

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
The Enterprise Conference and Banquet Center
Sunday, October 13, 2019**

Call to Order

Brother President Roland Leak called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Representative (Ms. Shantha Caldwell)

Guest Shantha Caldwell gave a presentation about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and its work in Winston-Salem. The program is organized as either on a one-to-one pairing or a site-based model at a local school.

A new, site-based program is being piloted at Cook Elementary School on Fridays from 11:05 am until 12:05 p.m., where a group of nine older adult males meet with three young male students from the Fourth and Fifth Grades. The program includes strategies such as engaging with adults and establishing life goals while tracking a student's overall progress. This program began on Friday, October 5 and Big Brothers/Big Sisters has asked for a stronger presence overall from Black males beyond college age.

The goal for Big Brothers/Big Sisters is 100 new matches by the end of December 2019; so far, only 25 matched to date. Matches occur with boys aged 6-14, and matches are encouraged to maintain the match for at least one year while seeing each other at least twice a month. Ms. Caldwell brought applications to tonight's meeting for any interested brothers, and an option to apply online is also available.

Meanwhile, Big Brothers/Big Sisters recently moved to a new location at 200 South Marshall Street. The facility is larger than its previous location and contains a mentoring center. Other events can also be hosted there, and Brother Victor Isler suggested that it could be used for future Project Alpha sessions

Brother Stanley Mitchell suggested that brothers could meet unmatched kids for Game Night on one Wednesday evening each month. The next event will be Wednesday, October 16 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The organization's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser will be on March 6-7, 2020. Organizations can form teams to participate, with a minimum of five bowlers per team at \$100.00 each.

Brothers who have further questions can contact Ms. Caldwell on her personal mobile phone. Her number is (336) 986-1976.

Invocation

Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

President's Remarks (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak noted that several whiteboards all around the room held sign-ups for the chapter's committees. He asked brothers to sign up according to their interests.

The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will host a bookbag packing event on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

Brother Burris reported that hardcopies of the minutes were available at today's meeting for review. A **motion** to approve the minutes as written was moved by Brother Wall and seconded by Brother Derrick Hargrove. The **motion** was carried by the usual sign of Alpha.

Correspondence (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak reported that one letter had been received from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools regarding the upcoming Anderson Science Fair on January 9-10, 2020. A request for donations accompanied the letter, and it has been forwarded to the Youth Life Skills Institute. The deadline for all donations is Friday December 6.

Financial Report (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Brother Richardson presented the financial report for the chapter. The beginning balance on August 1, 2019 was \$7,739.44; with deposits totaling \$2,254.36 and \$2,424.00, the ending balance on September 30, 2019 was \$7,7569.80.

A **motion** to approve the financial report was moved by Brother Richardson and seconded by Brother Dwayne Cordier. The **motion** was carried by the usual sign of Alpha

Brother Richardson added that 49 brothers have paid their chapter dues to date, with 56 active brothers identified as active by AlphaNet. Chapter dues are currently \$300.00.

2019-2020 Budget Approval (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Brother Richardson made several adjustments to the proposed budget following the last meeting. Currently, the ending balance with all income and expenses accounted for would leave a balance of \$962.00 in the chapter's checking account.

A line item for the Valentine's Dance may be over budget; if it is not spent in full, remaining funds may either be shared with the undergraduate chapters or to cover any unforeseen, additional expenses.

Several brothers added that there may be a need to explore an additional revenue stream for the chapter.

Following discussion, a **motion** to approve the 2019-2020 budget was moved by Brother Richardson and seconded by Brother Evans. The **motion** was carried by the usual sign of Alpha.

College Chapter/District/NPHC Reports

Beta Iota (Brother Chris Taylor)

Brother Taylor reported the following items:

- Budget for the chapter is complete, with all obligations being fulfilled by the beginning of November. The chapter's account is in the affirmative at \$880.00.
- There will be a conflict with the District Conference and Winston-Salem State's Homecoming on the weekend of November 1. The chapter will participate in the WSSU step show but not the district step show. However, no financial assistance is needed from Alpha Pi Lambda for attending the District Conference.
- The current chapter completed its first Alpha/Neo week last week.
- Upcoming events include a seminar on Friday, November 1, "Train Like an Alpha" on Friday, November 22, and a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, December 3.
- The next chapter meeting on held on Thursday, October 17. Brothers from Alpha Pi Lambda are invited to attend.

Xi Eta (Brother Christian Burris)

Brother Burris reported that the chapter has two candidates for IMDP in Fall 2019, and support from brothers of Alpha Pi Lambda is welcome. Across the district, there are only seven candidates for IMDP this fall, with two from Xi Eta, four from Eta Omicron (North Carolina State), and one from Omicron Theta (UNC Wilmington).

Chapter Advisory Board (Brother Victor Isler)

Brother Isler reported that new conversations will revolve around the budgets for both college chapters and support from the alumni chapter. Additionally, both chapters will need to engage alumni support for their chapter budgets, especially with new fees in place following this year's General Convention

Brothers Burris and Taylor will convene the next meeting.

Area 4 (Brother Derrick Hargrove)

Brother Hargrove reported that the area retreat was held on Saturday, September 21 and he thanked brothers who were able to attend. There was good feedback about the retreat, and those comments will be considered for the next area event in January.

Brother Hargrove also reminded brothers that the ANCA District Conference will be held in Rocky Mount from Thursday, October 31 until Sunday, November 3, with the last day to register being Saturday, October 19. Delegates are expected to be in attendance on Friday for the first business session.

NPHC (Brother Derrick Hargrove)

Brother Hargrove reported the following items:

- The Council met on Tuesday, October 1.
- Two Thanksgiving Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, November 26 at the Winston Lake YMCA. Alpha Pi Lambda is asked to contribute two turkeys as it has in previous years. Members of the Divine Nine are asked to meet to assemble the baskets at 6:00 p.m., with the families picking them up at 6:30 p.m.
- More information about volunteers for the annual Thanksgiving Day Breakfast will be shared at November's meeting.
- The Phi Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will hold its 95th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, November 16. Tickets are \$95.00 per person and are [on sale via Eventbrite](#).
- Officer rotations will take place beginning in January 2020, and Alpha's position in after the rotation is vice president. It is, however, recommended for new officers to have been representatives before serving.
- Members from all chapters are invited to meetings.

New Business

Election of Officers (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

The Nominations Committee will identify candidates for the positions of corresponding secretary and treasurer at November's meeting, and the election is tabled until then.

ANCA District Conference (Brother Roland Leak)

Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Stacy Thomas are unable to attend the District Conference, and their status delegates will have to be transferred. Brother Fredrick Evans has agreed to serve as a delegate along with Brother Clevell Roseboro.

Chapter Support for District Director (Brother Tony Caldwell)

Nominees for the position of District Director are Brother Clifford Parker of the Epsilon Rho Lambda Chapter (Fayetteville) and Brother Michael Pittman of the Kappa Lambda Chapter (Greensboro). Delegates are recommended to support the candidate of their choice.

General Convention Update (Brother Gregory Parks)

Brother Parks announced that the 2019 General Convention lost money, but it is unclear about how much was in the shortfall.

Seven brothers have quit the corporate office over the last few months, with the position of executive director as the most notable vacancy.

Upcoming Events

Founder's Day Dinner (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak is organizing a dinner on Wednesday, December 4 at a local restaurant. All brothers will be asked to pay for their own meal.

Adopt-A-Highway (Brother Dwayne Cordier)

The next clean-up will be on Saturday, December 7.

Boy Scout Troop 813 Meetings (Brother Christofer Edwards)

The troop at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Tony Caldwell)

The chapter visits on the first Tuesday of each month; the next visit will be on Tuesday, November 5.

Committee Reports

Education (Brother Lenwood Thompson III)

The committee's report was sent to the chapter by e-mail.

IMDP (Brother Derrick Hargrove)

Brother Hargrove reminded the chapter that it is fine for brothers to talk to interested candidates, but not for brothers to tell candidates to talk to each other.

All chapters should start working on request for intake request forms for Spring 2020. In addition, all chapter officers should be IMDP certified along with 50% of the chapter.

The next IMDP training is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 at UNC Charlotte.

Marketing & Communication (Brother Allen Younger)

The committee's report was sent to the chapter by e-mail. Brother Younger reminded brothers of the committee's responsibilities as well as assistance from the chapter to spread news and events.

Standing Reports

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brother Aaron Horne)

Brother Horne reminded brothers to honor their pledge commitments from the 2019 Golf Tournament, with the point that it's also a tax deduction.

The Institute is investigating the possibility of starting an endowment in the future, with funds of between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Brother Horne will also be spending time with his grandchildren in Dallas during 2020, and Brother Jesse Hymes will serve as chair in his absence.

For the Good of the Order

Brothers in Care

Brother Vincent Howell thanked brothers following his hernia surgery.

Brother Richardson thanked brothers for their support after his father's stroke.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

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