

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Enterprise Conference and Banquet Center
Sunday, April 14, 2019**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Roland Leak called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

President's Remarks (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak said that both today's meeting and next month's meeting are critical ones, especially for planning fundraisers for the chapter. On a related note, he added that chapter dues for the next fraternal year would be due at May's chapter meeting.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burriss)

The minutes from the chapter meetings in both February and May were sent by e-mail to the brotherhood with hardcopies available at today's meeting. With no corrections, a **motion** was moved by Brother Dwayne Cordier to approve the minutes as written, and it was seconded by Brother Darrel Clodfelter. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the sign of Alpha.

Financial Report (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Brothers Richardson and Leak are the current check signers for the chapter. Brother Richardson thanked Brother Stanley Mitchell for retrieving checkbook and Brother Burriss for signing off on changes regarding the chapter's account. For now, every check written on behalf of fraternity by will be written by Brother Richardson and reviewed by Brother Leak.

A vote will be taken in May to select a new treasurer for the chapter; Brother Leak said that any brother who is interested in serving as in that role should contact him as soon as possible.

The beginning balance for the chapter's checking account was \$2,960.08. With deposits totaling \$1,500.00 and no disbursements the current balance of the account is \$4,460.08. A motion to approve the financial report was moved by Brother Aaron Horne and seconded by Brother Clodfelter. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the sign of Alpha.

Chapter dues will be \$250.00 until May 31; beginning on June 1, the amount will increase to \$300.00. Brother Richardson will either receive checks by mail or collect them personally from brothers.

Currently, AlphaNet shows 52 active brothers in the Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter. Once a situation is resolved with the Corporate Headquarters, the number should be 54.

Introductions

At this point, all brothers introduced themselves, including newly initiated Brothers James Cook and Chris Edwards. Brother Leak encouraged new brothers to get to know the seasoned brothers at their first opportunity.

New Business

National Black Theatre Festival (Brother John Singleton)

Brother Singleton distributed information (including the flyers about the Marvtastic Society along with an FAQ) to brothers about the upcoming festival which will be held this year from July 29 until August 3. Volunteer opportunities will also be available during the festival, and interested brothers can [sign up at the website](#) to do so.

March of Dimes (Brother Leak for Brother Ben Carson)

The March for Babies will be held this year on Sunday, April 28 at BB&T Field on Deacon Boulevard. Volunteers from the chapter will be for set-up beginning at 10:00 a.m., with parking opening at 12 noon and a courtesy van that will run continuously. A signup sheet was passed around to collect the names and e-mail addressed for volunteering brothers.

Brothers who are unavailable to either walk or volunteer are asked donate on the chapter's behalf [at this link](#).

Gift in memory of Brother Tyrone Travis to Fisk University (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell proposed a gift to Fisk University by the chapter in memory of Brother Travis on his 50th anniversary class reunion on Saturday, May 4. It would be collected with the 501(c)(3) status of the Youth Life Skills Institute.

With the consent of the YLSI Executive Board, Brother Mitchell begin the process to raise monies to give a \$1,000.00 gift by way of donations from brothers. Contributions of \$40.00 per brother were collected to build the award at today's meeting.

College Chapter/NPHC Reports

Xi Eta (Brother Eugene Thornes)

Brother Thornes reported the following items:

- The chapter is making major strides to guarantee its stability.
- Wake Forest has committed to two years of financial support for the chapter to attend regional and national conventions. Brother Thornes intends to establish a five-year plan for ongoing support from Xi Eta alumni.

- Celebrated 40 years as a chapter this past weekend. A Brotherhood Smoke was held at Top Leaf Cigar Company on Saturday, and it could be a relationship for the Winston-Salem chapters.
- The chapter's Alpha Week will be held on April 22-28. Events include:
 - An Awareness Seminar will be on Monday, April 22. Members of Alpha Pi Lambda's executive board who are both IMDP and Risk Management certified are invited to attend.
 - Participation with Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Society, Inc. for their Big Tent event on Friday, April 27.
 - A Brother's Keeper event with Ms. Ruth Easley will take place on Saturday, April 27 at around 5:00 p.m.
 - Events with Alpha Kappa Alpha's Pi Beta Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta's Pi Omicron Chapter are being scheduled during the week.
 - The compete calendar will be shared with the chapter when finalized.
- First Initiation Banquet on September 20, during WFU Homecoming

Beta Iota (Brother Isaiah Moore)

Brother Moore reported on the following items:

- Miss Beta Iota, Antoinique White, will compete at the General Convention representing Alpha South. Supported by ANCA and Alpha South in Las Vegas.
- 24 newly initiated brothers.
- 11 brothers have been elected to campus positions.
- The 2019 Miss Black & Gold Pageant will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:06 p.m.
- Support will be needed for chapter for its delegate strength to attend the upcoming General Convention in Las Vegas. The Advisory Committee will take up the issue of helping to manage the financial needs for Beta Iota and Xi Eta moving forward.

NPHC (Brother Darrel Clodfelter)

Brother Clodfelter reported on the following items:

2019 Greek Picnic

This year's Greek Picnic will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Triad Park, Shelter #6. Attendees will be charged a \$2.00 entry fee and receive a wristband to show that they had paid.

Raffle tickets will be available this year with one available for \$2.00 and three for \$5.00.

Fraternities have been asked to help with grilling the meats for this event.

The stroll off will return this year, with an entry fee of \$25.00 per team. Space for vendors will also be available at \$60.00 each.

Founder's Day Community Service Award

Alpha Pi Lambda had two nominees for this year's award: Brother Christian Burris and Brother Victor Isler. Following a vote, Brother Isler was selected to receive the award.

This award, along with the others for each chapter represented in the Winston-Salem NPHC, will be given during the Founders' Day Celebration on Tuesday, May 7 at the headquarters of the Winston-Salem NAACP

Committee Reports and Upcoming Events

Scholarship (Brother Ken Patridge)

Brother Patridge stated that nine applications were received before the deadline in March. Candidates will interview in front of the committee on Saturday, April 27 at Carswell Hall, and five \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded. *(NOTE: The date was postponed to Saturday, May 4.)*

A proposal was made by Brother Isler to recognize the three African American male students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools with the highest GPA in a manner like the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The committee will coordinate with the Youth Life Skills Institute regarding any associated costs.

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brothers Aaron Horne and Dwayne Cordier)

The fifth annual Golf Tournament will be on Friday, August 9 at Winston Lake Golf Course. Brothers are encouraged to either donate or play in this signature fundraising event.

Details about the Youth Empowerment Conference will be finalized later. Brothers Horne and Leak will speak with Brother Thompson about specifics regarding the conference with the prospect of moving the event back to October. The Executive Boards of both APL and YLSI will come together around to work out any related details.

Picnic

The Chapter Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 22 at Tanglewood Park.

Adopt-a-Highway

The next event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, June 8.

Ronald McDonald House

Alpha Pi Lambda will visit the House on Tuesday, May 7.

Worship Around Charter Date

Brother Leak will work with Brother Vincent Howell to finalize a date in June for the chapter to worship at his church.

Brother's Keeper

Easter cards will be mailed to brother's families this week.

Brother Mitchell asked brothers to send him information about any life changes.

Delegates for General Convention

Four names submitted before today's meeting: Brother Tony Caldwell, Brother Darrel Clodfelter, Brother Paul Lowe, and Brother Chris Taylor. With no objections, these brothers will serve as the chapter's delegates, and the chapter will financially support each delegate at \$200.00.

For the Good of the Order

NC Legislation Bills

An [action page](#) and a [petition](#) against HB 490, HB 518, and HB 519 has been introduced by *The Chronicle* and Winston-Salem Urban League. Brother Lowe encouraged brothers to both [e-mail](#) and [call](#) their district representatives in the General Assembly in opposition to those bills.

Crossing Gifts

Gifts on behalf of Alpha Pi Lambda's Advisory Committee were presented to the newly-initiated brothers of the Beta Iota Chapter.

Mentors

The Advisory Committee has matched a brother from Alpha Pi Lambda to a newly-initiated brother of Beta Iota. A dinner will be held to bring those brothers together soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary

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