

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law
Sunday, December 11, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and Brother S. Wayne Patterson gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

President's Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)

Brothers were invited to a repast following today's meeting downtown at The Katherine Hotel.

Brother Parks has interviewed for a job with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in Washington, DC. If he accepts, it would mean a two-year stint away from Wake Forest and the need for a president of the chapter.

Today's meeting was called to keep the momentum rolling for the year. Four items were reiterated as items to focus on this year:

- Completing a revised constitution and bylaws for the chapter by the end of the fraternal year;
- Firming up the chapter's foundation, possibly running all fundraising activities through it with Alpha Pi Lambda getting a percentage of the funds;
- Strengthening the chapter through reclamation as well as through brotherhood activities outside of a business meeting;
- Solidification of the chapter's finances through a dues structure (also incorporated into the new chapter's constitution) as well as regular fundraising events.

Brother Parks added that he would not be attending the inauguration of incoming General President Brother B. Ward in Greensboro, but supported all brothers from the chapter who would choose to attend.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes were e-mailed to the chapter on Saturday, December 10. With no corrections to minutes, a **motion** to approve the minutes as written was made by Brother Stanley Mitchell and was seconded by Brother S. Wayne Patterson. The motion was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Jeffery Purcell)

The Anderson Science Fair for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will be held on two dates in January: elementary students on Friday, January 6, and middle/high school students on Friday, January 27.

The Winston-Salem Urban League's Young Professionals invited the chapter to its annual holiday party on Friday, December 16. Admission will be \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Brother Purcell will confirm all e-mail addresses for the current chapter brothers, removing the addresses of brothers who are no longer associated with the chapter.

He encouraged all brothers to complete the brotherhood profile sheet that was sent by e-mail. It will be important for upcoming chapter business, reclamation, and Brother's Keeper.

Priority Business Items

Foundation Report (Brother Alvin Howard)

Brother Howard will meet with Brother David Hinton to file the application to restore the Youth Life Skills Institute's tax-exempt status as well as setting up an accounting system to manage the finances for the foundation.

The first meeting of the Scholarship Committee for the fraternal year will be on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. at the K&W on Healy Drive.

Brother Howard is continuing with transportation for students in the "Keep Them in School, Keep Them Learning" program.

2017 General President Inauguration (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

The inauguration of Brother General President Everett Ward will occur on January 6-8, 2017 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The cost of registration for the event is \$235.00, and it will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 12.

Brother Ward will be the first General President elected from North Carolina since Brother Lionel Newsome in 1965. Brother Newsome was also a university president, namely of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

Currently, 175 brothers nationwide have registered to attend the inauguration. Brother Mitchell encouraged brothers from the chapter to register and attend, especially brothers who didn't attend the 2015 General Convention in Charlotte.

Committee Reports

ANCA Conference (Brother Darrel Clodfelter)

One of the highlights from November's District Conference was that the first meeting of the Executive Board meeting open to the brotherhood. Among the items discussed were the following:

- Chapters were encouraged to have their calendars for Spring 2017 updated and insurance forms submitted accordingly for all events.
- Plans are being prepared to bring back the Beta Epsilon (North Carolina A&T State University) and Beta Zeta (Elizabeth City State University) chapters once their suspensions have ended.
- Schools slated for chapter expansion are High Point University, Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte) and Methodist University (Fayetteville).
- A goal for ANCA's college chapters is a 3.25 cumulative GPA across the District.
- Past District Director Brother Carl Pickney is one of three certified candidates for the position of Regional Vice President, along with Brother Rueben Johnson and Brother Kelsey Rushing.
- The Regional Convention will be held from March 23-26, 2017 in Raleigh.

Founders Day Dance (Brother Mitchell)

The dance was held on Friday, December 2. Several complaints were heard regarding the room, food, drinks and parking.

Suggestions for future include:

- Raising the cost to \$400.00 per table with seating for eight per table. Commitments would be needed from brothers for tables by the end of June.
- Coordinating with Kappa Lambda for a joint event.
- Encouraging a younger brother to serve as co-chair as well as being part of the committee.
- Turning it into a scholarship dance that can be run through the foundation.

Brothers suggested that there should be a separate meeting to finalize plans for the dance in 2017 as soon as possible.

Any other feedback regarding this year's dance should be sent to the committee.

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Calvert Jeffers for Brother Tony Caldwell)

Brother Jeffers encouraged brothers to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald for valuable community service. The chapter volunteers at the House on the first Tuesday of every month.

Reclamation (Brother Fredrick Evans)

Brother Evans was asked by Brother Parks to work on reclamation efforts for the chapter, and to make the chapter "fun" again for brotherhood.

A social event has been planned for Thursday, December 16 at 6 p.m. at [Irie Rhythms](#) in the Silas Creek Crossing shopping center. A brother who brings an inactive brother should pay for that brother's meal.

For the Good of the Order

Boy Scouts (Brother James Whitehead)

Brother Whitehead serves as the Ministry Leader for Cub Scout/Boy Scout Troop #813 at [Galilee Missionary Baptist Church](#). The troop has grown from ten to forty-five Scouts altogether, and is mostly Cub Scouts. The Old Hickory Council has reached out to Galilee to strengthen its program, and informational handouts were distributed to the chapter with more details.

Monthly meetings are on the first and second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. as well as the third Saturday from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Brother Whitehead asked for the following from Alpha Pi Lambda:

- Bear Den Leader;
- Wolf Den Leader;
- Assistance with resources for purchasing uniforms, books, and so forth;
- Volunteers for only one hour per month to assist in any capacity.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to collect the names of volunteers. Brothers who need more information should contact [Brother Whitehead](#) directly.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary
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