

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Winston-Salem NAACP
Sunday, January 10, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Tyrone Travis 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.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from November's meeting had been sent by e-mail to the Brother Tajuan Sellars on Monday, January 4. A **motion** was made by Brother Derrick Hargrove to approve the minutes as written, and it was seconded by Brother Gregory Parks. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Tajuan Sellars)

Brother Sellars reported that the following items had been received by the chapter:

- A holiday card from Brother General President Mark Tillman and Board of Directors.
- A bill from the Southern Region for the chapter's delegate strength at Regional Convention in March.
- An announcement from Brother Anthony Kent (Beta Nu Lambda) about his recently-published book *The Youth Advisor: A Young Adult's Guide to Success*. He is seeking brothers to include this book in their Alpha Academy programs.

Financial Status (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

With 44 active brothers, the chapter is in good standing according to AlphaNet. This number is down from 69 active brothers last year. The chapter is lacking the support of 29 brothers, at the total of \$5,800. Brother Richardson again stressed the need for brothers to be active locally as well as nationally, and for brothers to fulfill their financial obligations.

Treasurer's Report (Brother John Williams)

The chapter's account balance as of December 31, 2014: beginning: \$10,064.83; ending: \$1,001. 98. A **motion** was made by Brother S. Wayne Patterson to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Brother Jay Garcia. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Presidential Remarks (Brother Travis)

An IMDP/advisor training session at Winston-Salem State on Saturday, December 12. At least 50% of the chapter needs to be IMDP-certified in order to remain in good standing.

Priority Business Items

Founders Day Dance (Brother Travis for Brother Lowe)

2015 saw a new venue for the dance, namely the Embassy Suites, as well as good attendance. There were good comments from Brother Henry Richardson of Kappa Lambda, and there may have more inclusion from alumni chapters next year.

Brother Sellars will prepare a survey in SurveyMonkey for feedback and comments regarding dance and send a link to the survey to the brotherhood. All feedback will be taken to the next Dance Committee.

32 tables were purchased for the dance for a total \$9,600, along with four donations that totaled \$1,200. The grand total for cash in hand was \$10,800.00. In all, the chapter spent \$10,844.50 on the venue and \$1,500 on the band, leaving an outstanding balance of \$1,544.40. The committee did not take the hotel's 22% service charge into account when creating its budget.

The 2016 Dance Committee members are Brothers Tony Caldwell, Keith Ferguson, Jay Garcia, S. Wayne Patterson, Gregory Parks, and Chris Taylor.

NAACP (Brother S. Wayne Patterson)

Brother Patterson had three housekeeping items relating to the Winston-Salem Chapter:

- Brothers need to throw away their trash in the proper receptacles.
- A donation between \$75-100 for the support of the Winston-Salem chapter by the brotherhood was proposed. A **motion** was made by Brother Cleve Roseboro to contribute \$200.00 to the NAACP for the use of their facilities, and it was seconded by Brother David Tanner. The **motion** was passed by a majority vote, and the donation will be given to the NAACP later this year.
- The building is available for training purposes if needed.

Project Alpha (Brother Victor Isler)

Two Project Alpha sessions were presented last fall. The first was during the Youth Empowerment Conference, on Saturday, November 21 with six participants, and the second was in conjunction with the North Carolina LINKS Program on Saturday, December 19 with fifteen participants.

Letters of documentation will be secured for both events, fulfilling the yearly obligation for the chapter.

Youth Education Project (Brother Alvin Howard)

The inaugural Youth Empowerment Conference at Carver High School on Saturday, November 21 with 20 youths participating. The conference was a success with five workshops, and a second conference will be planned for 2016.

Scholarship (Brother Alvin Howard)

The 2016 scholarship timeline is about to begin, and brothers are encouraged to donate and support to the cause. Seed money from the 2015 Golf Tournament will be used, with the goal to award a minimum of four \$1,000 scholarships this year.

The Scholarship Committee is seeking volunteers to serve.

Brother's Keeper

Brother Emory Rann is home following surgery for a pacemaker on Thursday, January 7. He is resting comfortably and will look for visitors soon.

Go to High School, Go to College

Brothers Keith Ferguson and Chris Hooper will chair this committee.

A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People

Brother Caldwell will chair this committee, and the pivotal 2016 election should provide several events.

Beautillion (Brothers Sellars and Jeremi Cheeks)

The Beautillion will be refocused into an Alpha Academy, with the existing programs of "Go to High School, Go to College", "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People", and the YLSI as its foundation.

Brother Sellars is forming a new committee with the chairs of the above committees as well as Brothers Jay Garcia and Aaron Harrill.

Regional Convention Call (Brother Travis)

The 2016 Regional Convention will be in Atlanta from Thursday, March 3 until Sunday, March 6. All chapter advisors and chapter presidents are expected to attend, with Brother Sellars as an additional delegate for Alpha Pi Lambda.

Brother Tejaun Manners (Phi Lambda) will also be installed as the new District Director of ANCA during the conference, and other changes may be pending as a result.

Standing Committees

Amenities (Brother Roseboro)

Brother Perry Lackey has been in physical therapy, and he is back at his assisted living facility. Senior Brothers Herman Burney and David Tate have also been contacted.

Science Fair (Brother Clarke and Harrill)

Brothers are asked to volunteer as judges for the Elementary competition on Friday, January 16 at SciWorks and the Secondary competition on Friday, January 29 at Bridger Field House/Deacon Tower. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. at either location, with judging beginning around 10:00 a.m.

Archives/Directory Update (Brother Wall)

Brother Wall distributed the new chapter directories, which include electronic copies for

IMDP/Reclamation (Brother Alonzo Turner)

Projected dates for Spring 2016 in Area 4 are February 19-20, 26-27, and March 11-12.

There are several individuals who have expressed interest in joining Alpha Pi Lambda, but Brother Turner does not recommend chapter intake for this Spring. He does not feel the chapter has been fully acclimated to the aspirants, so there will be more events where brothers are invited to participate and learn more about them. The standard for chapter intake will be determined by the Membership Committee for the next intake period. A **motion** was made by Brother Stanley Mitchell to have no intake for Spring 2016, and it was seconded by Brother Wall. The **motion** was passed by a majority vote.

The next IMDP certification session for Area 4 will be coming soon.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Noah Williamson)**
 - Several programs have been scheduled for January.
 - An interest meeting for Miss Black & Gold will be held on Thursday, January 21. A brother from Alpha Pi Lambda will be needed as a judge for the pageant.
 - Three brothers have been registered for College Brother's Retreat at the end of January in Birmingham, Alabama.
- **Xi Eta (Brother Robert Sakaguchi)**
 - Brother Sakaguchi has registered for the College Brother's Retreat.
- **Pi Nu**
 - No report.

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

The following items were discussed at the last meeting:

- Oddfellows Cemetery cleanup will be on Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Day) from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
- New officers will be elected to align with rotation schedule of the national organization.
- Securing a date in the spring for a Habitat for Humanity build.
- A “State of the Black Family” program will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. Skits and panel discussions have been planned
- The IAAM Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, January 26 at the Career Center. Information regarding the chapter’s scholarship will be needed for the display.

New Business

Brothers to Host Future Meetings

Brother Tanner will host February’s meal.

MLK Breakfast

Ten brothers are asked to serve as ushers on Monday, January 18 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Convention Center.

Chapter of the Year

Brother Hargrove is putting together a portfolio for the Fall 2016 District Conference. All Committee Chairs are asked to prepare reports that would be included.

New Fundraising Opportunities

Brother Parks addressed the need for the chapter to have more fund raising opportunities in order to operate more effectively.

Brother Isler suggested that a Fundraising Committee should be formed. Brother Travis put out a call volunteers, with Brothers Caldwell, Cheeks, Ferguson, Garcia, Howard, Isler, Roseboro, Jeffrey Purcell, and Taylor serving as members.

Immediate suggestions include a pancake fundraiser with Applebee’s like AKA’s Phi Omega chapter and proceeds from a “night out to dinner with the Alphas”.

Golf Tournament Update

Brother Jesse Hymes reported that planning for the 2016 tournament will begin soon. Volunteers are incited to participate when the committee begins meeting in the spring.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m., followed by the singing of the Alpha hymn and a repast.

Due to the second Sunday being Valentine's Day, the next meeting will be on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary