

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Winston-Salem NAACP
Sunday, May 15, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Tyrone Travis called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from April's meeting were e-mailed to the brotherhood on Friday, May 13. A **motion** to approve the minutes was made by Brother Morris Clarke and seconded by Brother Tajuan Sellars. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Tajuan Sellars)

Bro. David Drummond needs proctors for EOG testing at Elementary School Academy and Cook Elementary School from Friday, May 27 until Friday, June 3. Training will be included. Any available brothers should contact either Brother Travis or Brother Sellars.

Financial Status (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

The 2016 ANCA assessment will be paid in the fall.

Treasurer's Report (Brother John Williams)

The chapter's checking account was reconciled on Tuesday, May 10. The beginning balance was \$1,291.94; following a \$200 deposit, the ending balance was \$1,491.94. Additionally, all chapter dues are now past due. A **motion** to approve the treasurer's report was made by Brother Gregory Parks and seconded by Brother Jesse Hymes. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Presidential Remarks (Brother Tyrone Travis)

The chapter retreat on Saturday, April 30 was a good one. Several action items originated at the retreat:

- Issues raised regarding committees will be followed up upon over the summer.
- Two fundraising events by Brother Tony Caldwell and Brother Keith Ferguson will be developed.
- A chapter calendar will be created for all events.
- All kid's programs for the chapter will be organized under one umbrella.

A follow-up retreat was set for Saturday, June 25 at Winston-Salem State from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Brother Travis attended Kappa Lambda's chapter meeting yesterday to present about Golf Tournament. Two teams, maybe three, are expected from the chapter.

Priority Business Items

NPHC Legislative Day (Brother Tyrone Travis)

This year's Legislative Day will be in Raleigh on Wednesday, May 18. Brother Travis will attend, and other brothers are invited to attend. A report from the event will be given at the next chapter meeting.

Youth Education Project/Scholarship (Brother Alvin Howard)

To date, six applications are expected for the scholarship and two have been received. A timeline of events was distributed to the chapter, and volunteers are needed to serve as judges on the scholarship committee.

The scholarship awards celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, July 14.

Golf Tournament (Brother Jesse Hymes)

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 12 with 12:00 p.m. "shotgun start." Three clinics for golfing novices have also been scheduled.

A signup sheet for brothers to form teams for the tournament was distributed.

The goal is to raise \$12,000 this year. 53 companies have been contacted or sponsorships, but more are always welcome.

"Save the Date" cards were distributed to the chapter for brothers to distribute accordingly.

A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People (Brother Tony Caldwell)

30 seniors were registered at Carver High on Friday, April 29. Brother Caldwell will reach out to other schools for future drives.

As mentioned previously by Brother Travis, NPHC Legislative Day will be on Wednesday, May 18 in Raleigh. An e-mail will be sent with additional details.

LDCEI (Brother Derrick Hargrove for Brother Chris Hooper)

Applications for the Institute are available from Brother Hooper both in print and online formats. One possible participant has been identified; contact Brother Hooper regarding any additional

candidates. Chaperones from the chapter are also needed; any interested brothers should contact Brother Hooper if interested.

A penalty for the lack of participation is unknown, but participation is required.

Bro. Antoine Medley (Phi Lambda) is organizing bus for ANCA to Savannah State University. A backup plan is either to collaborate with another chapter or to have a brother to drive them to Savannah as a last resort.

A definitive fundraiser will be planned for future expenses; the cost is \$225 per participant.

A **motion** was made by Brother David Tanner for the chapter to pay the cost for one student and to collect donations to pay for the second. The **motion** was seconded by Brother Napoleon Richardson, and was passed unanimously by Alpha sign.

Retreat Report (Brother Gregory Parks)

The retreat was a fruitful first step toward becoming high-functioning chapter. Many grievances were vented, and critical/loving feedback was received.

The chapter needs money consistently to do its work without going into brother's pockets constantly. Several fundraising ideas were raised including First Fridays for young black professionals in Winston and a spring party event at several possible venues (a full report will be given at first chapter meeting in fall).

A goal is to streamline in order to make the National Programs and Special Projects more effective. Committee chairs will be expected to complete a plan for the entire year with a budgetary component included.

A reclamation idea was to invite inactive brothers to social events.

A proposal was made for a fall forum regarding national elections that ties into A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People. This could be done in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, hosted by Dr. Melissa Harris Perry.

Brothers Morris Clarke and Aaron Harrill will seek donations from local life science companies in the area to support the Science Fair. Any overage of funds could be used in conjunction with other programs, and Brother Clarke will investigate that option.

Picnic (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

The date for the picnic is Father's Day (Sunday, June 19) at Tanglewood's Shelter 4 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The menu has been set, and all fathers are invited.

The first 100 cars through the entry gate will get into Tanglewood free.

The cost will be \$20 per brother and \$5 per guest. All monies should be sent to Brother Richardson's home address.

Standing Committees

BWW/Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser (Brother Tajuan Sellars)

The last Buffalo Wild Wings event was held last Wednesday, May 11 and was more of a social event than a fundraiser.

There has been no word from Chick-Fil-A; may have to bring the information forward at a later date.

Fundraising (Brother Tony Caldwell)

Concessions:

- It's too late for football season; but it may possible for basketball season.
- Dedicated brothers are needed to commit to the project (15 minimum, 20 maximum).
- The chapter would receive a percentage of sales.
- A stationary location in stadium would be selected for the chapter. College chapters could also be recruited to participate.
- This will be revisited in September.

Wine-tasting:

- Brother Caldwell contacted [Raylen Vineyards](#); and available Saturday dates are in late August/early September.
- A \$100 deposit is required. Raylen would charge \$10 per person for the event, so Brother Caldwell proposed charging \$25 for admission.
- Admission would be capped at 50 people to avoid renting space on the property.
- One tasting would be scheduled for the fall, and one for the spring.
- A **motion** was made by Brother Parks to approve the fundraising opportunity, and it was seconded by Brother Alonzo Turner. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Reclamation (Brother Alonzo Turner)

Brother Turner asked each brother to bring any inactive brothers and/or aspirants to the picnic in June.

A Google Doc will be created to capture information about brothers in the city who aren't active.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Noah Williamson)**

- The chapter graduated seven brothers last Friday.
- **Xi Eta (Brother Robert Sakaguchi)**
 - The chapter raised \$4,254.00 from its last Barn Party.
 - Brothers participated in the [Joy Prom](#) and WFU Kids Fest.
 - An informational seminar was held at the end of April with several attendees.
 - A “Black Lives in the Hands of Law Enforcement” forum was held.
 - The chapter awarded five high school seniors a \$1,000 scholarship for the fall.
 - The chapter raised more than \$17,000 during the past fraternal year. Cumulative GPA of 3.27.
 - Last meeting before graduation tomorrow.
- **Pi Nu**
 - Three brothers graduated from the chapter last Saturday.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Brothers Burris, Hargrove and Roseboro)

- Bro. Howard was recognized with a Winston-Salem NPHC Service Award,
- The Habitat for Humanity Build will be on Saturday, May 21.
- The WSEFC Pan Picnic will be held sometime this summer; details will be announced later.

New Business

Advisory Committee

Brother Morris Clark was named leader of Executive Council of the Advisory Committee for Biotechnology in the Piedmont Triad. (This was noted in the April 25, 2016 issue of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*, page B-4.)

Fundraiser for Brother Paul Lowe

Brother Lowe is seeking donations for his campaign for the North Carolina Senate.

Area 4 Report

The area has twenty graduates in May, and the cumulative GPA 3.06.

Representatives are needed for the ANCA Education Foundation.

Sunday Meetings

The question was raised about keep whether chapter meetings should be kept on Sunday afternoons or should they be moved to another day. Any questions or concerns should be sent to either Brother Travis or Brother Sellars.

Host for September’s Meeting

Brother Parks will host this meeting.

PayPal

Brothers Richardson and Turner are working to connect PayPal to pay dues and collect donations for various programs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. **The next chapter meeting will be on Sunday, September 11.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary