

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Winston-Salem NAACP
Sunday, February 21, 2016**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Tyrone Travis called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Brother Chaplin Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from January's meeting were e-mailed to the brotherhood on Tuesday, February 9 by Brother Corresponding Secretary Tajuan Sellars. A **motion** was made by Brother Vice President Derrick Hargrove to approve the minutes as written, and was seconded by Brother David Tanner. The **motion** passed unanimously by the usual Alpha Sign.

Correspondence (Brother Tajuan Sellars)

Brother Sellars informed the brotherhood that Brother Ralph Shelton, a past president of the Kappa Lambda Chapter, had passed away. Information regarding funeral and Omega services will follow this week.

Financial Status (Bro. Napoleon Richardson)

The previous balance of the chapter's checking account was \$871.48. As of Friday, February 19, the current balance is \$1,271.48. A check was written for \$1,225.00 for five delegates at the upcoming regional convention in March that has not yet cleared. (The current delegate strength for the chapter reflects the previous year.) All accounts are in balance with Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

As of today's meeting, there are 49 active members of Alpha Pi Lambda according to AlphaNet. Several brothers need to pay their chapter dues immediately.

A **motion** was made by Brother Tanner to publish a list of brothers who have paid their national dues and not their chapter dues, as well as those brothers who have not renewed at all. Brother Stanley Mitchell seconded the **motion**. Brother Victor Isler submitted a friendly amendment for this to be used not only as a reclamation tool by Brother Alonzo Turner but also as a method for contacting all brothers, and Brother Tanner accepted it. Following a lengthy discussion, Brother Tanner withdrew his **motion**.

Based on the discussion of the previous **motion**, Brother Tanner made a new **motion** that at the next meeting a list of all brothers who have not paid their chapter dues would be published. Brother Morris Clarke seconded this **motion**, and it passed by a majority vote.

Treasurer's Report (Brother John Williams)

Brother Williams was unable to attend today's meeting. In his absence, Brother Richardson relayed the current account status of the chapter during his remarks.

Presidential Remarks (Brother Travis)

Brother Travis candidly shared with the chapter that it was a rough month both personally and in terms of Alpha. He commented that the overall attitude of chapter has been lacking recently; further, his biggest worry has been "Alpha Stuff" and that he isn't sure if we have lost our purpose.

He added that there was a need to resolve concerns regarding financial status and rift between older and younger brothers, saying that if we don't step up and get things done, the future of the chapter may be in doubt.

Brother Travis closed his comments by saying that the chapter needs to pay \$875.00 in ANCA dues as soon as possible.

Priority Business Items

Brother's Keeper (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Brother Mitchell read a thank you card from Evelyn Wagner, widow of Brother David Wagner, who appreciated the chapter's sentiments during the holidays.

Brother Curtis Brown passed away earlier this month, and the program from his service was shared with the chapter.

Brother Paul Lowe's mother suffered a stroke in Seattle, Washington, but is now recovering in rehabilitation. Prayers have been requested as she recovers.

A **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell for the chapter to host a luncheon for all chapter widows on Saturday, March 19. TBD. The **motion** was seconded by Brother Sellars, and passed with a majority vote.

A reception for Brothers Dr. James Jones, Dr. Willard McCloud Sr., and Herman Burney is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

Brother David Tate is in Brighton Gardens.

Standing Committees

March of Dimes (Brother Ben Carson)

The 2016 March for Babies will be on Saturday, April 9. The March of Dimes Committee will meet before the event to plan specific details, with the overall goal for the chapter to volunteer at the event and to walk as a team. Members from the college chapters will also be invited to participate.

Brother Carson will provide more information at March's chapter meeting.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota**
 - The chapter's 2016 Miss Black & Gold Pageant will be on Thursday, March 24.
 - Brother Regional Vice President Natson and Brother District Director Pickney have approved Brother Isler as Chapter Advisor by way of informal confirmations. However, he will not operate in that capacity until he receives formal correspondence; until then, Bro. Travis will act as advisor for the chapter.
- **Xi Eta**
 - The chapter has the highest GPA for any Greek-lettered organization at Wake Forest.
 - Recognized for the Best Table at the Spring 2016 Student Activities Fair.
 - Total revenue at the last Barn Party was approximately \$4,300 after taxes and fees.
 - Three aspirants are currently in IMDP.
 - Wake Forest's NPHC Week will be from Monday, February 21 until Sunday, February 27. A calendar of events will be e-mailed to the chapter.
 - The first planning meeting for the 2016 Generation heART fundraiser will be on Monday, February 29.
 - Fundraising events will be held to give seven \$1,000 scholarships by the chapter this spring.
 - Brother Robert Sakaguchi was admitted into the Order of Omega Society at Wake Forest. He has also been accepted into Wake Forest's business master's program for management, and is in the final round of candidates for a master's program at Notre Dame.
- **Pi Nu**
 - No report.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Bros. Burris/Hargrove/Roseboro)

The inaugural State of the Black Family forum on was held on Saturday, February 4 at the Mount Tabor United Methodist Church. It was agreed afterward that the conversation should continue around this topic.

New Business

Fundraising Opportunities

At February's Executive Committee meeting, several ideas were discussed as ways to raise money for the chapter. Brothers Travis and Sellars followed up on several of them on the chapter's behalf.

Brother Travis reported that Applebee's pancake breakfast fundraisers might not be available for at least six months due to internal policy changes.

Brother Sellars contacted Chik-Fil-A, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Brixx Pizza. Out of the three, Buffalo Wild Wings is the most promising option with the fastest turnaround time (applications are available on the website). Fundraisers could be held on either Mondays or Wednesdays with organizations receiving 10% of total sales. On the other hand, a Chick-Fil-A fundraiser cannot be planned less than a month in advance, but organizations receive 15% from all sales. Finally, Brixx has a similar approach, but the proceeds are \$1 of every three going to an organization.

Brother Gregory Parks offered to sell two of his books at the upcoming Southern Regional Convention and the chapter would keep the net profits less his costs. A **motion** was made by Brother Mitchell for the chapter to accept this offer, and it was seconded by Brother Wall. The **motion** passed unanimously by the usual Alpha sign.

Chapter Retreat

Brother Jeremi Cheeks suggested a planning session/retreat to discuss the business of the chapter, and Brother Parks shared that idea in regards to moving forward.

Brother Burris will create a Doodle poll for the chapter to select a date for the retreat, and Brother Clarke offered the life sciences building at Winston-Salem State as a location.

Brothers Cheeks, Clarke, Isler, Mitchell, and Parks and will plan the retreat.

2017 Science Fair Prize

Brothers Clarke and Aaron Harrill discussed a fundraising opportunity to underwrite the costs of the \$1,000 prize beginning next year. They will present a formal proposal to the chapter at a later date.

Area Report

Brother Area Director Michael Pittman announced to the chapter that this would be his last meeting as area director after 26 months.

Kappa Lambda will host the district conference in November 2016, and Phi Lambda will host the 2017 Southern Regional Convention in Raleigh.

He added that he appreciates of Alpha Pi Lambda for its work and contributions in the area, and encouraged more collaboration among all of the chapters of Area 4.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m., followed by the singing of the Alpha hymn and a repast.

The next meeting of the Alpha Pi Lambda chapter will be on Sunday, March 13 at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris
Recording Secretary