September Chapter Meeting

September 17, 2022

Minutes

Opening

A motion was made to suspend the Ritual by Brother Larry Britton and seconded by Brother Al Patterson. The motion passed. The September Chapter Meeting was called to order with the Lord’s Prayer at 11:50AM. The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Hiawatha Franks | Francis Lawson | Al Patterson |
| Don Stewart | Pearly McQueen IV | Emerson Drakes |
| Larry Britton, Jr. | Andrew Lofters | Alexis Horn |
| Tyrone Welch | Brice Dudley, Sr. | Andre Knox |
| Bobby Scruggs | Kadron Johnson |  |

Correspondence

The chapter received requests to support the following initiatives:

* Southwestern Education, Leadership, and Training Foundation (SELTF) Scholarship Raffle - $300 donation
* March of Dimes Kappa Alpha Psi Top Golf Fore Families - $300 donation
* Round Rock Alumni Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Inaugural Founders Gala - $750 table purchase

A motion was made to support the SELTF and March of Dimes initiatives at $4300 each by Brother Dudley and seconded by Brother Patterson. The motion passed. It was decided to table the discussion on the gala table purchase.

KOE Report

An overview of the KOE report was given to the members, followed by a brief discussion. A motion to accept the KOE report was made by Brother McQueen and seconded by Brother Patterson. The motion passed.

*Chapter Dues*

The following brothers paid dues at the meeting:

* Francis Lawson - $215 (Chapter + Province)
* Al Patterson - $165 (Sr. Chapter Dues + Province)
* Don Stewart - $125 (Sr. Chapter Dues)
* Emerson Drakes - $165 (Sr. Chapter Dues + Province)
* Larry Britton - $125 (Sr. Chapter Dues)
* Brice Dudley - $175 (Chapter Dues)
* Tyrone Welch - $215 (Chapter Dues + Province)

Old Business

*44th CRWLC*

The 44th CRWLC is scheduled for September 22-24 in Houston, TX. All chapter officers have been registered for the conference, and everyone is expected to attend.

*Chapter Certification*

The chapter has begun the certification process, but there are aspects of the process that can’t be completed until after 10/1. The deadline for chapters to be conditionally certified is 10/5.

*AKELF Golf Tournament*

The AKELF golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday 10/8 at Forest Creek Golf Club. There are still opportunities available for volunteers to help out on the day of the event. All brothers that are interested in volunteering should contact Brother Britton at [lbrittonj@aol.com](mailto:lbrittonj@aol.com).

New Business

*Chapter Audit*

As stated in the chapter bylaws, an audit committee will be formed and led by the Vice Polemarch to review the financial operations for FY21-22. Any brother who is interested in being part of the audit committee should contact Brother Welch at [tyronewelch6726@yahoo.com](mailto:tyronewelch6726@yahoo.com).

*Fundraising OKRs*

Several fundraising ideas will be reviewed by the committee chairman and added to the proposed chapter budget based on viability.

*Chapter Budget*

The chapter budget will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. The chapter will vote to approve the budget at the October chapter meeting.

*Social/Brotherhood*

* Founders Day
  + The Austin Alumni Chapter is scheduled to host Cluster III 2023 Founders Day. The target date is Saturday, January 21, 2023. RFPs are being sent out to hotels for pricing on meeting/luncheon space. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Brother Horn at [polemarch@austinalumninupes.com](mailto:polemarch@austinalumninupes.com).
* MOB
  + No new information on planning a Meeting on the Bus (MOB) has been received.
* Alpha Sigma Alumni
  + The Alpha Sigma alumni members will be holding their annual get-together in Austin. Brother Dudley reported they do not need any financial or planning assistance.

*Social Action*

Brother Dudley reported that he is attending meetings concerning participation in voter registration initiatives by the Divine 9. More information to follow at the October chapter meeting.

*Community Service*

Adopt-a-Highway

* The chapter has two options for stretches of highway to adopt
  + Loop 275 (183 to I35)
  + FM2222 (Spur 69 to Loop 1)

The chapter will continue the discussion and decide which option is best at the October chapter meeting and Brother Johnson will then submit our request.

*Black & White Ball*

According to chapter bylaws, the financial members of the chapter must vote on having a Black & White Ball during the upcoming fraternal year. A survey will be sent to all financial members for an official vote, and the results will be shared at the October chapter meeting.

*Guide Right*

* Adopt-a-School - this year we are adopting Martin Middle School. A plan will be created to support them throughout the year. Brother Ronnie Bledsoe is the Adopt-a-School Advisor.
* There are six new members of the Austin Kappa League for a total of twelve members
* On 9/25, the Austin Kappa League will have a community service project at the Vireo Preserve (forest restoration). Brother Javion Lee is the new Director of Kappa League.
* Certification for all SWP chapters with a Guide Right program is currently underway. The deadline to be certified is 11/1.

*Undergraduate Affairs*

Gamma Lambda

* A meeting was held with Huston-Tillotson University officials concerning the current status of the Gamma Lambda chapter. The university has determined the chapter is now in good standing and will be allowed to participate in spring membership intake. Brother Malcolm Haraway (IT Director, Huston-Tillotson) will serve as the chapter advisor of record once he has completed all the required training, and Brother Marcus Haynes (NPHC Director, Huston-Tillotson) will serve as the on-campus advisor. The Austin Alumni Chapter will be putting together a committee that will oversee all MTA activities for Gamma Lambda. Each member must be MTA Training certified to participate. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Brother Horn at [polemarch@austinalumninupes.com](mailto:polemarch@austinalumninupes.com).

Iota Delta

* The Iota Delta chapter is currently in the process of chapter certification. Their goal is to be approved for certification in time to participate in fall MTA activities. In order to complete certification, the chapter has borrowed $2400 from Austin Alumni to pay the undergraduate chapter insurance premium. Iota Delta submitted a repayment plan for the funds, and Austin Alumni should receive repayment after their Kappa-ween party.

*Senior Kappa Affairs*

Brother Stewart presented his vision for senior kapps in the chapter. Brother Horn stated that he would like the committee to make sure they create a social calendar of events for the brothers as well.

Light Lessons

The Light Lesson for this month was titled “Give Careful Thought” and came from Haggai 1:1-15.

For the Good of Kappa

* Brother Trone Welch underwent successful weight loss surgery and is recovering nicely.
* There were four past Polemarchs of the Austin Alumni Chapter present at the September meeting to show their support.
* Brother Roland Hayes will have a school named after him in the Austin area as a symbol of his tireless passion for education.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Patterson and seconded by Brother Welch. The motion passed. The September chapter meeting was adjourned at 1:23PM.