

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

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

**Presidential Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)**

Brother Parks was glad to have been elected President of the chapter, and he is seeking both critiques and feedback during his service. He wants to get away from doing things the way we've always done things simply because that's how we've always done it...as well as bringing new ideas to the table and return some older brothers back into the fold.

He is also happy to have Brother Isler serve as Vice President who will manage the chapter's committees. The bare minimum of resources is needed to meet all of the chapter's commitments, in terms of finances and support from the brotherhood.

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

The minutes from May's meeting were e-mailed to chapter on Saturday, September 10. With no corrections submitted, a **motion** to approve the minutes as written was made by Brother Tyrone Travis and seconded by Brother Parks. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

**Correspondence (Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

No correspondence was received to present to the chapter before today's meeting

**Financial Status (Brother Napoleon Richardson)**

The chapter's checking account stands at \$820.83, and Brother Richardson had collected two payments for chapter dues before today's meeting. Invoice forms will be available tonight for each brother in terms of the national grand tax and local chapter dues.

Brother Richardson is creating a budget for the chapter that will be presented later. However, there are three current commitments for the chapter to keep in mind:

- Total national dues: \$1,400.00.
- Total regional dues: \$970.00.
- Total ANCA dues: \$1,400.00.

The goal is to get 60 active brothers for the fraternal year by November 15. Most all chapter dues should have been collected at that time.

Brother Parks added that he was interested in budgeting travel expenses as well as delegate stipends for both the regional and upcoming general conventions.

### **Treasurer's Report (Brother Tyrone Travis)**

No report for today's meeting

## **Summer Business Updates**

### **Chapter Retreat (Brother Christian Burris)**

The following items were discussed during the retreat that was held on Saturday, June 25:

- To increase participation by brothers at the 2017 Chapter Picnic, either the first or second Sundays in June will be considered as alternate dates.
- The question was raised about why the Founders Day Dance is held on the First Friday in December. Could it be moved to Saturday instead? Could a sponsor be utilized?
- Brother Mitchell agreed to serve as co-chair of Project Alpha and Brother Hymes agreed to serve on the committee. Brother Isler also has three goals for the coming fraternal year.
- Brothers Caldwell and Purcell: concession stand fundraising at WFU Football games this fall has been secured with three dates. A commitment by at least six brothers would be needed to operate the booth, and the college brothers could also be invited to participate.
- Discussions about the need for a chapter budget:
  - Suggestion about dues for brothers transitioning from college to alumni chapter: combine with a professional development/mentorship. Chapter dues would be \$0 for the first year, but participation on either a chapter committee or national program would be expected.
  - Setting up an auto draft for chapter dues: Brother Parks will talk to Brother Financial Secretary Napoleon Richardson.
  - A **motion** by Brother Victor Isler to raise chapter dues: "I Victor Isler so move that the chapter dues change to \$275.00 annually due to inflation and budgetary needs. Brothers can elect to be on an automatic draft payment plan of \$25.00 monthly for 12mos. The additional \$25.00 for the payment plan supports financial fees associated with automated draft."

Following the summary, there was discussion about proceeding with raising the chapter dues to \$275.00 for the new fraternal year. The matter will be revisited at October's chapter meeting.

### **Golf Tournament/Scholarship (Brothers Alvin Howard and Jesse Hymes)**

The 2016 Scholarship Achievement Awards program was held on Thursday, August 4 at First Baptist Church. Alpha Pi Lambda gave \$7,500.00 in scholarships to eight recipients, while the Xi Eta chapter gave \$5,000 to five recipients. The total scholarships awarded by Alpha Pi

Lambda now stands at \$21,000. All recipients also given the book *Think and Grow Rich*, and Brother Howard feels that it is a model for scholarship programs going forward. All monies dispensed were monies in hand, with no recipients leaving empty-handed.

The third annual tournament was held on Friday, August 12 at the Winston Lake Golf Course. After payments, the proceeds for Youth Life Skills Institute came to \$7,204.73. A photo of the 2016 scholarship recipients on display at the tournament.

Brother Howard sees no problems to recruit for chapter scholarships in the future. All brothers are invited to contribute to support the scholarship during the fraternal year.

### **LDCEI (Brothers Chris Hooper and Derrick Hargrove)**

The 2016 Institute took place from Wednesday, June 15 until Sunday, June 19. North Carolina sent the largest delegation. Alpha Pi Lambda's initial commitment was three participants, but they all backed out at the last minute. The chapter had also committed to two seats on the bus sent to Savannah by the district.

The chapter's 2017 commitment is to lock in qualified candidates for the next institute.

### **ANCA Retreat/Conference (Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

This year's district retreat was held on Saturday, July 16 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. This is a new model by Brother Manners to hold the retreat at the site of the district conference for that year. Highlights from the retreat included:

- An overview of the LDCEI.
- A SWOT analysis of the district.
- Breakout sessions for all five areas, with the goal for all areas to maintain strong communication.
- All paperwork for chapter events must be submitted in a timely and thorough manner.
- Dates for Area 4 fall intake: October 21-22, October 28-29, and November 4-5.  
Participating chapters for the fall will be Beta Iota, Xi Eta, and Pi Zeta.

### **Priority Business Items**

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

Four brothers visited with Brother Donald Benson over Labor Day weekend, who was recovering from back surgery. He also had prostate surgery this past week.

Brother Mitchell was arranging a visit to Brother David Tate in Brighton Gardens for some time in September. His goal is to visit one or two brothers every month during the coming year.

Brother Aaron Horne asked for prayers for his wife who will be undergoing surgery soon.

### **Founders Day Dance (Brother Paul Lowe)**

Brother Lowe was glad to serve as the chair for last year's dance, but he will be stepping aside as chair for the coming year.

This year's dance is scheduled for Friday, December 2. Brothers Parks and Isler will revisit particulars about the dance with a committee before the next chapter meeting.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Adopt a Highway (Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

Looking for a date that won't conflict with upcoming Winston-Salem State football games.

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

The next visit will be on Tuesday, October 4.

#### **Archives (Brothers Charlie Wall and Christian Burris)**

An update to the chapter directory is coming; brothers are asked to submit e-mail, address, and life changes to Brother Wall.

#### **Fund Raising (Brother Alvin Howard)**

Two fundraising ideas are on the table and will be brought forward at a future meeting.

#### **Project Alpha (Brother Victor Isler)**

The chapter had two good programs during the last fraternal year, and for this fraternal year the goal to have two programs again. Brother Isler will engage with Crosby Scholars, NC LINKS, and the Cub Scout Troop at Galilee Missionary Baptist for participants in Project Alpha for this year.

A **motion** was made by Brother Isler to incorporate \$50.00 into the proposed budget for Project Alpha expenses, but it was withdrawn until the chapter's budget is finalized.

#### **Reclamation/IMDP (Brothers Alonzo Turner and Tyrone Travis)**

At least one candidate interested in the law school.

All chapters interested in Spring 2017 intake must submit request forms by Saturday, October 15 to Brother Area Director Hargrove.

### **Standing Reports**

## College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Darrel Slade)**
  - Advisors: Tony Caldwell and Chris Taylor.
  - The chapter officers for the new fraternal year are in place.
  - Four brothers graduated in Spring 2016.
  - More than \$2,300.00 is currently in the chapter treasury.
  - A back to school function at the TRGT Network was held on Saturday, August 27.
  - An awareness seminar was held on Monday, August 29 with 60 aspirants attending. Of those, 17 have requested an application so far.
  - A “Meet the Alphas” event was held on Wednesday, August 31.
  - A Greek Cookout was held on Labor Day with the other NPHC chapters at Winston-Salem State.
  - A Financial Literacy Forum on will be held on Wednesday, September 14.
  - A viewing party for the first presidential debate will be held on Monday, September 26 with a discussion afterward.
  - A Black Bank Movement event with Mechanics & Farmers Bank is being planned for the fall semester.
  - Dates for fall intake:
    - Smoker: Wednesday, October 21.
    - Sphinx Club meeting: Wednesday, October 26.
    - Probate Club meeting: Wednesday, November 2.
    - Neophyte showcase: Sunday, November 6.
  - There will two delegates for the 2016 District Conference and the chapter’s Miss Black & Gold will also participate. The chapter plans to compete in the Charles H. Wesley Award with Alpha Pi Lambda along with Chapter of the Year and the Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest.
- **Xi Eta (Brother Kyle Johnson)**
  - Advisor: Christian Burris.
  - An awareness seminar was held on Thursday, September 8 with two aspirants attending.
  - The first Wake Forest NPHC meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 14.
  - The first of two voter registration drives will be on Saturday, September 17.
  - A Stroll to the Polls for the fall is being scheduled.
  - A fund raiser is planned for Friday, October 28 at [Brynn’s Frozen Yogurt](#).

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

- The first meeting of the year was held last Tuesday, September 6.
- Chapter delegates will alert the Pan about all upcoming chapter events.

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

- Pi Nu is now under the administration of the Beta Nu Lambda chapter (Area 5).

- Advisor training will be Sunday, September 18 at Winston-Salem State's Atkinson Science Building.
- August's wine tasting event at [Raylen Vineyards and Winery](#) raised \$70.00 for the chapter.
- Dates for collegiate events should be submitted to Brother Corresponding Secretary Purcell for addition to the chapter's calendar
- A birthday celebration for Brother S. Wayne will be at the Winston Lake Golf Course on Friday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Brother Darrel Clodfelter is looking for input regarding local venues for a dance/informal party in Spring 2017.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to the Fraternity Hymn and Fraternity Prayer. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 9 at 5:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary