

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2015**

**Call to Order and Invocation**

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Bro. President Tyrone Travis. Bro. Chaplin Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes (Bro. Burris)**

The minutes from February's meeting were sent to the brotherhood by e-mail on Friday evening (March 6). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bro. John Williams and seconded by Bro. Tony Caldwell. The motion was passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

**Correspondence (Bro. Sellars)**

- A request was made to support a new [WSSU 40 Under 40 Scholarship](#) at GoFundMe. See Bro. Sellars for more information.
- Bro. Napoleon Richardson and Irma Richardson sent a card to thank the chapter for their support during a recent illness.
- Kappa Lambda invited Alpha Pi Lambda to participate in the [Bowl for Kids' Sake for Big Brothers/Big Sisters](#) on Saturday, March 28. Bro. Travis will get more details about the event from Bro. Bertrand Bonnicks, president of Kappa Lambda. Brothers interested in participating should e-mail Bro. Travis so that he could provide a head count to Bro. Bonnicks.
- Bro. District Director Pickney and Bro. Area Director Pittman notified the chapter that Bro. S. Wayne Patterson had been appointed to the Membership and Standards Committee for the Southern Region.

**Treasurer's Report (Bro. Williams)**

The chapter's accounts were reconciled on Thursday, March 5. The balance brought forward was \$2,124.98; the current balance is \$567.48. This is the lowest balance recorded in Alpha Pi Lambda's checking account to this point as nineteen brothers have not yet paid their dues. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Bro. Williams and seconded by Bro. Wall. The motion was passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

**Financial Status (Bro. Richardson)**

Invoices were sent to all brothers who are currently delinquent on their dues and several brothers were contacted personally. Bro. Richardson intends to contact brothers again with the goal to post their names in front of the chapter at the next meeting. The chapter needs to remain solvent in order to meet its financial obligations national and regional offices as well as general operating expenses. Bro. Richardson will leave the list of delinquent brothers with the Bro.

Travis after today's meeting. Bro. S. Wayne Patterson made a suggestion for the chapter's president and financial secretary to contact all delinquent brothers.

### **Presidential Remarks (Bro. Travis)**

- Three words: pay your dues!
- Committee chairs were requested to send their rosters to Bros. Sellars and Travis; absent chairs would receive a phone call as a reminder.
  - Brother S. Wayne Patterson asked for the names of the last two lines to serve on the Social Justice Committee. Bro. Burris will supply the information

### **Priority Business Items**

#### **Founder's Day Dance (Bro. Roseboro)**

Preliminary discussions have been held by Bros. Roseboro and Richardson regarding a potential location. Bro. Roseboro will provide a comprehensive outline at April's meeting.

#### **IMDP Update (Bros. Travis and S. Wayne Patterson)**

Pi Nu is the only chapter participating in IMDP for the spring, as Beta Epsilon's participation was pulled at the last minute. Pi Nu has six candidates, the largest number since the chapter was chartered in 1985. The first weekend for IMDP was held on March 6-7, and all subsequent activities will take place during the evenings of this week.

Initiation and the neophyte showcase will occur before the Regional Convention begins on Thursday, March 19. Support from Alpha Pi Lambda is encouraged during all IMDP events.

#### **Project Alpha (Bro. Chunn)**

According to Bro. Chunn, the program will take place on Monday, March 9. He is working with Bro Travis Taylor to stage the event at Carver High School. Final details will be e-mailed to the chapter as soon as soon as possible.

#### **Brother's Keeper (Bro. Pickett)**

Bro. Travis talked with Bro. Pickett to plan for an upcoming activity.

#### **Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College (Bro. Coverson)**

Bro. Coverson has been tutoring at the Carl Russell Recreation Center on weekday afternoons. He needs support from brotherhood in the form visible, professional African American men. The timeframe is weekdays between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bro. Coverson e-mailed a flyer about the afterschool program to Bro. Sellars, who will send it to the brotherhood later. Brothers from Kappa Lambda have also expressed an interest to come and

tutor. Since this program is through the Recreation Department, no sign-in form will be required.

The Hall-Woodward Read-in was canceled due to snow; Bro. Coverson will contact the school about rescheduling.

### **Chapter Academic Advisors (Bro. Travis)**

Academic advisors for college chapters are Bro. Clarke (Beta Iota), Bro. Burris (Xi Eta), and Bro. Travis (Pi Nu). Bro. Travis will send their names to Bro. Pickney.

### **Standing Committees**

#### **Amenities (Bro. Roseboro/Mitchell)**

Bro. Roseboro reached out to the widows of Bros. Hairston and Sawyer and brought flowers to them on behalf of the chapter. Their names will be added to the chapter rolls to ensure that they will be visited by the brotherhood in the future.

Bro. Richardson's wife received flowers from the chapter while she was in the hospital.

Bro. Lackey is recovering at Carolinas Specialty Hospital in Charlotte.

Bro. Hymes's mother recently passed away.

Bro. Williams was formally welcomed back to the chapter at today's meeting.

A "Date Night" for the widows of brothers in Omega Chapter will be on Sunday, March 29 at Carolina's Vineyards & Hops. The cost will be \$20 per person. Two brothers (one older and one younger) will coordinate to serve as escorts for each widow (eight in all) and pay for her meal.

#### **Ronald McDonald House (Bro. Caldwell)**

Bro. Caldwell thanked the brothers who attended the last event.

#### **Scholarship (Bro. Howard)**

A timetable for the scholarship process was distributed to the brotherhood. To date, no applications have been received; Bro. Howard asked brothers to contact him with the names of male graduating seniors in Forsyth County. The deadline is Monday, April 20.

Donations for the scholarship fund are due by the next meeting in April. The goal is to give \$5,000 in scholarships.

### **Fund Raising (Bro. Howard)**

A committee will be formed to begin planning the next golf tournament. Tentative dates are either Friday, September 4 or Friday, Sept. 11 depending on the schedules of college brothers. A roster of potential companies/organizations for sponsorships is being compiled. The goal for this year's tournament is \$10,000.

Bro. Howard is working with Bro. Clarke to secure grants for the Youth Life Skills Institute for the next fraternal year.

Other fund raising initiatives are in development.

### **March of Dimes (Bro. Carson)**

The March for Babies will be Saturday, April 11 at Corpening Plaza. Brothers have been asked to help with driving the courtesy van, directing cars to nearby parking lots, and assist on the race route as needed. Also, brothers may need to arrive by 7:00 a.m. to facilitate and help with set-up.

Contributions by brothers are solicited for the event to support this national program, and Bro. Richardson will set up an online site for donations on Tuesday, March 10. Brothers should contact Bros. Carson and Travis if they intend to participate.

### **Webmaster (Bro. Sellars)**

Past chapter meeting minutes are available on the website: sign up for access.

### **Reclamation (Bro. Turner)**

The next social event will be midnight bowling at either the end of March or the beginning of April. It could be combined with Kappa Lambda's Bowl for Kid's Sake event on Saturday, March 28.

### **Standing Reports**

#### **College Chapter Reports**

- **Beta Iota (Bro. Caldwell)- no report**
- **Xi Eta (Bro. Burris)**
  - The Generation heART scholarship fundraiser will be later this month. Details will be sent to the chapter by e-mail.
  - Applications for Xi Eta's scholarship are now available.
- **Pi Nu (Bro. Patterson)- covered under IMDP section**

## **Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Bro. Roseboro)**

The annual Founder's Day Celebration will be at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday, May 17. The worship service begins at 10:15 a.m. with a luncheon following immediately after its conclusion. The program for the luncheon will be finalized at April's meeting. Each organization is asked to submit the name of a member who will be recognized for their outstanding community service.

The Flapjack Fundraiser to support the Pan's scholarship fund will be on Saturday, March 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and all monies raised will support two \$500 scholarships.

Dr. Nathan Scovens of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will be honored during the Darryl A. Prince Scholarship Gala sponsored by the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. It will take place at the Enterprise Center on Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$30.00.

The District Meeting of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be in Winston-Salem from Thursday April 23 until Sunday, April 26. The public program will be on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m., and all organizations are invited to attend.

### **Other Fraternity Business**

Bro. Wall will let the chapter know a date for next Read-In at Old Town Elementary.

For Mother's Day, the chapter will send cards to the mothers and wives of all chapter brothers. Brothers should send all names to Bro. Roseboro to create a central list

Bro. Richardson can take credit card payments for both chapter dues and the YLSI via Square.

Bro. Ferguson has arranged for the "Grape Escape": a wine tasting and social gathering at Carolina's Vineyards & Hops. It will be held on either Tuesday, April 21 or Tuesday, April 28 (the date will be firmed up shortly) and tickets are \$20. All proceeds will support the scholarship fund.

Bro. Travis is glad to see brothers stepping up with positions on regional boards.

A pick-up program to bring senior brothers to future meetings is being considered.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary