

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2015**

Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Bro. Vice President Derrick Hargrove, who presided over the meeting in the absence of Bro. President Tyrone Travis. Bro. Chaplin Charlie Wall gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes (Bro. Burris)

A motion was made to approve the minutes from March's chapter meeting and was properly seconded. The motion was carried by the usual Alpha Sign.

Correspondence (Bro. Sellars)

A "[Greek Night at the Museum](#)" event has been scheduled at the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro North Carolina. It will be on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.; adult tickets are \$12.00, while tickets for seniors and students are \$10.00.

Treasurer's Report (Bro. Williams)

The chapter's accounts were reconciled on Friday, April 10.

The balance brought forward was \$567.48. With several deposits made- including several brothers paying their dues and or grand tax, the current balance is \$1,817.48. Brother Williams reminded brothers who were currently delinquent to do the brotherly thing and pay their dues.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and it was properly seconded. The motion was passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

Presidential Remarks (Bro. Hargrove)

Bro. Hargrove delivered the following from Bro. Travis:

- Bro. Rev. Dr. Senator Paul Lowe is celebrating twenty years as pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.
- Bro. S. Wayne Patterson will remain president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP until the national organization makes further arrangements.

The floor was given to Bro. Richardson for information about June's Picnic:

- The picnic will be on Sunday, June 14 (the second Sunday) from 4:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- The cost will be a flat fee for the brothers, perhaps \$20 per brother.

- The location, Shelter #4, has been secured. It's the same location as last year's picnic (across from the barn that has the horseshoe pits and volleyball nets).
- The Picnic Committee will likely meet via conference call to finalize details.
- An e-mail will be sent to the brotherhood with cost information before the next meeting so that brothers will be able to pay at that time. A firm commitment from the brotherhood is needed for participation, so watch for that message.
- Over 200 people attended last year's picnic. This year, the first 100 cars have already been paid for at the entrance gate.
 - Guests will need to say, at the gate, "I am here for the APL Picnic" for entry.
 - Brothers should encourage your guests to arrive early; after the first 100 cars are admitted, later cars will have to pay the entrance fee.
- An invitation to the Picnic has been extended to Kappa Lambda by way of Bro. Bonnick.

Priority Business Items

March of Dimes Presentation (Bro. Bonnick)

Bro. Bertrand Bonnick, president of the Kappa Lambda Chapter in Greensboro, introduced himself as the Chairperson of the March of Dimes for ANCA. He gave a presentation about the value of the March of Dimes as a partner of Alpha Phi Alpha and its value to the African American Community, particularly providing statistics regarding the number of premature births of North Carolina and high risk populations for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections as well as other oral and health risks.

Alpha Phi Alpha had nearly 400,000 members who participated in the March of Dimes last year. The Southern Region received an award for the highest percentage of money raised in Alpha during the last fraternal year (\$29,000 was raised by one chapter alone).

Bro. Bonnick is asking all chapters in ANCA to raise \$1,000 to support the March of Dimes- with 40 chapters that would be \$40,000. He suggested that that each Brother could send a mailer to ten people asking for \$10.00 each. He also advised brothers to record any MOD activities with the national MOD website so that Alpha receives credit as well.

AlphaSouth Regional Convention (Bro. Caldwell and Burris)

Without opposition, Bro. Ronald M. Natson was re-elected as the Southern Region Vice President for another two years.

Two candidates were running for Assistant Southern Regional Vice President; one from the Kappa Xi chapter (Middle Tennessee State University) the other from the Alpha Rho chapter (Morehouse College). Ultimately, the candidate from Alpha Rho was elected to the position.

Brothers currently running for General President are: Aaron Crutison, Ralph Johnson, Sean McCaskill, Darren Morton, Steve Sims, and Everett Ward. Bro. Donald Jackson is running unopposed for Comptroller.

Several items came from the District Caucus on Friday evening:

- Bro. District Director Pickney discussed the desire to move forward with the Alpha Phi Alpha license plate. (*Bro. Alvin Howard added that a follow-up is needed the status of the project.*)
- Alpha Day at the State Capitol Building in Raleigh will be on Thursday, April 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- The next District Convention will be Friday, October 30 until Sunday, November 1 in Durham, NC.
- Bro. Corey Branch briefly spoke about the upcoming LDCEI that will be held on the campus of Savannah State University. The cost is \$225 per student (not including transportation).
- Bro. General President Mark S. Tillman came into the caucus and spoke about the upcoming General Convention in August, adding that brothers need to move forward with registering for the convention.

Bro. General President Tillman gave the State of the Fraternity address on Saturday morning. He discussed the matters of protecting the House, hazing issues, moving the fraternity forward technologically and reclamation. He also stated that he is already devising a plan that will create a smooth transition period for the next General President of the fraternity.

The State of the Region address was given by the Southern Region Vice President Natson on Saturday afternoon. He stated that brothers need to ensure that all chapters are compliant, ensure that chapters are participating in the national programs and national partnerships. Reclamation was also mentioned. Further, he stated that he wants Alpha South to have a strong presence at the General Convention.

At the Awards Breakfast on Sunday, North Carolina was recognized in several categories: runner up in the Miss Black & Gold Pageant and Collegiate Scholars Bowl (Gamma Beta, North Carolina Central University), and the recipient of the Charles H. Wesley Award (Gamma Kappa Lambda and Omicron Theta chapters, Wilmington).

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

Six new brothers initiated into Pi Nu Chapter, the largest since its charter line in 1985.

Beta Epsilon initiated 23 new brothers.

Bro. District Director Pickney has appointed an IMDP team to handle “legacy matters”, particularly with Beta Epsilon. These issues have also become a matter of personal concern of the General President and the fraternity’s General Counsel, as well as the fraternity’s insurance carrier.

Project Alpha (Bro. Chunn)

A program is being planned for Carver High School, in cooperation with Bro. Travis Taylor.

Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College

Bro. Coverson has relocated to Georgia, so a new chair will be needed.

Standing Committees

Amenities (Bro. Roseboro/Mitchell)

Bro. Richardson reported Dr. Jones is doing a much better. He's reached the age of 90 and is sleeping a little more.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Alpha Pi Lambda participated in the [Bowl for Kids' Sake for Big Brothers/Big Sisters](#) with Kappa Lambda on Saturday, March 28. After a friendly game for the cause, Alpha Pi Lambda won the "bragging rights" until the next event.

Adopt a Highway

Bro. Caldwell will set date for later this month and will notify the brotherhood.

Ronald McDonald House (Bro. Caldwell)

The next event will be on Tuesday, April 14 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Participating brothers are asked to arrive by 5:15 p.m. for instructions.

Fund Raising (Bro. Howard)

There is currently \$1,500 in scholarship account. With an additional \$3,500 needed, brothers were asked to give more to support this program. He added the five percent of the brotherhood are providing 95 percent of the chapter's scholarship funds.

The Youth Life Skills Institute is transporting kids to and from Petree Elementary and Rolling Hills Apartments.

Scholarship (Bro. Howard)

Bro. Howard has found four recruits for scholarships. The previous deadline for applicants was Monday, April 20; it may be extended to allow for additional applicants.

Information regarding the scholarship has not been sent to curriculum counselors within the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools because of the threat of potential lawsuits. Clarification from a legal standpoint will be needed in writing before this can proceed.

March of Dimes (Bro. Carson)

At yesterday's March for Babies, eight brothers were present to help with setup, parking and driving the courtesy van.

Brothers were encouraged to contribute to the "[Alpha Phi Alpha-Winston-Salem](#)" online page, and checks can also be sent to Bro. Carson. The cutoff date for donations will be in June.

Fund Development (Bro. Sellars)

A committee was created several months ago for Beautification planned by Bro. Orlando Mitchell. This would be an initiative by the chapter to build young men as better citizens in a formalized program. Brothers who wish to volunteer are asked to contact Bro. Sellars.

Once launched, this initiative could be combined with Project Alpha.

Webmaster (Bro. Sellars)

The front page has been updated, along with documents in "Brothers Only" section.

Reclamation (Bro. Turner)

Bro. Turner extended thanks to brothers for supporting different events during the year.

With several current and potential projects by the chapter on the table, more active brothers will be needed to support them. Prioritizing the resources and programs of the chapter may become important.

Standing Reports

College Chapter Reports

- **Beta Iota**
 - The cease and desist order was removed on Friday, April 10.
 - Bro. Anthony Rogers will be present at the next chapter meeting.

- **Xi Eta**
 - The chapter raised \$200 from its Generation heART fundraiser and met goal of \$1,000 for year.
 - Bro. Harris intends to participate in the Wake Forest's YardFest on Friday, April 24.
 - An interest meeting for the fall semester will be held on Sunday, April 26.
 - Funds will be needed to help Bro. Robert Sakaguchi to the General Convention in August.

- **Pi Nu**

- Initiated six new brothers (see above).
- The chapter is also active in Instagram.

Winston-Salem National Pan-Hellenic Council (Bro. Burris)

The Founders' Day celebration for the National Pan-Hellenic Council will be observed on Sunday, May 17 at Friendship Baptist Church. All members are encouraged to attend wearing the colors of their respective organization. Members are asked to arrive at 10:15 a.m. for the worship service and to stay afterward for the luncheon program.

Each organization was requested to recognize one member during the luncheon for extraordinary service to the community. A motion was made by Bro. Jeffries for Bro. Lowe to be selected as Alpha Pi Lambda's honoree for Founders' Day Celebration at Friendship Baptist Church, and it was seconded by Bro. Hymes. The motion was passed by the usual Alpha Sign.

Other Fraternity Business

Bro. Bonnick thanked Alpha Pi Lambda for participating at the Bowl for Kids' Sake in Greensboro.

Since he arrived late to today's meeting, Bro. Burris thanked the brothers who covered for him, especially Bros. Hargrove and Sellars.

Bro. Clarke is looking for a letter from the chapter to support a grant for the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP). The funding is from the federal agency Health Research and Services Agency (HRSA), and would be for \$2 million over three years.

The initial 2015 Golf Tournament committee meeting will be on Saturday, April 18. The date for the tournament has been set for September 11, 2015.

Bro. Keith Fergusson brought information about a wine tasting fund-raiser at Carolina Wine & Hops on Tuesday, April 28. A proposed budget of \$600 is needed for upfront costs, including food for guests. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person, and the projected revenue would be \$300. A suggestion to push this fundraiser back to the fall of 2015 and to form a committee to settle the details.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Hymn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Christian Burris

Recording Secretary