

Meeting Minutes
Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Association
Saturday, September 22, 2007

Association President Jim Roebuck called the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Zeta Chi Alumni Association of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity to order at 10:07 AM. Officers in attendance were:

Tim Nichols, Vice President, Kansas City Chairman
Jeff Counts, St. Louis Chairman
Mike Riley, Heartland Regional President
Jay Nicholson, Secretary

Committee Members David Stewart, Mike Call, Kent McPhail, Mac Humphries, and Barry Johnson were present. Absent were committee members Bill Perry, Dan Seely, and Craig Neiderstadt (Texas Chairman)

Members present were: Mike Dailey, Josh Nixon, Kirk Perkins, Chris Gatley, Jeff Layman, Todd Branson, Brad Knox, Kevin Green, Mike Pearson, Tony Wood, Ken Schwab, Dave Barrett, Wayne Angus, Mike McClure, Nevin Grigsby, Bron Launsby, Mike Call, Kevin L. Vaught, Patrick McFadden, Jeff Counts, Hal Buchert and Joe Hutfless.

President Jim Roebuck began the meeting by reviewing the meeting agenda, and advised those in attendance to utilize the comment cards. A preview of the activities for the remainder of the weekend followed.

Current Events:

Jim reiterated ZXAA had a very good year in 2006-2007, having been recognized by National Headquarters as Alumni Association of the year at the 2007 National Convention. Further, he recognized Jeff Counts, who has helped immensely in St. Louis, furthering that area's involvement. A well-attended happy hour event was held there in May.

The website continues to be a valuable tool in disseminating information for the Alumni Association, and will soon offer the ability to receive payments on-line.

New Business:

Jim reviewed the bank statement along with the financial overview. A request was made for members to seek out a local person to assume the roll of treasurer. No one volunteered.

Pursuant to the agenda, Jim updated the group as to the status of the re-colonization effort. Jim addressed the fact that, unlike other universities who require a presentation, " MSU simply requested applications in written form. Headquarters has provided all information to MSU, and our contact, Dixie, will be in the Pike tent at Bear fest Village today along with Dean Domann. All were encouraged to meet them.

Five fraternities are in the running for re-colonization, and Dean Domann will be instrumental in their decision.

Ken Schwab, Mac Humphries and Jim Roebuck recently toured the former Sigma Chi house, which is for sale. This provided an idea of what level of financial commitment would be required by the Association, when the time came to acquire a chapter house. The cost was \$650,000.

Dues remain \$50 per year, less a subscription to the Shield and Diamond. The administrative duties associated with accounting to receive a subscription was much to time consuming. It was concluded that subscriptions to the publication are available from National HQ, and \$50 was a fair annual dues figure.

Finally, Jim wants to see more activity from the Texas area alumni.

After a brief review of the re-colonization effort, Jim introduced Heartland Regional President Mike Riley to cover the details.

Mike began by saying we are doing everything right as an Association. There are 215 chapters in Pi Kappa Alpha, ranking them among the top three international fraternities.

He noted MSU's decision-making process in colonizing new fraternities is different than the norm, in that only written application materials are requested. No personal presentation is necessary. MSU is in expansion mode at this time, with the advent of adding one fraternity per year to the campus through 2010. MSU is a priority with National Headquarters, and Pi Kappa Alpha is growing and expanding in the Heartland Region. He feels positive in moving forward with the University.

After MSU approves re-colonization, National will send in representatives to campus for five weeks to oversee the progress and installation.

He reminded the members Pi K A does not use a shotgun approach. National representatives strategically meet with key University personnel within the Greek arena, including faculty, staff and coaches. They will simultaneously seek the very best men on campus to be among the first potential initiates in this new era of Zeta Chi. They want good leaders. The consultants will stay in place after re-colonization to assist in the election of officers. Thereafter, consultants will visit once per semester.

They will seek 50-80 members in the initial colonization effort. They strive for quality, not quantity.

The role the Alumni Association plays: we are the single most important factor in the effort. To date, ZX has 1,300 initiates, of which 700 are known to have accurate addresses. Mac Humphries suggested we could utilize this information by coupling it

with our database to expand our prospect list. We must also continue communication with HQ.

Other points:

He urged us to form an Alumni Association Board to work with each chapter officer, guiding them away from bad practices and steering activities in an a proper direction.

Housing:

The international fraternity does not allow colonies to occupy a house for a period of time after colonization. Housing problems are responsible for 90% of the reasons they fail. When the time comes, National has a terrific housing program.

The question was raised as to how long we will remain a colony, which proceeds being named a full-fledged chapter. This time line was undetermined, yet Mr. Riley reminded us there are several ways to get there. Many colonies cluster members together in university housing facilities. He cited the old axiom of, "A house does not make a fraternity." He also noted University of Nebraska is one of the Fraternity's most successful chapters, and operate without a house.

Jim Roebuck raised the question of when to establish a housing corporation. Mike advised to begin now to research housing and options. It is premature at this point to begin a capital campaign, he added. Mr. Riley encouraged the Alumni Association to financially support chapter officers in the attending of national conferences and workshops. He suggested we consider using a professional fund raiser when starting a capital program.

Mike opened the floor to questions and discussion.

Jim concluded the meeting, and recognized Hal Buchert, Alumni Association President at Ohio University, an Alumni Association member living in Springfield and an initiate of Gamma Omicron in Athens, Ohio.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM and a group photo was taken. Merriment was to ensue at the ZXAA tent at the MSU pre-game party. Toga.