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## December 19th, 2019 Austin Alumni Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order / Opening prayer

- a. The meeting was opened at 7:03PM by Brother Polemarch with the Lord's Prayer

\*Brother Polemarch thanked Brother Vice Polemarch for leading the November Chapter Meeting

### II. Attendance

- Al Patterson
- Brice Dudley Sr.
- Tyrone Welch
- Gilson Umunnakwe
- Kevin Dibia
- Darryl Harris
- Don Stewart
- Eddie Southard
- Charles Reid Jr.
- Larry Britton Jr.
- Spencer Iwatuje

### III. KOR Update (Correspondence)

- a. Invitation to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Council of Alpha Chapters Convention Public Program on 2/8/20
  - i. Brother Dudley mentioned that when we had Province Council here a few years back that we extended a similar invitation to the Divine Nine organizations so this type of request is common
  - ii. Brother Southard echoed the statement of this type of invitation being common for these types of events and that we've done the same for our provincial and national conventions
  - iii. Brother KOR will send a note in the communication to see who is interested in attending
- b. Community service partnership request from the Housing Authority of Travis County
  - i. Brother Southard stated that he doesn't believe we have the bandwidth to accept this opportunity at this current time
- c. Invitation from the University of Texas at Austin Intercollegiate Athletics to attend their Black History Night basketball events on 2/1/20 and 2/12/20

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i. Brother Southard mentioned that this invitation seems similar to what we do w/ the Kappa League

d. Cluster III registration payment from Brother Britton Jr.

#### IV. KOE Update (Account Balance Summary)

##### a. KOE Transition

i. Brother Polemarch stated that Brother KOE informed him of his request and that he's spoken with Brother Assistant KOE about stepping into the KOE role. He has accepted the new position and he, Brother KOE (Brother Welch), and Brother Polemarch will be meeting this upcoming weekend to ensure a smooth transition.

ii. The updated FY 2019-20 Chapter Officers are below

Polemarch – Pearly McQueen IV  
Vice Polemarch – Eddie Southard  
Keeper of Records – Phillip Harris  
Keeper of Exchequer – Kadron Johnson  
Strategus – Donald Stewart  
Historian – Spencer Iwatuje  
Parliamentarian – Lawrence Britton Jr.  
MTA Chairman – Phillip Harris  
Webmaster – Thomas St. Julien

#### V. FoKus Area Updates:

Brotherhood (Reclamation, Undergraduate Affairs, Senior Kappa Affairs, MTA, Cluster III, ...)

##### a. Holiday Party Proposal

i. The most recent update at the December Chapter Meeting will suffice

##### b. January Chapter Meeting/J5

i. Brother Iwatuje gave a summary of the events of the weekend. Catering will be buffet style for the brunch and the catering will be Rolling Rooster. There was some discussion around how we may be able to make a small profit from that event via public tickets but that's not yet confirmed.

- Brother Dudley asked if this info will be sent to the body via communication
- The event insurance documents are currently incomplete pending an update on the event at the cigar lounge.

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- Brother Dudley suggested submitting the forms tomorrow with the holidays so quickly approaching

## VI. Community (Community Service, Guide Right, Social Action, NPHC, ...)

- a. December/January Community Service Activity Updates
  - i. Brother Vice Polemarch: Tomorrow is the Ronald McDonald House Breakfast and we are set in terms of the group and we will be sure to take photos and share with the KOR
- b. Senior Kappa Affairs
  - i. The next Senior Kappa Breakfast is on 1/11/20
- c. Day of Service Recap
  - i. Brother Polemarch gave thanks to those that attended
  - ii. Brother Britton Jr. emphasized the importance of us showing up in greater numbers to these types of events
  - iii. Brother Polemarch stated that one way of ensuring that we have a good level of participation may be to try not to have multiple events in one day. Just something to keep in mind

\*Brother Iwatuje asked if its possible to get with UG advsiors before chapter meetings and board meetings considering their recent absence so something can be shared with the body sooner than later

- Brother Polemarch stated that he has requested reports to be sent to him before board and chapter meetings so this is somewhat of an ongoing problem and to the next leadership team that's something to keep in mind to hold members of the leadership more accountable with their attendance especially considering we provided funds for these brothers to attend their necessary training at CRW.

- Brother Stewart thanked Brother Polemarch for that remark.

- Brother Iwatuje stated that he will get with Brother Polemarch offline to discuss further.

\*Brother Patterson asked when we'll discuss UG chapter loan repayment

- Brother Polemarch mentioned hearing about the comment being made at the last chapter meeting about the chapter needing to get their checkbooks ready and also saying there is a huge problem with taking the responsibility with paying their fees with no sign of getting them back especially when they have ample alumni brothers of their chapters to assist.

- Brother Dudley mentioned it may be valuable to reach out to Brother Province Polemarch Hightower to help lighten the load of this from the upcoming leadership team. Brother Polemarch stated that he has spoken with him and he seems to understand our situation but he will definitely reach back out if necessary.

- Brother Harris asked are fees still owed for these chapters on C&D? Brother Polemarch answered, yes.

## VII. Investment (Fundraising, Website/Infrastructure, Portfolio Management, ...)

- a. Cluster III – Founders' Day Update

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- i. Past what was discussed at the December chapter meeting the only update is that we've had a few more registrants but not quite in the numbers we are expecting, so Brother St. Julien sent a message to Brother Golden, Polemarch of the Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni Chapter. It's assumed that some brothers haven't registered due to this being the peak of the holidays.
- ii. Brother Polemarch stated that he thinks what we're seeing now is not out of the ordinary and that we usually have a good number of brothers that register onsite but we're doing the right thing by reaching out to brother golden
- iii. Brother Harris asked what's the target for registration
  - Brother Iwatuje stated that he doesn't have it because he hasn't done that math himself and Brother St. Julien is handling the budget but he'll have it prepared at the upcoming chapter meeting.
- iv. Brother Dudley asked if there is a theme since that may help out the guest speaker
  - Brother Iwatuje stated that he will connect with Brother Dudley on this
- v. Brother Britton asked if all of the information will be presented to the January chapter meeting
  - Brother Iwatuje stated yes and that he will reach out to Brother James DeRoan who is a photographer capture photos of the event
  - Brother Polemarch stated that we should ask if this brother can do this "on the shield"

\*Brother Dudley stated that he met with the B&W committee and they've found a location but need to connect with Brother Polemarch as soon as possible to discuss paperwork because the venue has agreed to a special price only until the end of the calendar year

- Brother Polemarch mentioned the importance of considering where we are in the budget to ensure we move forward as strategically as possible

- Brother Britton Jr. stated that he thinks the best action at this time is for Brother Polemarch and Brother Brown to connect as soon as possible to meet the deadline for this venue special

\*Brother Britton Jr. reminded Brother Polemarch of the importance of the remainder of the leadership team getting financial

- Brother Polemarch agreed stating that he hopes that the updated list that Brother KOR will soon send him will reflect this

- VIII. Other Topics?  
a. None

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## IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM

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