

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law
Sunday, February 18, 2018**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

President's Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)

Brother Parks had the goal for a streamlined meeting tonight, due to the small number of committee reports in adherence with the constitution.

He indicated that the chapter was ready to begin planning for the dance in December, particularly by seeking sponsors to underwrite its costs via the Youth Life Skills Institute.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes were available as hardcopies at tonight's meeting, with electronic copies e-mailed to chapter earlier today.

With no corrections, Brother Fredrick Evans made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written and it was seconded by Brother Nate French. By the usual sign of Alpha, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Correspondence (Brother Christian Burris for Brother Jeffery Purcell)

Two thank you cards for the chapter were received from Ms. Ruth Easley and Ms. Irma Richardson.

Financial Report (Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Tyrone Travis)

Brother Travis reported that the chapter's account had been reconciled with Mechanics & Farmer's Bank on Friday, February 16. Transaction information included:

- The beginning balance was \$3,354.97 with deposits totaling \$3,866.47 and debits totaling \$4,290.00, leaving an ending balance of \$2,931.44.
- There are currently three outstanding items: a check to Ronald McDonald House for the ANCA Family Day of Service (\$400.00) new checks for chapter's checking account (\$147.00), and a retroactive financial report by Mechanics & Farmer's Bank for Brother Parks (\$30.00).

A **motion** to approve the treasurer's report was made by Brother Evans and seconded by Brother French. The **motion** passed unanimously by the usual sign of Alpha.

Chapter dues for the 2018-2019 fraternal year are being collected now. Currently, Alpha Pi Lambda has 45 active brothers for the current fraternal year, and one brother who has paid his dues for the next fraternal year.

Committee Reports

College Brothers Affairs Committee

Beta Iota

- Rehearsals for Miss Black & Gold are underway, with four confirmed contestants.
- The chapter is hosting an oratorical contest on Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 100 of the Reeves Center
- The chapter is hosting a step show on Saturday, April 14 with members of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. participating.

Xi Eta

- The chapter planning an Alpha Week for Sunday, March 19 through Sunday, March 25.

Brother Parks will organize a retreat with the college chapters and their chapter advisors to plan a collective long-term strategy for the next fraternal year.

Membership, Reclamation and Retention Committee (Brother Fredrick Evans)

The committee has contacted Brother Atolani Akinuotu, an associate with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, and invited him to today's meeting.

The Cookout Committee proceeding without Kappa Lambda in the initial planning phase for the chapter's annual summer cookout. The tentative date for the cookout is Saturday, June 23 and the committee will reserve a shelter at Tanglewood in accordance with the chapter's budget.

Following the successful Valentine's Day event, a reorganization of an unofficial Women's Auxiliary for the chapter may happen thanks to the wife of Brother Billy Simmons.

Standing Reports

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Tony Caldwell)

The chapter volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House of Winston Salem on Tuesday, February 6. Additionally, the chapter participated in the ANCA Family Day of Service on Friday, February 16. Nine volunteers, prepared dinner for the families staying at the House and assisted with other chores.

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brother Aaron Horne)

Brother S. Wayne Patterson has stepped down as Vice Chair of the YLSI effective immediately due to his full schedule and related priorities. Brother Horne asked Brother Jesse Hymes if he would serve as Vice Chair, and he agreed to do so.

The annual meeting of the YLSI will be held on Thursday, March 1. Agenda items include looking at past achievements, current activities, and future goals. Possible changes to the by-laws may also be addressed.

Brother Horne asked brothers to assist and support the TLSI's Capital Campaign beginning in March.

Reconciled as of today, the YLSI has \$10,110.06 with \$5,000.00 committed to chapter scholarships and \$925.00 toward a scholarship for Beta Iota. Focusing both the dance and the golf tournaments as fundraising opportunities will be important for the next fraternal year.

For the Good of the Order

Education Committee Report

Brother French apologized profusely for not submitting a report and thanked the President and brothers for the opportunity to present two brief updates:

- The chapter's scholarship procedures will be revamped for this year.
- The relationship between the chapter Crosby Scholars' African American Males Pursuing Educational Dreams is continuing to be formalized.

Both items will be detailed further at March's chapter meeting.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

The chapter will have two teams participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids' Sake" event on Saturday March 3 at the AMF Lanes on Jonestown Road. Donations are being accepted for this cause.

Anti-Hazing Conference

The Southern and Eastern Regions are hosting an anti-hazing conference in Winston-Salem over the summer. Invitations may be extended to the Midwestern, Southwestern, and Western Regions to attend, and details about the conference will be shared once they have been finalized.

Gentlemen Interested in Membership

Brother Caldwell asked for brothers who knew of any gentlemen interested in joining the fraternity to have those individuals contact by either by phone or by e-mail.

IMDP Training for Alpha Pi Lambda

Brother Parks will investigate having an IMDP training session scheduled before an upcoming chapter meeting before the end of the fraternal year in May.

Chapter/YLSI Retreat

Brother Parks will schedule a Saturday in April for a retreat of both the Alpha Pi Lambda and the Youth Life Skills Institute.

Sick and Shut-In Brothers

Marshall Jeffries has taken ill and has asked for prayers for his recovery.

Brother Perry Lackey is still in recovery, and the chapter will send a \$100.00 Visa card to his wife to help with fuel costs.

Church Visit

Brother Clevell Roseboro will coordinate a visit by the chapter to Centenary United Methodist Church in Clemmons, where Brother Rev. Dr. Vincent Howell serves as pastor, in either April or May.

Upcoming Fundraiser for Brother Paul Lowe

Governor Roy Cooper will attend a fundraiser for Brother Senator Lowe in Winston-Salem on Thursday, March 22, and the time and location will be announced later.

State of Black America Conference

Brother John Singleton reported that this event is being scheduled at the Benton Convention Center from Wednesday, May 9 until Saturday, May 12.

March Repast

Brothers Aaron Horne, Clevell Roseboro, Stacy Thomas, and John Williams will provide the repast at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 11 at 5:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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