

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Bro. President Travis, with opening prayer by Bro. Wall.

**Presidential Remarks**

Bro. Travis welcomed brothers to the new fraternal year and thanking brothers for arriving on time. He then invited all brothers present to introduce themselves.

The annual ANCA Convention will be November 6-9, 2014 in Wilmington. Bro. Travis also received awards information for the convention that would be due on Wednesday, October 15.

The convention call e-mail for the 2015 General Convention in Charlotte has gone out; early bird registration rates are available until Saturday, November 15.

E-mail announcement (AlphaSouth): applications for Assistant Regional Vice President need to be received by Tuesday, September 30.

E-mail announcement (ANCA): license plate information. 150 applications from Area 4 need to be submitted by Wednesday, October 1; if not, Alpha will not be able to apply for a plate in North Carolina. The costs are \$53 for a basic plate, \$83 for a personalized plate. Ten Alpha Pi Lambda brothers are currently interested in applying for the plate, and Bro. Travis will inform Bro. Area 4 Director Pittman accordingly. Questions or concerns should be directed to Bro. Julian Stackhaus, per his e-mail message.

**Financial Status (Bro. Richardson)**

Status of treasury: \$1,340.00 as of last meeting in May. No checks written from the chapter's treasury since that time.

Brothers are encouraged to pay dues as soon as possible: \$200.00 for life members, \$350.00 for alumni members (includes \$150.00 grand tax). Currently, one member (Bro. Leggett) is the only member who has paid.

A budget is being prepared by the financial department as well as invoices for brothers to inform them of their current financial status.

Brothers who are not currently registered with Alpha Pi Lambda need to complete a form to show their affiliation on AlphaNet.

## **Priority Business Items**

### **Alpha Pi Lambda Charity Golf Tournament (Bro. Hymes)**

Roughly 37 golfers participated, including brothers from Alpha Pi Lambda. Approximately \$3,600.00 net was raised. With several outstanding checks to be received, the ending total should be closer to \$4,000.00.

Meals were provided by Winston-Salem State University (lunch and dinner), and souvenir bags by the Winston-Salem Transit Authority. Snacks for the refreshment carts were donated by Bro. Warren.

Lessons learned for the next tournament:

- Start earlier to gather sponsorships, particularly corporate sponsorships. The beginning target date would be in March.
- For a hole in one, a prize would be a car from Modern Chevrolet.
- Other sponsors to pursue: Reynolds, Herbalife, Caterpillar, Lowe's Hardware.

The chapter awarded five scholarships at \$1,000.00 each this past August. For 2015, Bro. Travis hopes to give away the same amount, if not more.

The date has not been set for the 2015 tournament; ideally, the timing would allow for college brothers to participate as well.

### **Committee Leadership (Bro. Travis)**

List of committee members were distributed via the agenda. One correction was made: the Chair for A Voteless People is a Hopeless People is Bro. Chris Taylor rather than Bro. Travis Taylor.

Bro. Travis has a brother in mind serve as chair for the Scholarship Committee. The name will be announced once the brother has accepted.

### **Founders Day Dance (Bro. Travis)**

The dance is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2014. It was approved at the Executive Committee meeting, and Bro. Lowe will serve as Chair.

Bros. Patterson, Lowe, Roseboro and Richardson will meet about the details before October's meeting, and new members are invited to participate at this meeting.

The projected budget is \$7,500.00-\$8,000.00. The goal is for 40 brothers to be paid and participating before the dance (\$225.00 per table). Cutoff date is Sunday, November 9 (the date of November's chapter meeting). No monies are owed from the 2013 dance, and there was a profit from the event.

An invitation used for last year's dance would be used for this year, and programs would be distributed to guests.

A band is still under discussion, as well as a new venue.

At the next meeting, brothers will be asked to vote for Brother of the Year, to be awarded at the dance.

### **IMDP Update (Bro. Travis)**

The names of interested candidates are coming in to the chapter (currently three names). Other names should be sent to Bro. Turner.

### **NAACP membership (Bro. Travis)**

A request came from the National Office for chapters (college and alumni) to join their local branches of the NAACP, including eight brothers from each chapter. This is a new national program for Alpha, and this is the first time the NAACP has partnered with a Greek-lettered organization.

Bro. Patterson asked all brothers present to complete an application before leaving today's meeting and to pay the membership dues.

On a related note, Bro. Patterson announced that the grand opening for the renovated building Winston-Salem's NAACP will be Sunday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Standing Committees**

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

Bro. Jones wife passed away unexpectedly.

Any brother who knows of a significant life change for any other brother should notify Bro. Roseboro.

#### **Science Fair (Bro. Clarke)**

Bros. Clarke and Harrill have met with Bro. Howard to strategize ways to encourage students to get involved in science via the Youth Life Skills Institute. Bro. Bristow (Beta Iota) will also participate in future strategy sessions.

#### **Adopt-A-Highway (Bro. Caldwell)**

The next date will be Saturday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m. Brothers will meet in the parking lot at Forsyth Seafood.

This quarter's Adopt-A-Highway will be held in conjunction with Beta Iota's Alpha Week.

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

The event is set for Spring 2015. It will be a joint effort between all Winston-Salem chapters (college included) to develop this program, also with Bro. Williams (Big Brothers/Big Sisters) and Bro. Carson (March of Dimes).

Meetings will begin this week to begin planning for the event, with marketing set to begin in November.

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

Bro Howard asked brothers to support the businesses who sponsored the golf tournament.

New program: "Keep Them in School and Keep Them Learning" supporting four kids from Rolling Hills with transportation to Petree Elementary School. Bro. Howard will drive these kids, but additional drivers are requested: proof of insurance as well as current registration is required.

Bro. Richardson reminded brothers that it's not too late to donate to the golf tournament-scholarship fund through the Youth Life Skills Institute. All donations are tax-deductible.

### **A Voteless People is a Hopeless People (Bro. Caldwell)**

Voter registration drives will be held across the region on Saturday, September 27. An e-mail with details will be sent before the event.

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

Committee members are needed for the fraternal year.

### **Social Justice (Bro. Patterson)**

No report.

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

A set of questions were given to each brother about the look of the website.

Bro. Sellars will be meeting with financial secretary to purchase software to create the new chapter website.

A committee is being formed with the recording secretary, historian and archivist as essential members. Interested volunteers are also welcome to join.

### **Archives (Bro. Wall)**

A chest has been purchased to hold all of the chapter's artifacts.

A new chapter directory will be ready in January.

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

Bro. Purcells has returned to Alpha Pi Lambda. A collective effort of all brothers is encouraged to bring brothers back into the House.

### **Standing Reports**

#### **College Chapter Reports**

- **Xi Eta (Bro. Harris):**
  - Racial tensions between white and black students are at an all-time high. Students have shut down one racially insensitive frat party, but there has been backlash particularly on an app called Yik Yak. There is support for students by the administration, but it has been from behind closed doors. Xi Eta will strategize about what to do and take action, including reaching out to the *Chronicle* and other similar outlets to spread the word.
- **Beta Iota (Bro. Rogers):**
  - Cooperation between Beta Iota and Xi Eta has increased this year on several initiatives.
  - First event is tomorrow (Monday, September 15): a sexual awareness forum with Kappa Alpha Psi.
  - Saturday, September 20: Greek Day at the Winston-Salem State-Tuskegee football game.
  - Alpha Week: September 28-October 4.
  - Voter registration booth at the football game on Saturday, September 27 with Sigma Gamma Rho.

### **Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council**

The first meeting for the new year was last Tuesday (September 2).

A "shoebox ministry" of toiletries and personal items for a local ministry at \$15.00 per box; all chapters were requested to support this effort.

### **Other Fraternity Business**

Bro. Roseboro asked about sponsoring a bus to the Southern Regional Convention in Orlando, Florida in March 2015. A proposal will be brought forward at the next meeting.

Delegates will be needed for district conference. Five delegates will be needed from Alpha Pi Lambda- the deadline is October 15.

Bro. Singleton informed brothers about the upcoming 2015 National Black Theatre Festival. A fundraising event will be at the Marriott on Saturday, September 27 at \$80.00 per couple.

Bro. Caldwell reminded brothers about volunteer opportunity at Ronald McDonald House on Tuesday, September 16 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. A checklist of needed items will be included in the e-mail notice.

Bro. Rann thanked brothers as the outgoing president. He will write a report covering his past four years as chapter president. He also reminded brothers about 1) supporting the college brothers, 2) supporting the senior brothers, and 3) reclamation as the lifeline of alumni chapters.

Bro. Area 4 Director Pittman brought greetings from ANCA and thanked Bro. Rann for his service and support. He reminded brothers of their responsibility for our three college chapters. He added that Bro. General President Tillman wants to see the fraternity take a more active role in national affairs, particularly in the NAACP. Finally, Bro Pittman announced his dual membership at both Alpha Pi Lambda and Kappa Lambda.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned the meeting adjourned to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Christian Burris  
Recording Secretary