

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law
Sunday, January 15, 2017**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother Vice President Victor Isler called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and Brother Chaplain Charlie Wall gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

Executive Leadership Remarks (Brother Victor Isler)

Brother Isler urged the chapter to be mobilized and to be energized in and for its responsibility to the community in the calendar year.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes were e-mailed to the chapter on Saturday, January 14. With one correction, a **motion** was made to approve the minutes by Brother Calvert Jeffers. The minutes were seconded by Brother Alonzo Turner. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Jeffery Purcell)

No correspondence had been received by the chapter before today's meeting. Brother Isler asked the chapter for prayers on behalf of Brother Purcell, whose brother passed away earlier this week.

Treasurer's Report (Brother Tyrone Travis)

As of Wednesday, January 10, the chapter's balance \$637.53 with Mechanics & Farmers Bank, and the balance was in compliance with Brother Financial Secretary Napoleon Richardson.

Priority Business Items

IMDP Training Dates (Brother Victor Isler)

An e-mail will be sent to the chapter for the next IMDP training date on Friday, January 28 at UNC Charlotte. Brother Isler reminded the chapter that all chapter officers must be certified as well as well as fifty percent of the chapter. Although there is no intake for Alpha Pi Lambda this semester, he urged that all brothers to be certified in order to maintain compliance.

Budget Committee (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Brother Richardson distributed a copy of proposed budget for 2017-2018. It was in three parts: Chapter Income, Chapter Administrative Fees, and Chapter Expenses.

Currently, there is a deficit of \$1,360.39 for the current fraternal year, although not all dues have been collected. However, extraneous fees for the Founders Day Dance in December were covered by the chapter's current budget.

Brother Richardson proposed raise dues to \$250.00 for the next fraternal year. With 50 brothers, the chapter would have a zero balance for next year's expenses.

Alpha Pi Lambda is in good standing locally, regionally and nationally as all fees have been paid. However, the chapter is in arrears of approximately \$3,200.00 for this year.

Following discussion, Brother Isler recommended tabling a vote on the proposed budget until the next chapter meeting in February.

Foundation Report (Brother Alvin Howard)

Brother David Hinton is re-filing the forms to restore the 501 (c)(3) status for the Youth Life Skills Institute.

Brother Howard, Brothers Warren Leggett and Robert Brown, Jr. have been entering data regarding foundation expenses into a report during the month of January at the Reynolda Branch of the Forsyth County Public Library. He asked for volunteers (especially college brothers) to participate in the next round of data entry in February.

The Scholarship Committee meeting has been rescheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21. The goal is to provide five \$1,000.00 scholarships to students this year. Brother Howard also plans to coordinate with the Xi Eta chapter on notices for scholarship applications with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

The "Keep Them in School, Keep Them Learning" program is continuing; Brother Howard would like to explore a grant to fund transportation for four schools in the Winston-Salem area.

General Presidential Inauguration (Brother Emery Rann)

Brother Rann said that the inauguration of Brother General President Everett B. Ward was wonderful. It was especially invigorating to see the living past general presidents and interact with them. He added that more brothers would have been in Greensboro had it not been for the snowstorm that weekend.

MLK Holiday (Brother Victor Isler)

The Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council will participate in the annual cleanup of the Odd Fellows Cemetery at 9:00 a.m.

The chapter was not asked to serve as ushers for the annual Martin Luther King Day Breakfast sponsored by the *Winston Salem Chronicle*, but the chapter will have a table at the event.

Standing Committees

Go to High School-Go to College (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell was charged by Brother Isler to center the chapter's activities around the National Programs. An Education Summit held with Brothers Nate Barber, Ronald Davis, Nate French and Charlie Wall will be used to emphasize a more strategic plan for the education piece of the chapter's mission.

Brother French agreed to serve as chair of the Education Committee. The committee is seeking individuals and organizations to work with the chapter on education issues. The Committee will also work with the Youth Life Skills Institute, to assist the Crosby Scholars Program as well as similar educational activities in Forsyth County.

The Committee's complete proposal will be ready by March's chapter meeting.

Boy Scouts of America (Brother Victor Isler)

Brother Isler will connect with troop leader Brother James Whitehead of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church regarding a list of brothers to be trained as facilitators and leaders. An application and a criminal background check must be submitted for participation.

The troop is investigating the means to acquire uniforms that would be kept on site so that scouts can "dress out" for meetings, and the chapter's assistance may be sought in that endeavor.

Brother Isler will send out information about troop meetings at a later date and also provide the chapter's sign up list with Brother Whitehead.

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Alvin Howard for Brother Tony Caldwell)

Brothers Tony Caldwell, Alvin Howard and S. Wayne Patterson volunteered at the House earlier this month, helping to take down Christmas decorations.

Brother's Keeper (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Christmas cards were mailed in December. If a brother didn't receive a card, please notify the Committee. The committee will need your current mailing address.

Brother Victor Moore was recently recognized in the *Winston-Salem Chronicle* for his work in the community.

Fifty brothers were present for the Omega Service of Brother Jimmy Jones last week.

The committee is planning to do a Widow's Luncheon before Valentine's Day at Golden Corral, as well as another round of visits to both senior brothers and widows.

Reclamation (Brother Fredrick Evans)

Brother Evans thanked brothers for attending the event at Irie Rhythms in December. Four brothers were interested in reconnecting with the chapter as a result.

Brother Evans plans to reach out to all newly initiated brothers who received a chapter scholarship for their presence at upcoming chapter functions. He is also looking for names of inactive brothers in the area to reconnect them with the chapter.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota (Brother Victor Isler for Brother Noah Williamson)**
 - The chapter is working to assist Brother Larry Womble in terms of buying groceries and taking care of maintenance around his home. They will coordinate with Brother Mitchell and the Brother's Keeper Committee
 - "Game Day at WSSU" is coming soon.
 - A Miss Black and Gold interest meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31
 - The chapter is co-sponsoring an upcoming Financial Literacy Seminar with two clubs at Winston-Salem State.

- **Xi Eta (Brother Kyle Johnson)**
 - First Chapter meeting was held last week.
 - The chapter will participate in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery clean-up on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
 - Brother Lawrence Snipes will represent the chapter at the upcoming College Brother's Retreat.
 - Upcoming campus forums include a follow up to last year's program on Black Lives Matter and law enforcement as well as establishing Wake Forest as a Sanctuary Campus.
 - The chapter will work with Brother Darrel Clodfelter on "Game Day at WFU."

For the Good of the Order

Recognition of Brother Tyrone Travis (Brothers Victor Isler and Napoleon Richardson)

Brother Travis was awarded his 50-year pin and was acknowledged for his years of service to the chapter.

Chapter Constitution (Brother Harold Eustache)

Brother Eustache sent a list of proposals for changes to the constitution to Brother Gregory Parks for his approval. These changes will follow the national model and will be presented to the brotherhood at February's meeting.

A copy of the proposed constitution will be sent to the chapter for prior review.

Brother Herman Eure at Wake Forest (Brother Nate French)

Brother Eure will be recognized with the Medallion of Merit by Wake Forest University during the Founders' Day Convocation on Thursday, February 16. Brothers Christian Burris, Nate French, Victor Isler, and Stanley Mitchell will attend. Other brothers are invited to attend.

License Plate (Brother Napoleon Richardson)

Brothers can now apply and pay for their license plates through the [ANCA website](#) in addition to postal mail. Brother Tejaun Manners is anticipating 500 brothers from across the state to purchase a plate before Wednesday, February 1.

If a brother had purchased a license plate previously, they can check for their application online [at this link](#).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. to the Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary
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