**September 14, 2019 Austin Alumni Chapter Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened at 6:06 PM with a motion from Brother Horn to suspend the rituals, which was seconded by Brother Alex Brown. The meeting was held at the Rishon Lodge. The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Phil Harris | Bobby Scruggs | Kevin Dibia | Jahmaal Dumes | Alex Brown |
| Al Patterson | Eddie Southard | Dolapo Adeladan | Larry Britton | Darrin Duffin |
| Robert Baker | Charles Reid Jr. | Spencer Iwatuje | Brice Dudley | Kadron Johnson |
| Tyrone Welch | Francis Lawson | Dwayne E. Walton | Darryl Harris | Nathaniel Darden |
| Alexis Horn | Grady Elliott | Mal Anderson | Johnathan Gilliard |  |
| Patrick J. Bingham | Thomas St. Julien | Jeff Plummer | Don Stewart |  |

1. Correspondence
   1. Copy of a newspaper article recognizing our chapter for hosting the first CRWLC in 1979
   2. $140 check from Brother Patterson for chapter and Province dues
   3. $140 check from Brother Elliott for chapter and Province dues
   4. $150 check from Brother Polemarch for chapter dues
   5. $145.17 check from Brother Darden for chapter and Province dues
   6. $145.17 check from Brother Drakes for chapter and Province dues
   7. $1,083.35 check from Brother Polemarch for investment expense reimbursement
   8. $150 check from Brother Harris for chapter and Province dues
   9. $120 cash from Brother Mal Anderson toward his chapter and Province dues
   10. Check warrant request from Brother Polemarch for CRWLC travel, food items for the chapter retreat, and the projector and screen used at the current meeting
   11. Receipt for a payment made by Brother Plummer for the building and usage fees for the current chapter meeting location
2. KOR Report and 2019 Chapter Retreat Minutes

The KOR report and Chapter Retreat Minutes were reviewed by the brothers assembled

\*\*Unreadiness: Correction needed under “For the Good of Kappa” on the June 2019 report. Brother Alex Brown celebrated 50 years in the Bond, not 57.

It was moved by Brother Horn to accept the report and seconded by Brother Scruggs. The motion passed.

1. KOE Report

The KOE report was reviewed by the brothers assembled

It was moved by Brother Walton to accept the report and seconded by Brother Plummer. The motion passed.

1. 2019-2020 Chapter Budget Review

Brother Polemarch gave his feedback about the results of last year’s chapter budget and then gave an overview of this year’s chapter budget, highlighting the areas we can improve from last year.

\*\*There was robust discussion around the protocol for a brother exceeding the threshold of his pre-determined reimbursement from the chapter. A motion was made by Brother Horn that if a brother exceeds the amount that he is allotted, then covering the difference is his responsibility. This motion was seconded by Brother Darden. The motion passed.

1. 2019-2020 Chapter Meeting Cadence

Brother Polemarch informed brothers that we are still in the process of finding a consistent location for chapter meetings, and that meetings will continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month.

1. FoKus Area Disscussion

Brotherhood

* 1. Senior Kappa Affairs
     1. Brother Stewart stated that the first Senior Kappa breakfast of this year will be on October 5th and he will speak with Brother Welch about combining it with the Kappa League pancake breakfast
  2. UG Affairs
     1. ID: The brothers are back in school and there will be 5 brothers attending the CRWLTC
     2. GL: The brothers currently have 3 active members on campus and are officially back active on campus after receiving approval from the Dean of Student Affairs on last Wednesday. In the fall they will only have 1 brother on campus so they are preparing for fall intake.

Community

1. Community Service Activities
   * + 1. There will be five service events this FY that all align with the community efforts of the Grand Chapter
       2. Brother Southard gave an overview of the fall/winter events which are the Red Sock Project and breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House and Brother Johnson gave an overview of the spring/summer events which are Keep Austin Beautiful, our mental health awareness event, and the Kooling Off the City Fan Drive
2. Guide Right/Kappa League

i. The last member of the Gamma class was inducted at 9am and the Kappa Leaguers had their first seminar focusing on health and awareness where Brother Devon Harris was the speaker

ii. Next Saturday, September 21st, is the Kappa League Car Wash. The cost for a car wash is $5.

* + - 1. Adopt-A-School will be at the Gus Garcia Young Men’s Leadership Academy once again this year and the 6 week celebration will be reformatted to replace the No Tardy Parties with a lottery where the winners will get a care package for their family and a gift card for the student

Investment

a. COTA

i. Scheduled for November 1st – 3rd

ii. Brothers that want to work COTA need to be sure to connect with Brother St. Julien to obtain the required certification

* + 1. There was robust discussion around the proposal for the incentive of the chapter paying Local and Grand Chapter dues for brothers that work COTA. Brother St. Julien suggested continuing this discussion on the board meeting call this week.

b. Scholarship

i. 2019 Recipients were Ali Askari, Logan Anderson, and Noah Savage

ii. To receive the scholarship timeline for this FY, please reach out to Brother St. Julien

c. Website

i. There have been updates made to the members log in/new user registration and to the design of the website

1. Announcements
   1. Brother Elliott expressed his disappointment in the number of brothers that attended the recent funeral for Brother Tillman Woods and stated that we need to do better moving forward
   2. Brother Brown made a motion that we have the B&W Ball assuming that the Foundation and the chapter can come to a financial agreement. The motion was seconded by Brother Harris. A vote was held where 10 brothers voted yes for a B&W Ball this year and 3 voted no.
   3. Brother Welch gave thanks to those that came out to support him in the stage play he was recently in
2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM with a motion from Brother Brown to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Brother Brown. The motion passed.