

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Winston-Salem NAACP
Sunday, March 13, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Tyrone Travis called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed by e-mail on Friday, March 11. Brother Tony Caldwell made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Brother Wall. The **motion** was passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

Correspondence (Brother Tajuan Sellars)

Brother Sellars reported that the North Carolina Black Repertory Company sent an advertisement regarding the upcoming production of *The Gospel According to Broadway*. It will begin on Thursday, March 17.

Financial Status (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Because Brother Richardson's wife was back in the hospital, there was no report. The amount currently in the chapter's account is approximately \$700.00.

Treasurer's Report (Brother John Williams)

Brother Williams has been sick, so there was no report.

Presidential Remarks (Brother Travis)

- IMDP was completed yesterday at Wake Forest University and seven new brothers were initiated.
- Bro. Sakaguchi leaving Wake Forest after graduation to attend a master's program at the University of Notre Dame in the fall of 2016.
- Brother Tejaun Manners was installed as the new District Director at the Regional Convention earlier this month.
- Brother Derrick Hargrove has been appointed the new Area Director for Area 4.
- Brother Everett Ward was in town today [on business for St. Augustine's University at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#), and Brother Stanley Mitchell attended the event. Though he couldn't stay for Alpha Pi Lambda's chapter meeting, he asked for the chapter's votes in his campaign to be the next General President.

Priority Business Items

Book Sales (Brother Caldwell)

Brother Gregory Parks had offered to sell his books during his presentation at the Regional Convention in order to benefit the chapter. Fifteen books were sold, and \$541.00 was raised. Additional monies may follow due to online sales.

Buffalo Wild Wings/Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser (Brother Sellars)

The fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings (BWW) is set for Wednesday, March 30. BWW will supply tickets for the promotion, and anyone who shows the ticket at any time that day can participate. Ten percent of those sales will go to Alpha Pi Lambda.

Brothers are asked to be present starting at 7:00 p.m. as an added social component.

Brother Sellars is working to coordinate a date with Chick-Fil-A for another fundraiser.

Youth Education Project/Scholarship (Brother Alvin Howard)

Scholarship-related activities begin on Monday March 7, with information packets distributed to local schools. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 9.

Donations for the scholarship are being accepted.

Brother Howard reminded the chapter that \$14,000 in scholarships have been given over the last few years.

Golf Tournament (Brother Howard)

The kickoff for the tournament is about to begin, and volunteers are requested from the chapter to participate on the committee.

Brother Committee Chair Jesse Hymes is also seeking sponsorships, with the goal to raise \$10,000 this year.

The tournament is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 26.

Brother's Keeper (Brothers Stanley Mitchell and Clevell Roseboro)

The Widows' Luncheon moved to Saturday, April 16 at around 11:00 a.m. A conference call will be scheduled to finalize details.

Brothers Mitchell and Roseboro asked deacons and ministers within the chapter to be a part of the Brother's Keeper Committee in addition to Brothers Paul Lowe and Emery Rann.

The Committee wants to create a repository of information about brothers and their families for birthdays, anniversaries, and other life events. Brother Mitchell will create a form that can be shared among brothers so that they can get to know each other better and support each other.

The Committee is planning program to recognize three 60 year brothers- Dr. James Jones, Dr. Willard McCloud Sr., and Herman Burney- either at the Chapter Picnic or a separate event.

Brother Mitchell also recommended that all brothers should visit the senior brothers to keep up with them.

Go to High School, Go To College (Brothers Keith Ferguson and Chris Hooper)

The Committee is planning an event for Carver High School and is looking for a date and location either during the late spring or early fall. All paperwork and PowerPoints have been completed, and input is sought from brothers to share personal stories of their collegiate experience.

A plan has been discussed to start local college tours with Winston-Salem State University, Wake Forest University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, North Carolina A&T University, Elon University and others that would connect high school students and those respective chapters of Alpha.

A Voteless People is a Hopeless People (Brother Caldwell)

Brother Caldwell distributed a printed report of all upcoming events.

Brother Howard suggested a voter education component for the upcoming election, especially in terms of Voter ID. A program could be added in connection with <http://voterid.nc.gov/>.

MOD (Brother Ben Carson)

The 2016 March for Babies will be on Saturday, April 9. Brothers are asked to meet downtown at Corpening Plaza by 8:30 a.m. to volunteer for various activities.

Regional Convention Report (Brothers Hargrove, Isler, Sellars, and Travis)

- A moratorium on intake may be likely for Fall 2016.
- Attendance for the 2016 Regional Convention was up compared to the 2015 convention.
- Alpha Phi Alpha has the largest social media presence of all organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council.
- A recommendation was made to increase the amount for grand tax.
- A call was made again to get inactive brothers active again for financial purposes, and every brother was asked to reclaim between two and five inactive brothers.
- Brother Assistant Regional Vice President Brandon Woodruff called for more collaboration between college and alumni chapters.

- Brother Regional Vice President Ronald Natson has recommended expulsion for any brothers responsible for hazing.
- There are still questions about the value of the College Brothers' Retreat, but there was no discussion about it during the convention.
- The highest college chapter GPA across the region was a 3.30, and the highest individual GPA was a 4.00. (Both came from ANCA.) The lowest college chapter GPA was a 2.60, and the lowest individual GPA was a 0.065
- The 2016 LDCEI will be Wednesday, June 15 until Sunday, June 19 at Savannah State University. The District Chair for ANCA will be appointed by Brother Manners, and every chapter is expected to send two representatives.
- The next Assistant Regional Vice President will be Brother Qu'Derrick Covington from the Epsilon Zeta chapter at Fayetteville State University.
- Information about voting for the 35th General President:
 - Brothers must be financial by Thursday, March 31 to receive a paper ballot.
 - Ballots may be returned by mail, phone or online.
 - All votes will be counted at the summer meeting of the Board of Directors.
- The winners for all competitions will be posted online at the [website of the Southern Region](#).
- There was one negative moment: following an appeal, the Grievance and Discipline Committee recommended to reinstate the Beta Epsilon chapter from a one-year suspension instead of three. Brother Natson, however, voted against it due to additional information that he had which the committee did not. This created a chaotic moment during the business meeting that could have been prevented by transparency from the Regional Vice President.
- The next Regional Convention will be in Raleigh in March 2017. The 2016 District Conference will be in Greensboro from Thursday, November 10 until Sunday, November 13.

Standing Committees

Amenities (Brother Roseboro)

Brother Perry Lackey's condition is unchanged. Prayers are requested.

Brother David Tate is in an assisted living facility.

Archives (Brother Wall)

The Chapter Directory has addresses to send cards to brothers..

IMDP/Reclamation (Brother Turner)

Brothers Turner and Rann have reached out to inactive brothers. Some have said that other obligations have come up, while others have pledged to become financial again.

A key factor for reclamation is brothers paying grand tax without paying local dues to a specific chapter.

BWW, the March for Babies, and Brother Ferguson's event (under New Business) are opportunities to reclaim brothers.

Other social events coming will coincide with upcoming movies. The first will be *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Turner stated that the brother who reclaims the most brothers will have their chapter dues paid for the next fraternal year (2016-2017).

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Noah Williamson)**
 - No report, as Winston-Salem State is currently on Spring Break.

- **Xi Eta (Brother Robert Sakaguchi)**
 - Friday, February 12: a Barn Party was held with gross sales totaling \$4,902.03.
 - Saturday, February 27: spoke as Wake Forest's NPHC president at Greek Alumni Council Meeting. Raised \$500 for NPHC and \$250 for Xi Eta.
 - Two new brothers were initiated last night: Brother Kyle Johnson and brother Anthony Thornes. Their Neophyte Showcase will be next Sunday, March 20, at 7:06 p.m.
 - Upcoming events:
 - Wednesday, March 23: Dorm Storm for Candy Sales.
 - Wednesday, March 30: a forum on black lives and the police.
 - Monday April 4 until Friday, April 8: week of raffle ticket sales with the Miss Black and Gold court.
 - Saturday, April 9: Generation heART fundraiser at 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, April 10: Spades Night.
 - Friday, April 15: Brynn's Yogurt fundraiser.
 - Wednesday, April 20: forum with Kappa Beta Gamma Sorority on Planned Parenthood.
 - Saturday, April 23: Flag Football Tournament fundraiser in conjunction with Wake Forest Inter-Fraternity Council.
 - The next Barn Party will be Saturday April 2. It will be co-sponsored with Beta Iota and Pi Nu.

- **Pi Nu (Brother Matthew Helton)**
 - No report.

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

- The Celebration of the Black Family in February was a success.

- An NPHC build with Habitat for Humanity is planned for April.

New Business

Fundraiser event

Brother Ferguson planning an event for the Big Winston Lounge on the evening of Saturday, April 16. Tickets would be \$10 per brother, and more information will be given at April's meeting.

Feasibility study

A feasibility study is being conducted for the National Headquarters. Depending on the results, it could constitute a move from Baltimore.

Picnic

The picnic will be held on Sunday, June 12 in the place of that month's meeting. Details will be coming soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 5:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary