

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
The Enterprise Conference and Banquet Center
Sunday, January 12, 2020**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Roland Leak called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

Presentation by Mrs. Evelyn Terry

Mrs. Terry spoke to the brotherhood about her experiences in Winston-Salem and her efforts to improve life in the city. Her experience with the Experiment in Self Reliance, Winston-Salem State University, the Winston-Salem Housing Authority, the HOPE VI Grant, and life in public office. She has been in the state legislature for the past four years, and she discussed the situation in Raleigh as well as her work on committees dealing with public health, health services, social services, commerce, the environment, and voter suppression. She also encouraged the chapter to be aware of the business of the state legislative and remain engaged in what is happening in the state government.

Finally, she invited the chapter to visit her office at any time. Further, she gave a reminder that early voting will be from Thursday, February 13 until Saturday, February 29, with the primary on Tuesday, March 3.

President's Remarks (Brother Roland Leak)

Brother Leak commented on how the chapter is doing a lot in terms of its work, and he thanked the brothers for their collective contributions.

Vice President's Remarks (Brother Tony Caldwell)

Vice President Caldwell had no remarks for today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

Brother Burris had hardcopies of the minutes of the November's meeting available for review by the chapter. Following a period of review and with no corrections, a **motion** to approve the minutes as written was moved by Brother Dwayne Cordier and seconded by Brother Victor Isler. The **motion** was carried unanimously by the usual sign of Alpha.

Financial Report (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Financial Secretary Brother Richardson was absent from today's meeting because of the flu, but he sent his report to Brother Leak.

The Financial Report for the chapter's checking account at M&F Bank was for the period of November 30, 2019 until December 31, 2019. The opening balance for the chapter's checking account was \$4,008.73. With \$450.00 in deposits and \$697.86 in three checks written toward operating expenses, the new balance ending balance is \$3,760.87. There are no outstanding checks currently.

A **motion** to approve the Financial Report was moved by Brother Caldwell and seconded by Darrel Clodfelter. The **motion** was carried unanimously by the usual sign of Alpha.

New Business

Brother's Keeper Support Group (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell presented the idea of this Support Group, which was presented at last month's Executive Committee Meeting, on Brother Vincent Howell's behalf. Based on "manly deeds," the support group would be confidential and create a mechanism for a brother's mental and physical well-being during difficult times. These meetings would be on a quarterly basis.

The chapter indicated its support for this group, and Brother Mitchell would communicate this back to Brother Howell.

Area 4 Report (Brother Derrick Hargrove)

Brother Hargrove reported the following items:

- The 2020 Regional Convention will be held from Thursday, March 19 until Sunday, March 22. Two hotels are open for reservations at the conference rate. Registration for the convention opens on Friday, January 17 and the fees have been updated since previous announcement. Brother Hargrove will send an informational e-mail to the chapter again. Additionally, both college and alumni chapters need to pay regional taxes (\$50.00 for college chapters, \$100.00 for alumni chapters).
- The IMDP dates for the area are March 27-28, April 3-4, and April 10-11. Locations will be determined later, and chapters who would like to host a weekend should reach out to Brother Hargrove as soon as possible. The IMDP window is late this year (Week Three falls on Easter Weekend) because of the need to find dates that would not conflict with the Spring Breaks of various campuses. Candidates should be advised to wait not until the last minute and complete applications. Also, no candidates should be invited to chapter events after Tuesday, January 21; future interactions should be on a one on one basis until their applications have been completed.
- A portfolio of chapter events/activities should be kept for district level recognition.

NPHC Report (Brother Derrick Hargrove)

Brother Hargrove reported the following items:

- Following the rotation of officers at the beginning of the year, Alpha will serve as vice president for the next two years. Brother Clevell Roseboro will serve in this role.

- Cemetery clean-up at 9 a.m. on MLK day. College chapters encouraged to attend.

College Chapter Reports (Brothers Chris Taylor and Christian Burris)

Brother Taylor reported on the following items for Beta Iota:

- A Candidates Mixer will be held on Thursday, January 30 in the Donald J. Reaves Center.
- The chapter will be present at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 20. There will be four tables for all the Winston-Salem chapters of Alpha, and International Miss Black and Gold Taylor Walker will perform “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and receive special recognition.
- The 60th anniversary of the sit-ins in Winston-Salem is coming up on Saturday, February 8, and there may be recognition by the chapter at that time.

Brother Burris reported on the following items for Xi Eta:

- Attorney Benjamin Crump will speak at Wake Forest on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. in Pugh Auditorium. Brother Miles Middleton has coordinated many details about this event.
- Alpha Brother Dr. Cornel West will speak at Wake Forest on Friday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Wait Chapel. Details about an Alpha presence during his event are being discussed.

After these reports, a **motion** that Alpha Pi Lambda provide funds out of the chapter’s budget toward an appropriate gift for Miss Black & Gold Taylor Walker and not to exceed \$125.00 was moved by Brother Isler and seconded by Brother Taylor. The **motion** failed with eight votes in favor, eleven against, and one abstention. Brothers decided instead to collect funds on an individual basis to purchase an appropriate gift.

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brother Jesse Hymes)

Brother Hymes reported the following items:

- The Foundation is in transition as Brother Aaron Horne has stepped back from his role as chair, passing the responsibility on to him.
- The Sixth Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 7 at the Winston Lake Golf Course; and “Save the Date” information will be sent next week.

Delegates to the Regional Convention

Any brother who is interested in serving as a delegate should e-mail either Brother Leak, Caldwell, or Burris as soon as possible. Five delegates are required to attend the convention.

Chapter Elections

The Election Committee, composed of Brothers Mitchell, Hargrove, and Alvin Howard will begin to meet in order to propose a slate of officers at April’s meeting. The chapter will vote on that slate at May’s meeting.

Upcoming Events

Brother Leak included a calendar of upcoming events on the meeting agenda, highlighting the following events specifically:

- Crosby Scholars Middle School Event (Monday, January 13): former NBA player Josh Howard will speak at this event from 7:00 pm. until 7:30 p.m. at Goodwill Industries.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast (Monday, January 20): tickets for brothers attending the breakfast are available from Brother Wall.
- College Brothers Empowerment Retreat (Friday, January 24 – Saturday, January 25): this mandatory event for the Southern Region will be held in Myrtle Beach.
- Visit from the National Chaplain of Alpha Phi Alpha, Brother Rev. Jonathan C. Augustine: Brother Mitchell will find out more info about Brother Augustine's visit which will be in either February or March.
- Valentine's Dinner: Brother Roseboro will send an e-mail with information before Valentine's Day; adding that the dinner may be held on the Sunday before the holiday
- March for Babies Winston-Salem (Saturday, May 9): Brother Ben Carson will find out information regarding support from the chapter and share it with Brother Leak.
- Project Alpha with Crosby Scholars: Brother Watts will coordinate this event.

IMDP (Brother Darrel Clodfelter)

Brother Clodfelter reported the following items:

- No more chapter socials will be held before the application window opens.
- Sponsoring brothers will meet to decide on an event for the brothers expected to cross as well as their wives and/or significant others.
- Sponsors should contact Brother Clodfelter to confirm their commitment by tonight, if possible.
- Both sponsors and recommenders should be IMDP-certified and financially active with the chapter.
- The chapter smoker will be held during the week of Monday, March 23.
- Two more IMDP Certification Workshop have been scheduled: one in Area 3 on Saturday, January 25 and the other in Area 5 on Saturday, February 1. The locations for both will be announced later.

For the Good of the Order

Anderson Science Fair Participation

Brother Clodfelter reported that the chapter's attendance at the Science Fair was down this year. During the last meeting of the Education Committee, it was recommended that the chapter reach out to minority-majority schools via Crosby Scholars to work on projects for next year.

The prize for the best overall project has been renamed for Brother Emory L. Rann III.

Brother Clodfelter was also recognized for his work at the Science Fair by Brothers Mitchell and Wall.

Education Committee

Brother Ron Davis reported that an e-mail will be sent to committee members tonight regarding a time-sensitive issue.

2021 District Conference Preparation

Brother Fred Terry reiterated the need to start planning before the conference that will be held in Winston-Salem, especially ahead of next year's National Black Theatre Festival.

National NPHC Information

Brother General President Everett Ward is the current chair of the Council; and the chapter should begin looking for projects that could be brought forward.

New Book by Brother Gregory Parks

Brother Parks is currently writing a book about the Divine Nine's work in social progress, and it will be released in April. A collaboration with the chapter on an opening reception could occur

Urban League Gala on Saturday, April 25

Brother Allen Younger asked if the chapter would want to attend and support the gala, adding that a cost is involved if the chapter decided to do so as a whole. Tickets are \$75.00 each, and tables are \$1,000.00, and brothers decided to support the gala on an individual basis.

Conversation with Brother Michael Pittman

Brother Leak mentioned that Alpha Pi Lambda will have to work on impression management about the college chapters during Brother Pittman's term as District Director.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m. at The Enterprise Conference and Banquet Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

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