Nineteen brothers were initiated: 16 from Beta Iota, 3 from Pi Zeta.

Bro. Travis will pursue a 2015 IMDP certification date with Bro. Pittman; Bro. Hargrove said that Bro. Pittman expects to hold two sessions in December.

ANCA Delegate Reports (Bro. Travis)

Bro. S. Wayne Patterson stated that Alpha Pi Lambda should prepare for Chapter of the Year at next year's conference. He will be reaching out to Bros. Burris and Sellars, with other brothers to be asked for help during the year. He suggested that the Thanksgiving event with the Winston-Salem NPHC and the Dance could be the first items for inclusion.

Bro. Burris and Travis outlined amendments at the conference that would expect every chapter to compete in at least three events. Additionally, Bro. Regional Vice President Ronald Natson stated that all chapters should have verification of the four national programs in order to participate in intake.

Bro. Stanley Mitchell reported that Xi Eta won the Hobart Jarrett Debate competition, and Bros. Bristow of Beta Iota and Travis of Xi Eta participated in the Oratorical Contest.

Bro. Travis added that the attendance was for the conference was particularly poor, particularly for both the luncheons and the business sessions.

The Regional Conference will be in Orlando Florida from March 19-22, 2015. A presentation was made by the planning committee for the 2015 General Convention in Charlotte in August.

Standing Committees

Amenities (Bro. Roseboro)

Bro. Richardson recommended that brothers go by to visit Bro. Jones. Bro. Tate has also had difficulties.

Bro. McCloud sent his regards, as he was unable to attend today's meeting.

Science Fair (Bros. Clarke and Harrill)

Bro. Clarke reported that the Elementary District Science Fair (Grades K-5) will be held Friday, January 16 at the Fairgrounds Education Building, and the Secondary District Science Fair (Grades 6-12) will be held Friday, January 23 at Deacon Tower. Volunteers are needed to be judges and award presenters- at least six brothers on site for both fairs. Additionally, \$1,000 will be needed from the chapter to award cash prizes to the winners.

Bro. Harrill will meet with the school system on Saturday for 40 potential attendees to encourage participation at the Science Fair and beyond.

Bro. Clarke also recommended collaboration with the Fundraising and Go to High School Go to College Committees to tap into their respective application pools.

Bro. Stanley Mitchell made a motion for the chapter to present a \$1,000 check for the Loudon Anderson Science Fair, and it was properly seconded. A friendly amendment by Bro. Rann was added to investigate fundraising opportunities to fund the award in the future. The motion was passed by a show of hands from the brotherhood.

Fund Raising (Bro. Howard)

To date, the Youth Life Skills Institute (YLSI) has given a \$600 grant to a lacrosse team, and \$11,000 in scholarships.

Bro. Howard mentioned a grant to GUIDE to provide transportation to kids from Rolling Hills Apartments. There are also reading programs at Petree Elementary and Rural Hall Elementary.

Over \$3,000 was raised at September's golf tournament. Plans are proposed to begin fundraising for a goal of \$12,000 over the next year.

Now that a record a record of success has been established, Bro. Howard intends to apply for a grant with support from Bro. Clarke. Bro. Rann recommended that all bookkeeping requirements should be met by the YLSI to keep the foundation both in good standing and to apply for future grant opportunities. Bro. Howard will schedule a meeting of the YLSI board in order to address these matters.

March of Dimes (Bro. Travis)

\$17,000 was raised by ANCA in 2014, with \$12,000 by Kappa Lambda alone.

Social Justice (Bro. Parks)

Bro. Parks reported that the national office has given \$150,000 to several national organizations that support social justice, including the NAACP.

Webmaster (Bro. Sellars)

The website will be redone to give it a more professional look. All officers and committee chairs will be expected to write blurbs about their respective areas of responsibility.

Submit any pictures for the website directly to Bro. Sellars.

A cost may be involved to bring the website up to an acceptable level.

January 31, 2015 will be the live date for the website, and it will be formally unveiled at the February meeting.

Reclamation (Bro. Turner)

Bro. Turner said that a full effort would be needed in order to begin reclamation, especially "the power of one". Bro. Rann's goal of 75 brothers on the roster can be met with the full cooperation of the chapter.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Bro. Bristow)**
 - Congratulations were extended to the eight initiates present for today's meeting.

- A proposal was made to Alpha Pi Lambda for financial assistance in order to attend future conferences. In return, Beta Iota would be an active resource for any functions and events.
- Bro. Bristow feels that Beta Iota is in a perfect position to join with Alpha Pi Lambda to compete in the Charles H. Wesley Award at next year's ANCA conference.
- An initiative will begin in January to donate coats to needy families.
- **Xi Eta (Bro. Burris)**
 - The chapter won Hobart Jarrett Debate competition at the ANCA Conference, defeating Kappa Omicron from Duke.
 - The Spring 2015 Awareness Seminar is scheduled for Thursday.
- **Pi Nu (no report)**

Bro. Mitchell recommended an advisor's committee to be in place to assist the undergraduate chapters.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council

Members of the Pan will feed the homeless on Thanksgiving morning starting at 7:00 a.m. They are also looking for hats, coats, and gloves to distribute that morning. A photo session has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

A suggestion was also made to sponsor/host the Hill Family for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Other Fraternity Business

The 2015 ANCA Conference will be in Durham.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. to the Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris
Recording Secretary