

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
Room 1301, Wake Forest University School of Law
Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Call to Order and Invocation

Brother President Gregory Parks called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. and Brother Rev. Vincent Howell gave the invocation. This was followed by introductions from all brothers present.

President's Remarks (Brother Gregory Parks)

Brother Parks stated that he wanted to keep the chapter's momentum going with this December meeting. He had the following comments:

- The typical term for officers is two years; the chapter needs to begin thinking about succession planning for chapter officers for the next term.
- The Founder's Day Dinner at Bleu Restaurant was a success, and he thanked brothers for attending. Founder's Day Ball will be revived for next year, and the plan will be to make it a great event for brothers and their families to attend. Additional goals for the ball will be for it to both not to lose money and to make money for the Youth Life Skills Institute.
- The chapter needs to select delegates for the Regional Convention in April so that Brother Travis can pay for their registration fees.
- Another priority will be to help strengthen the collegiate chapters, helping them to survive and grow within their respective environments.
- The chapter needs to work closely with Youth Life Skills Institute to support fundraising initiatives for the coming year as well as any "hands-on" effort that may be required.

Approval of Minutes (Brother Christian Burris)

The minutes from November's meeting were e-mailed earlier this afternoon, and hard copies were available for brothers to read and review. With no corrections. Brother Fred Terry made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written, and it was seconded by Brother Tony Caldwell. The **motion** was passed unanimously with the usual Alpha sign.

Correspondence (Brother Jeffery Purcell)

Brother Purcell has started sending calendar notifications by e-mail for chapter events, and the feedback from brothers has been positive so far. Notifications will continue with future events as well. He advised brothers to check their e-mails from the chapter for more additional news and events.

The Executive Board currently has a Google Hangout to share information, and a GroupMe will be started for the chapter with the same purpose.

If brothers have any correspondence that should be sent to the chapter, Brother Purcell requested that it be sent [to his personal e-mail address](#) (not the chapter's Gmail address) and follow-up with a text message to for his confirmation.

Financial Report (Brothers Napoleon Richardson and Tyrone Travis)

As of October 31, 2017, the balance in the chapter's checking account at Mechanics & Farmers Bank was \$6,142.07. With \$2,700.00 in deposits, \$3,610.00 in checks written, and a \$5.00 returned deposited item fee, the current balance in the chapter's account as of today's meeting is \$5,227.07.

A **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Brother Roland Leak and was seconded by Brother Kenneth Patridge. The **motion** was passed unanimously with the usual Alpha sign.

Brother Travis will ask for a five-year financial report from Mechanics & Farmers Bank at Brother Parks' suggestion. If possible, he will retrieve a maximum of twenty years' worth of reports to review.

Committee Reports

College Brothers Affairs Committee

Beta Iota (Brother Kenan J. Corbett)

- The chapter has started a toy drive for eleven students at Ashley Elementary School. The drive will run until Tuesday, December 19, and both physical toys and monetary donations are welcome. Brothers interested in participating should contact Brother Dami'on Swittenberg for more information.
- The chapter has a full week of activities scheduled for January beginning with Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Xi Eta (Brother Lawrence Snipes)

- The chapter has no plans for the rest of the semester.
- The 2018 Miss Black & Gold pageant will be coming up for the spring semester with some funds supporting chapter's scholarship.
- The chapter is planning an event for Colon Cancer Awareness Month in March.
- Thirteen gentlemen attended the chapter's informational seminar in November, and three of those men are actively working on applications for Spring 2018.
- The chapter has requested assistance from Alpha Pi Lambda for both its upcoming events and IMDP during the spring semester.

Membership, Reclamation and Retention Committee (Brother Fredrick Evans)

Brother Evans thanked Brother Isler for hosting the Founder's Day Dinner, noting the food as well as the fellowship. He added that the manager would like for the chapter to return in the future for more fellowship activities.

The committee will be working on improving the organizational structure for future events. January's brotherhood activity will be a bus trip on Saturday, January 13 to the Charlotte Hornets-Oklahoma City Thunder game in Charlotte. An e-mail was sent to the chapter with details at the beginning of the month, and brothers from both Kappa Lambda and Beta Nu Lambda have expressed interest in attending. The cost will be \$32.00 for a game ticket and \$42.00 for a ticket and a seat on the bus. 55 total tickets have been reserved for the chapter, and twelve additional seats will need to be purchased.

There will be no Brotherhood Breakfast in January, as the Hornets game will serve as chapter event for the month.

Ronald McDonald House (Brother Tony Caldwell)

The partnership between Alpha Pi Lambda and the Ronald McDonald House has been going strong for four years.

Four brothers visited the House in December, working with the annual luminary fundraiser as well as moving items as needed. The next visit will be on Tuesday, January 2.

District Conference (Brothers Tony Caldwell, Christian Burris, Fredrick Evans, Victor Isler, and Purcell)

A report was e-mailed to chapter earlier this afternoon. Highlights from this year's Conference included:

- Recognition of all brothers who were veterans, as Veterans Day was observed on Saturday, November 11.
- Several District Directors from AlphaSouth were present and brought greetings.
- The 2018 Regional Conference will be held from Thursday, April 5 until Sunday, April 8 in Memphis, Tennessee.
- ANCA sent more brothers to AlphaSouth's College Brothers Empowerment Retreat than any other district in the region.
- Brother Eric Johnson of Beta Iota won the Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest and will go on to compete at the regional level in April.
- Alpha Pi Lambda donated sixteen suits to the inaugural College Brothers Suit and Accessories Exchange.
- The 2018 District Conference will be held from Thursday, November 8 until Sunday, November 11, in New Bern, North Carolina.

Standing Reports

Youth Life Skills Institute (Brothers Aaron Horne and Roland Leak)

Brother Horne shared the following items:

- All brothers are encouraged to support the efforts of the Youth Life Skills Institute, and the Board and guests who have attended meetings were formally introduced to the chapter.
- Brothers Burris Stanley Mitchell were thanked for their work to date.
- The Board is striving to raise \$20,000 for the first year, \$25,000 for the next year. To that end, the Board has committed \$5,000.00 to the effort, and a challenge was issued for the Executive Board of Alpha Pi Lambda to match this effort.
- A list of fundraisers for 2018 were shared with the chapter, notably the Golf Tournament on scheduled for Friday, August 3 and a Valentine's Day/Spring Dance with the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.
- Additional items for the Board to consider include updating its by-laws as well as examining a possible name change for the YLSI due to its expanded mission in 2018.

Brother Leak shared the following financial information:

- The Youth Life Skills Institute's account stands at \$8,110.06 as of today. A spreadsheet of expenses was also shared with the chapter.
- Pending commitments include scholarships and the Beta Iota scholarship named for the late Brother Emery Rann.

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

The following items were shared:

- The Pan contributed to Thanksgiving Baskets for two families at the Winston Lake YMCA as well as serving breakfast on Thanksgiving morning.
- The Nomination Committee is working to select officers for the 2018-2019 term. Alpha Phi Alpha will cycle into the role of recording secretary for the group during that period.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on will be on the morning of Monday, January 15 with clean-up at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Shorefair Drive. Donations of garden tools and tarps are welcomed.
- The Pan is exploring the attainment of a 501(c)(3) status, which would be beneficial for its scholarships as well as fundraising opportunities.
- The chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho are sponsoring a shoe drive before Christmas. Brothers interested in participating should donate their gently-worn shoes to Brother Roseboro by Wednesday, December 20.

For the Good of the Order

Alpha Pi Lambda Valentine's Day Event (Brother Clevell Roseboro)

Brothers Evans and Roseboro selected Sunday, February 11 for a Valentine's Day dinner in place of scheduled the chapter meeting. This would be an opportunity for brothers and their wives/significant others to celebrate together.

A detailed outline for the event will be presented at January's meeting.

Brother Perry Lackey (Brother Clevell Roseboro)

Brother Lackey's recent surgery successful, and he has been moved back to a long-term care facility in Taylorsville.

Poinsettias (Brother Clevell Roseboro)

Brother Roseboro will present poinsettias and Christmas cards from the chapter to the chapter's widows on Sunday, December 17.

Brother's Keeper Shout Out (Brother Stanley Mitchell)

Ms. Edith Wood, mother of Brother Sherrod Wood, sent a card to the chapter with thanks for thinking of her following her recent move to Winston-Salem

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, January 14 at 5:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Christian Burris
Recording Secretary
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