

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
Room 1302, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Sunday, February 12, 2017**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:07 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 feels that the pieces are falling into place to bring the chapter into a much stronger position by the end of the fraternal year.

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

Brother Isler encouraged the brotherhood to stay motivated this year and to maintain good camaraderie within the chapter. Additionally, he encouraged solidarity with the funds, continuing deep conversations, and a return to the focus on National Programs and Special Projects of the Fraternity.

A successful meeting of the Executive Board on Wednesday, February 8 could lead to a reset to being the chapter back to its primary concentrations and responsibilities.

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

The minutes were e-mailed to the chapter on Friday, February 10. With no corrections, a **motion** was by made by Brother Tyrone Travis to approve the minutes as written, and it was seconded by Brother Tony Caldwell. The **motion** was passed unanimously by the usual Alpha Sign.

**Correspondence (Brother Gregory Parks for Brother Jeffery Purcell)**

In the absence of Brother Purcell, Brother Parks reported that no correspondence had been received.

**Financial Report (Brother Tyrone Travis)**

Following one check written for Science Fair, the current balance in the chapter's checking account is \$137.53. The current financial obligations are \$1,050.00 as of today. By the end of today's meeting, \$810.00 had been collected,

**Priority Business Items**

**Budget Committee (Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Tyrone Travis)**

For 2017-2018 proposed budget, income had been calculated at 50 brothers paying \$250.00 in dues (an increase of \$50.00). Also, a fundraising component had built in for the chapter only.

Further discussion about the budget, particularly in regards to the revised constitution, will be saved until the upcoming chapter retreat in March.

Brother Richardson is actively seeking to collect from 15-20 brothers to close the shortfall in current budget.

### **Foundation Report (Brother Alvin Howard)**

Brother Howard should learn next week which documents the IRS will require from the Youth Life Skills Institute to restore its 501(c)(3) status. A \$500.00 retaining fee will be paid for the services of the accounting firm that will do the work.

### **Regional Convention (Brother Gregory Parks for Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

[The 2017 Regional Convention will be held March 23-26 in Raleigh, North Carolina.](#) Brothers Fredrick Evans, Austin Howard, Stanley Mitchell, and Charlie Wall will serve as the chapter's delegates.

### **General Convention (Brother Gregory Parks for Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

[The 2017 General Convention will be held July 12-16 in Baltimore, Maryland.](#) The registration fee for alumni will be \$400.00 until Monday, June 12 and it can be done via AlphaNet.

### **Area 4 Report (Brother Victor Isler for Brother Derrick Hargrove)**

IMDP for Spring 2017 will be at held at Wake Forest University on February 24-25, March 3-4, and March 10-11. All brothers who are IMDP-certified are encouraged to participate.

### **Chapter Retreat (Isler)**

The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 4. Topics will include:

- Intake and reclamation
- Revisions to the chapter constitution, especially in regards to the National Programs and Special Projects
- Dues and finances
- Foundation matters
- Educational committee
- Fiscal management
- Fundraising
- Founders Day Ball

An itinerary for the retreat will be sent out by the end of the week as well as a RSVP for lunch.

## Standing Committees

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

Additional brothers are needed to serve on the committee to keep up with the lives of the brothers in this chapter.

A list of sick and shut-in brothers will be gathered in a report, along with needs for widows of deceased brothers of the chapter. A regular schedule to visit those on this list will also be created.

The committee plans to partner with the Reclamation Committee to reach out to brothers who had been recently active but have abruptly left the chapter.

### **Reclamation (Brothers Fredrick Evans and Austin Howard)**

Methods to send electronic chapter updates either by text message or a Facebook group are being explored.

The committee needs both phone numbers and addresses from all active brothers in the chapter to maintain constant contact regarding recent developments.

New reclamation efforts will be coming for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. Input from the brotherhood is also needed to plan additional activities.

### **Education Committee (Brother Michael McKinney for Brother Nate French)**

To dates, the committee has discussed the following:

- Maintaining an active presence at local school board meetings.
- Creating a Senior Academy with brothers who serve as mentors for a high school junior or senior. A similar arrangement would be done with middle schools.
- Participating with the transportation program through the YMCA.
- Partnering with the Crosby Scholars, with several brothers serving as facilitators for specific events.
- Partnering with Youth Life Skills Institute.
- A book club with Big Brothers/Big Sisters with a summer reading component.
- A second Youth Empowerment Conference with funding mechanisms in place.
- Involvement with the Pop Warner League to promote academics in addition to academics. Two to two teams have been contacted to participate so far.

### **Bowling Team for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Foundation (Brother Leonard Patterson)**

The next [Bowl for Kids' Sake](#) event will be on Saturday, March 4 at the AMF Major League Lanes on Jonestown Road. The chapter has been invited to participate, and will do so following

the retreat. Brothers will bowl on own lane during the event, and a donation of at least \$25.00 will be collected from each bowling brother that day.

Brothers Tony Caldwell, Alvin Howard, Victor Isler, Stanley Mitchell, and Gregory Parks, will attend this event.

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

Discussion about an event before the end of the fraternal year will be held at the upcoming retreat

### **Boy Scouts of America (Brother Victor Isler)**

Brother James Whitehead has asked for brothers to become leaders to help the Scouts of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in activities to earn merit badges. Also, there is a need to buy shirts and neckerchiefs for those who need uniforms.

The following **motion** was made by Brother Stanley Mitchell: due to a shortage of chapter funds, twelve individual brothers should commit to raise \$35.00 apiece to sponsor a uniform for one child in the program. This **motion** was seconded by Brother Alvin Howard, and it was passed unanimously.

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

Brother Tony Caldwell, along with Brothers Alfred McQueen and Wesley Summers, volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday, February 7. Brothers who are unable to volunteer in person are asked to support the Donation List for necessary items to aid the House's daily operations.

### **Social Action Committee/A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People (Brother Tony Caldwell)**

The Committee- made up of Brothers Tony Caldwell, Eric Ellison, Harold Eustache, Paul Lowe, Stanley Mitchell, Emery Rann- met to discuss political issues for the current climate. Suggestions by the Committee include covering City Council/ Board of Commissioners meetings as well as serving on local boards. Coverage exists on the school board and city council meetings, also County Commissioner's Meeting.

Brother Parks had another suggestion: to work with [New York Law School's Civil Rights Clinic](#) on an amicus brief in front of United States Supreme Court on a specific case during the next term that begins in October. The Committee will examine this option at its next meeting.

## **Standing Reports**

### **College Chapter Reports**

- **Beta Iota (Brother Tony Caldwell)**
  - Two brothers currently on campus.
  - 15 candidates will begin IMDP on Friday, February 24.
  - Working with Brother Larry Womble's son with a Brother's Keeper project.
  - A Miss Black & Gold interest meeting was held that was coordinated by current Miss Black & Gold Mona Zahir.
- **Xi Eta (Brother Kyle Johnson)**
  - Working with Brother Darrel Clodfelter to host the Madden Tournament during the weekend of March 16-19 in Room 401. The chapter is waiting for approval regarding the time, date and location. TVs and gaming systems will be needed for the event.

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

- The College Tour for Northern HBCUs is set for April 6-9. Participants and sponsors will be needed from all chapters.
- The Pan is hosting the 2017 Winston-Salem Greek Picnic on Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. The location will be Shelter #1 at Triad Park in Kernersville.
- The annual NPHC Anniversary will be held at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday, May 21.

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

#### **Opportunity for College Brothers**

Brothers Warren Leggett and Robert Brown, Jr. need assistance in accounting and data entry for the Youth Life Skills Institute. College brothers should contact Brother Alvin Howard if interested.

#### **National Black Theatre Festival**

Brother John Singleton reminded the chapter about the 2017 Festival that is set for July 31-August 5 in Downtown Winston-Salem. The brotherhood is invited for kickoff reception to be held in March as well as successive receptions around the state until the festival begins.

The budget meeting for the festival will be coming soon, and support from community and the brotherhood will be welcomed.

#### **April Meeting at Winston Lake Golf Course**

Brother Alvin Howard shared that Brother Jesse Hymes received an invitation from the Winston Lake Golf Course for the chapter to play nine rounds at the course in April followed by the regular chapter meeting in the clubhouse. Brother Parks will revisit the invitation at the chapter meeting in March.

#### **Invitation to Film Screenings**

Two student films that were scored by Brother Austin Howard will be screened on Friday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Main Theatre of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Admission is free.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary  
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