January Chapter Meeting

7 January 2023

Minutes

***Opening***

The meeting was opened with the Ritual at 11:20am.

The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Alexis Horn | Dexter Brown | Donald Stewart |
| Tyrone Welch | Osie Martin | Remarco Wren |
| Charles Reid, Jr. | Alex Brown | Kadron Johnson |
| Francis Lawson | Patrick J. Bingham | John Belcher Jr. |
| Terrence Bufford | Brice Dudley  |  |
| Robert Baker | Herbert McMillian |  |

***Correspondence:***

No correspondence was received.

***KOR Report:***

The KOR Report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion to accept the KOR report with the noted corrections was made by Brother Dudley and seconded by Brother Reid. The motion passed.

***KOE Report:***

The KOE report was reviewed by the brothers assembled. A motion to accept the KOE report was made by Brother Reid and seconded by Brother Dudley. The motion passed.

Questions:

* Is the reconciliation with the Guide Right Account complete? – delayed over the holiday but will be completed this month
* Kappa House money sitting, and will be discussed at the January board meeting to determine the next steps. Brothers paid in good faith toward the purchase of a house.
* Should we lower the operating account to invest the “excess”? Polemarch didn’t want to lower the operating account until Gamma Lambda was in good standing.
* Are we going to put the documents somewhere accessible for all members? Yes, we are going to move from Dropbox to Google.

***Old Business:***

***J5***

Brother Welch has agreed to be the coordinator for all J5 activities for this weekend. Brother Polemarch and Vice Polemarch shared their appreciation for everyone coming out to all events thus far and encouraged us all to finish the weekend strong with church fellowship tomorrow. We will be wearing a dark suit and Red tie or Kappa Blazer for church service.

**Cluster III Founders’ Day**

Cluster III Founders’ Day Meeting will be virtual, and we need to register for the event. Austin Alumni is the host chapter for Saturday, January 28th. Brother Polemarch will send out the registration link.

**Angel Tree**

The combined support from the chapter and Foundation to support 6 Angels made this a great success.

**Texas-New Mexico Kappa Caucus**

The Texas-New Mexico Kappa Caucus is scheduled for February 24-26, 2023, in El Paso, TX. Brother Dudley has been registered as the chapter delegate. He encouraged other brothers to join him.

**86th Grand Chapter Meeting**

The chapter will register a delegate as soon as the portal is open on the new Grand Chapter website.

**Austin Alumni Christmas Party**

No Christmas Party – all venues were too expensive during December to have this event.

**Scholarship**

Brother Lawson volunteered to lead the scholarship committee. He will reach out to Brother Britton on past best practices.

**New Business:**

**Social Action**

Brother Dudley will work to put together a plan for MLK activities in January. Brother Dudley encouraged everyone to join us at the MLK march. He will send out his presentation and logistics in a separate communication.

**Fundraising**

The Adult Laser Tag event will be combined with our Charter Day celebration activities and will be rescheduled to provide more time to sell tickets. No tickets were sold thus far. We have to reconnect with the D9 community in support of their activities to get others to support our activities. Our deposit was $600.00

**Brotherhood**

The first “Sips, Suds, & Smokes” brotherhood event was scheduled to coincide with J5. The event was at East Pecan Cigars. This event went very well. Brother Vice Polemarch laid out a plan for a once-a-month fellowship framework to keep all of the brothers engaged:

* Thursday Happy Hour - Domain
* Friday Sips, Suds & Smokes – East Pecan
* Saturday Chapter Meeting

**Guide Right**

* The next Kappa league seminar will be focused on financial literacy and will be held on Sunday 1/8.
* For the **December community service event**, Kappa League served at Urban Roots ATX on 12/17.
* Our Kappa Leaguers will be walking in the MLK march with us.
* Brother Welch has encouraged all brothers to come out and be visible. The Kappa League meets every 2nd Sunday at UT School of Law Building (727 East Dean Kenton St, Austin, TX 78705) – RM 2.137

**Chapter Awards**

An awards committee will be formed in January to identify local and Province-level awards for the chapter and individual members. Please see Brother Welch if you want to join the awards committee.

**Officer Elections**

Brother Reid accepted the nomination and agreed to serve as nominating committee chairman.

**NPHC**

Brother Gilliard and Brother Reid to help repair our relationship with the Austin National Pan-Hellenic Council.

**Community Service**

* Adopt a highway Feb 2023
* Discussion on what supplies will be provided by the chapter

***Undergraduate Affairs:***

**Gamma Lambda**

No update this month for Gamma Lambda.

**Iota Delta**

* Registered one brother to attend the conclave.

***AKELF:***

* Brothers in Corporate America are encouraged to establish a match program for AKELF at their respective companies.
* There is one open board member seat available to any brother that is interested in serving. Please contact Brother Brown for more details.
* Brother Baker is the contact person for the popcorn fundraiser that starts on 1/26. The Foundation will receive 50% of each sale made.

***Senior Kappa Affairs:***

Brother Stewart is benchmarking the San Antonio Alumni Senior Kappa Affairs committee for ideas we can tailor for our chapter.

***Light Lessons:***

The January Light Lesson comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

***For the Good of Kappa:***

* Brothers Bingham introduced his son who is thinking of moving back to the Austin area.

***Adjournment:***

A motion to adjourn the January chapter meeting was made by Brother Brown and seconded by Brother Reid. The motion carried. The January chapter meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.