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January 4th, 2020 Austin Alumni Chapter Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 06:12 PM with the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was held at the University of Texas Law School. A motion was made by Brother Darden to suspend the rituals, which was seconded by Brother Dudley Sr. The motion passed. The following brothers were in attendance:

Darryl Harris	Don Stewart	Al Patterson	Phillip Harris
Hiawatha Franks	Charles Reid Jr.	Larry Britton	Gary Ponder
Francis Lawson	Nathaniel Darden	Darrin Duffin	Aaron Young
Gerard Wilson	Kevin Overton-Hadnot	Dolapo Adeladan	Kevin Dibia
Ernesto Beckford Jr.	Jonathan Kilson	Johnathan Clark	Artimeaus Moore
Trey Arnsworth	Spencer A. Iwatuje	Gilson Umannakwe	Jahmaal Dumes
Jermaine Dumes	Wesley Baltimore	Devon Harris	Tyrone Welch
Kadron Johnson	Thomas St. Julien	Delton Pierce	Howard Fridia Jr.

II. Correspondence

- a. Invitation to the 56th Annual Texas Council of Alpha Chapters Convention Public Program on February 8th
- b. Community service partnership request from the Housing Authority of Travis County
- c. Invitation from the University of Texas at Austin Intercollegiate Athletics to attend their Black History Night basketball events on February 2nd and February 12th
- d. Cluster III registration payment from Brother Britton Jr.
- e. Invitation to attend and request to support the Austin Delta Foundation’s annual scholarship fundraiser, “Dancing with the Deltas”
 - i. Brother Reid Jr. made a motion to support them with \$250 seconded by Brother Franks
 - Unreadiness: bro Dudley asked how we’re doing regarding the budget

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- Brother Polemarch stated that we are at a net surplus of \$300.47 so we can support them w/ \$250
The motion passed

- f. Brother Hadnot asked if we could support one of our kappa leaguers, Jamir Scott, to participate in this year's Beautillion. He is requesting a \$500 sponsorship and the foundation has agreed to contribute \$200
 - i. After brief discussion Brother Hadnot made a motion for the chapter to support Jamir with \$300, which was seconded by Brother Wilson. A vote was held and the outcome was in favor of supporting Jamir. The motion passed.
 - ii. Brother Wilson stated that he will take care of the \$300 if for any reason the chapter decides not to no longer support him

III. December KOR & Board Meeting Reports

Amendments

- a. Brother Polemarch stated that there actually was a line item in the budget approving the Christmas party. The confusion most likely came from there previously being multiple versions of the budget presented at previous chapter and board meetings.

A motion was made by Brother Darden to accept the report which was seconded by Brother Moore. The motion passed.

IV. January KOE Report

A motion was made by Brother Reid Jr. to accept the report which was seconded by Brother Patterson. The motion passed.

V. 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Budget Review

- a. Brother Reid Jr. asked for the PayPal statements be made available for brothers to view on the website
 - i. Brother Polemarch agreed to meet with Brother KOE and consider this
- b. Brother Reid Jr. requested that the Guide Right allotments be put into the KOE report
 - i. Brother Polemarch stated that the assumption was that the funds would come from the Foundation, not the chapter's funds
 - ii. Brother Hadnot suggested that a note be put by each line item to show specifically where each amount of funds came from

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- c. Brother Reid Jr. asked when we'll be able to confirm when we'll have generated the expected revenue in the budget and if continuing to book this revenue at that amount is realistic or if we should take time to review and consider if changes need to be made
 - i. Brother Polemarch stated, in summary, that we will continue to actively review and adjust accordingly

VI. FoKus Area Discussion

Brotherhood – Brother Jones/Brother Moore

Social Activities

- a. Brother Moore gave a summary of the plans for the weekend and expressed his disappointment in the lack of numbers at the happy hour on last Friday, January 3rd
 - i. Brother Britton Jr. mentioned that parking might have been an issue in regards to participation

Senior Kappa Affairs

- a. Brother Stewart pointed out a correction from the minutes - the breakfast next Saturday is at 8:30am not 8am
- b. He also stated that he is working on a proposal to the Grand Chapter requesting their support for an initiative of our choice which is a part of the ongoing program of the Grand Chapter to provide support from their Senior Kappa Endowment Funds towards select initiatives. Last Fraternal year we asked for international funding to help dig a well in Africa. More information is available on the IHQ website in the Senior Kappa Affairs section. Any assistance of any brothers that are interested is appreciated.
- c. If brothers have any initiatives that they would like to have considered then please reach out to him.

Undergraduate Affairs:

- a. Lambda Theta: The brothers are currently on C&D for grades, the Polemarch is meeting with the Greek Affairs Administration to confirm the current GPA to then request to Brother Province Polemarch Hightower for the C&D to be lifted. They're moving as quickly as possible to submit their MTA planning document before the deadline.
 - i. Brother Polemarch gave clarification on the PayPal fees and mentioned how Lambda Theta may be able to get around paying those
- b. Gamma Lambda: Brother Howard Fridia (Gamma Lambda '16) stated that the brothers got off of C&D and then got put back on for not attending the mandatory greek life meetings
 - i. Bro Polemarch mentioned that if the brothers are on C&D that will delay their loan repayment

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- ii. Brother Lawson asked how many brothers are on the yard and if there was spring 19 intake. Brother Fridia stated that he is unsure about that and he would have to speak with Brother Jones directly on that subject.

MTA

- a. A vote was held for spring 2020 intake and the outcome was in favor of moving forward with intake. The results of the vote were 18 in favor and 1 opposed.

Community – Brother Southard/Brother Johnson

a. Service Activities

- i. Brother Johnson stated that Keep Austin Beautiful Day is in April and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day March is on Monday, January 20th so that's something worth discussing to begin planning for it if brothers want to participate

b. Guide Right/Kappa League

- i. Brother Hadnot stated that KL will be marching with the brothers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and we'll be having our Financial Literacy seminar on next Saturday where keynote will be Brother JB McGinnis.
- ii. Our Dream Keeper seminar is on February 13th where each kappa leaguer will give a brief presentation on a significant person in black history
- iii. The KL conference is on February 7th and 8th and we're planning to attend
- iv. The Guide Right team is finishing up the last mentor trainings

Investment – Brother Lofters/Brother St. Julien

a. Cluster III – Founders' Day Update

- i. Brother St. Julien stated that we currently have 17 alumni tickets purchased and 1 undergraduate and have went through all necessary expenditures. The total came out to \$2,114.12 and the budget allotted for \$3,000.
- ii. Brother Polemarch stated that we received a really great deal w/ the venue so we're considering up-charging in the future because of the higher cost in Austin venues opposed to places like Killeen, etc
- iii. The registration table will be set up at 9am and the Cluster III meeting begins at 10am. We are anticipating meeting our budget.
- iv. Brother Beckford Jr. has agreed to be the photographer for the event

b. Black & White Ball

- i. Brother Dudley Sr. stated that the committee has gone as far as they can go until the Foundation and the chapter make a decision and the deadline for the venue special is January 13th. About \$750 per table. Traditionally the brothers purchase the table and we could open the event to the public but the event

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wouldn't be the same as it's always been and would be more of a formal rather than a black and white ball.

- ii. We would need to sell about 35 tables to break even.
- iii. Brother Ponder asked what's the best approach to getting the money back on our investment in B&W if the event moves forward
 - Bro Dudley said we didn't have an issue selling tables when we were selling tables half off through the Dell match program but now they've specifically said we can no longer do that. So if we decide to sell tickets traditionally, brothers typically don't do a good job sell tickets. So that's really where we're at.

Announcements

- a. Brother Iwatuje apologized to brothers for the inconvenience today with getting to the meeting location and stated that he will still looking for more potential options
 - b. Brother polemarch mentions that revisiting the discussion of a local life membership might be beneficial to getting a house
 - c. Bro Stewart shouted out the twins for catering his wife's 70's birthday celebration
 - d. Brother Ponder announced that there was recently a pilot program approved where annual dues can now be paid in increments. The pilot program begins June 2020.
 - e. Brother Clark stated that he's getting married this year
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM with a motion to adjourn from Brother Darden which was seconded by Brother Wilson. The motion passed.

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