

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Sunday, January 14, 2018**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:11 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 touched on his e-mail from December, saying that Alpha Phi Alpha has challenges that need to be addressed, particularly in terms of accountability. He added that the fraternity's leadership needs to be accountable to the brotherhood, regardless of how high one goes in terms of leadership.

He added that brotherhood means more than being nice to a brother, but it sometimes involves personal sacrifice to move the organization forward.

**Vice President's Remarks (Brother Victor Isler)**

Brother Isler shared with brothers the axiom that "life is not an either/or, but a both/and," asking that the chapter takes a "both/and" approach in terms of the life experience of the fraternity as well as Alpha Pi Lambda. He also thanked the chapter for its work to this point in the fraternal year.

Brother Isler is also looking for a brother to chair the March of Dimes Committee, especially with the March for Babies coming up in April.

He plans to continue finessing all operations in terms of how the chapter does business, particularly with elections.

Finally, he charged the brotherhood to finish the second half of the fraternal year strong.

**Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)**

Minutes from December's meeting were distributed at today's meeting as hardcopies, with electronic copies to be distributed later.

With no corrections, a **motion** to approve the minutes was made by Brother Isler, and seconded by Brother Darrel Clodfelter. By the usual sign of Alpha, the **motion** passed unanimously.

## **Financial Report (Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Tyrone Travis)**

Brother Travis reported that the chapter's checking account balance was reconciled with Mechanics & Farmer's Bank. According to the latest statement, dated December 29, 2017, the previous balance was \$5,227.07. With no deposits and three checks written, the current balance is \$3,304.97. All monies collected for basketball tickets from yesterday's brotherhood event will be re-deposited into the account by next week. A **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Brother Isler, and Brother Area Director Derrick Hargrove seconded it. The usual sign of Alpha passed the **motion**.

Alpha Pi Lambda currently has 41 brothers who have paid chapter dues yet 32 brothers active nationally on AlphaNet. Brother Richardson will contact the national office in order to correct these discrepancies.

## **Committee Reports**

### **College Brothers Affairs Committee**

#### ***Beta Iota (Brother Devin Rankin)***

- A chapter retreat was led by Brother Hargrove to assess the goals of the chapter.
- The chapter will host a MLK Empowerment Week from Sunday, January 14 until Friday, January 18.
- The upcoming Miss Black & Gold Pageant will also support the Home to Winston scholarship fund on campus.

#### ***Xi Eta (Brother Lawrence Snipes)***

- Intake for Spring 2018 has two gentlemen requesting an application so far.
- The Herman E. Eure Scholarship will be offered to local schools again this spring.
- A Miss Black & Gold interest meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, with the pageant expected to be held in March.

Brother Parks added that he would like to have a chapter retreat between the two chapters to coordinate activities and address long-term stability. A long-term plan will also have to be put in place for continued viability.

Brother Parks requested a motion to provide \$500.00 each to Beta Iota and Xi Eta to support their expenses in the fraternity. Brother Isler made a **motion** to award up to \$750.00 to each chapter upon a review of their Spring 2018 budgets and payable by the next chapter meeting, and Brother Tony Caldwell seconded it. The **motion** was passed by the usual sign of Alpha.

### **Education and Youth Committee (Brother Lenwood Thompson III)**

Brother Thompson distributed a report from the science fair sub-committee. He has asked Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools for information regarding the impact of the science fair itself, especially with students of color.

Competition for the secondary division (grades 6-12) is coming up on Thursday, January 25. Brothers are invited to volunteer as judges and to represent the chapter during the event.

### **Election Committee (Brother Victor Isler)**

Elections for officers to serve from 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fraternal years are coming soon. Information will be distributed by e-mail to explain how elections will be conducted for the next biennium along with a timeline for specific events. That e-mail will be sent following tonight's meeting.

### **Membership, Reclamation and Retention Committee (Brother Fredrick Evans)**

Brother Evans thanked everyone who attended the brotherhood event at the Charlotte Hornets game yesterday.

The next item will be the June cookout, which Brother Evans will chair this year. He proposed to have a joint cookout with Kappa Lambda to share costs as well as fellowship, and it was accepted. He will reach out to Kappa Lambda accordingly to work on details.

Brother Evans also asked to establish a Founders Day Committee to plan for an event in December. Brothers Parks and Evans will work with the Youth Life Skills Institute to discuss how to manage expenses as well as forming a group of brothers to plan the event.

### **My Brother's Keeper Committee (Brother Stanley Mitchell)**

Brother Mitchell asked the chapter to share information with the committee, especially life events and achievements.

He also reminded the chapter to show support for brothers, especially for an Omega Service.

### **Social Committee (Brother Clevell Roseboro)**

Brother Roseboro thanked Brother Evans for his work with the yesterday's brotherhood event.

He is putting together a Valentine's Event with Brother Evans, hosted either at Tony's Lounge or the offices of the NAACP. The cost will be \$40.00 per couple, and he will need to know by Thursday, February 1 the names of brothers who plan to attend. An e-mail will be sent with complete details later.

Brother Roseboro also delivered poinsettias to the chapter's widows during the Christmas holiday.

He also proposed a shopping trip for the chapter's wives in either Atlanta or Washington, D.C. as a fundraiser. Additionally, tickets to the National Museum of African American History and Culture could also be included in a trip to D.C.

## Standing Reports

### **Regional Convention (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

Invoices for regional assessments and delegate strength will go out by e-mail after Friday, January 19.

Both convention hotels are booked, with overflow hotels still available but at least one mile away. In terms of travel, a carpool could be possible.

Delegates for the Convention will be Brothers Darrel Clodfelter, Victor Isler, Gregory Parks, Chris Taylor, and Tyrone Travis.

### **Ronald McDonald House (Brother Tony Caldwell)**

There was no visit to the Ronald McDonald House in January. The next visit will be on Tuesday, February 6.

The quarterly ANCA Family Day of Service visit to Ronald McDonald House will be on Saturday, February 17. Brother Isler is coordinating this event.

### **Youth Life Skills Institute (Brother Roland Leak)**

Brother Leak shared this information from Brother Aaron Horne:

- The Board is moving forward to implement its fundraising activities.
- The YLSI's Capital Campaign kickoff will be in March.
- A tax write-off for donations may not be an option for marketing purposes due to changes from December's federal legislation.
- The previous account balance was \$11,560.06; with one check written, the current balance is \$9,960.06 as of today's meeting.

### **Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Brothers Christian Burris, Derrick Hargrove and Clevell Roseboro)**

- The Pan has rotated officers for 2018-2019: Alpha Phi Alpha has assumed the role of recording secretary, with representatives to be designated later.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is tomorrow (Monday, January 15) beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Shorefair Drive. Donations of tools and tarps have also been requested.
- Planning for the 2018 Winston-Salem Greek Picnic has begun. It will be Saturday, May 26 at Shelter 6 in Triad Park. Each organization is asked to donate \$125.00 to support its expenses.
- From the Scholarship Committee: applications have been sent to school counselors for this year. A \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to both a male and female graduating senior.

- The National Pan-Hellenic Council's Founders Day celebration will be on Sunday, May 20 at Friendship Baptist Church. All organizations have been asked to start thinking about a member to be recognized for his or her community service during the event.
- The Pan exploring how to obtain a 501(c)(3) status for fundraising purposes.
- Brother Clodfelter is Alpha Pi Lambda's representative to the Pan, with Brother Roseboro now serving as "representative emeritus."

### **For the Good of the Order**

#### **Date of February's Chapter Meeting**

Because of the Valentine's Day event on Sunday, February 11, February's meeting will be moved to another Sunday in the month. The new date will be communicated by e-mail.

#### **Brother McKinnie's Farewell**

Brother Michael McKinnie and his family will be moving to Charleston, South Carolina to pursue a new opportunity. He thanked the chapter for its support and its work to move forward.

#### **Brothers in Prayer**

Brother Perry Lackey is still rehabilitating, and his wife thanked brothers for their cards and prayers.

Brother Herman Burney has not been doing well, and prayers are requested.

#### **ANCA Black History Trip**

A trip sponsored by ANCA to the National Museum of African American History and Culture has been scheduled for Saturday, February 24. Brother Hargrove will send details by e-mail later.

#### **ANCA License Plate**

575 applications have been received. 545 registrations completed, and Brother Eddie Lambert will be talking those to the North Carolina DMV to secure the plate.

#### **Chronicle Breakfast**

The Winston-Salem Chronicle's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast is tomorrow (Monday, January 15) at 7:30 a.m., with Brother United States District Judge James Beatty as the keynote speaker. The following brothers will serve as ushers for the breakfast: Jesse Hymes, Stanley Mitchell, Lenwood Thompson, Tyrone Travis, Chris Ruffin, Chris Taylor, Dami'on Swittenberg, Devin Rankin and Charlie Wall.

#### **February Repast**

Brothers who will provide the repast for February's meeting: Austin Grier, Jesse Hymes, Stanley Mitchell, and Napoleon Richardson.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 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