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December 7th, 2019 Austin Alumni Chapter Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 06:11 PM with the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was held at the University of Texas Law School Auditorium. A motion was made by Brother Elliott to suspend the rituals, which was seconded by Brother Jones. The motion passed. The following brothers were in attendance:

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| Phil Harris | Kevin Overton-Hadnot | Charles Reid Jr. | Larry Britton |
| Patrick J. Bingham | Gerard Wilson | Michael Jefferson | Grady Elliott |
| Spencer Iwatuje | Darrin Duffin | Mark Bolin | Robert Baker |
| Bobby Scruggs | Dwayne Jones | Tyrone Welch | Eddie Southard |
| Ernesto Beckford Jr. | Wesley Baltimore | Kevin Dibia | Nathaniel Darden |
| Devon Harris | Elex Stokes | Al Patterson | Delton Pierce |
| Jarrold Watson | | | |

II. Correspondence

- a. Invitation from the Women in Jazz Association to attend their holiday jazz concert
- b. Cluster III registration form and payment from Brother Drakes
- c. Invitation from the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni chapter to participate in their seventh annual Grand Conclave Raffle
- d. Holiday donation request from the Ronald McDonald House of Central Texas
- e. 15th Annual National Founders’ Day Confidential Bulletin
- f. \$50 Kappa League donation from Brother Bingham

III. November KOR & Board Meeting Reports

Unreadiness

Board Meeting Report Amendments

- Brother Polemarch said that he would get with Brother KOE to create a year to date spending report based on budget modifications
- Correction of Brother Reid Jr’s name
- Spell out the word Exchequer rather than referring to it as the Ex
- Spell out the undergraduate chapters rather than referring to them as GL, LT, etc

Motion to accept the reports by Brother Reid Jr. with the aforementioned amendments which was seconded by Brother Iwatuje. The motion passed.

IV. November KOE Report

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Motion to accept the report by Brother Reid Jr.

Unreadiness

- In regards to the fraudulent activity Brother Lawson asked why we are using Paypal
- Brother KOE stated that it is majorly because of convenience for all of the activities that we participate in where an online payment option would be beneficial
- Brother Britton Jr. asked about a line item listing a transaction on 12/5/19 that is blank on the report
- Brother KOE stated that the transaction had not officially posted to the account
 - Bro Scuggs suggested that it might be best if since he showed the transaction coming out of the account that he also showed it coming in
- Brother Reid Jr. asked about the gap in time of the van rental line items
- Brother KOE stated that the company took longer charging the second van due to an incident where the group hit a deer and had to change vans returning to Austin
- Brother Reid Jr. stated that the Board of Directors should have been notified of the fraud activities
- Brother KOE responded saying they were not notified due to his focus of resolving the issue as quickly as possible
- Brother Britton Jr. asked about a line item showing an ATM withdrawal
- Brother KOE stated that there was a need for it at a certain point on the Kappa League trip
- Brother Britton Jr. asked about the Cluster III lunch and gifts line item and if we have an equal amount in registration fees
- Brother KOE replied saying yes

Motion to accept the KOE report by Brother Darden with the aforementioned amendments which was seconded by Brother Britton Jr. The motion passed.

**Brother Reid Jr. requested hard copies of the bank statements from the last 6 months

V. FoKus Area Discussion

Brotherhood – Brother Jones / Brother Moore

- a. Social Activities
 - i. No information at this time
- b. Christmas Party
 - i. Brother Vice Polemarch provided some background stating that in the past we have had the Christmas party at Brother Henderson's home whose wife is an AKA and would always have a Christmas party for the AKAs the following evening, so

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this has become an Austin Alumni tradition over the last few years and at this year's retreat the Christmas party was not in the budget

- ii. Brother Iwatuje stated that the committee had scheduling issues with the Christmas party last year which is why it didn't happen. This year we won't be able to have it either, due to it not being in the budget.
- iii. Brother Darden asked for the numbers to show where we're lacking
 - Bro Iwatuje responded by providing some rough estimates and stating that Silhouette Henderson not having the AKA Christmas party makes a difference as well
- c. J5 Celebration
 - i. The celebration will begin with our First Friday Happy Hour, this time at Tillery instead of Somersault. Saturday evening will be a night at the cigar lounge. Sunday will be a brunch/day party at Hanovers 2.0 where we will pay for the food and charge per head for those attending.
- d. Charter Week
 - i. Brother Iwatuje stated that he needs to have a discussion with Bro Moore before any information is available
 - ii. Brother Vice Polemarch asked if we are collaborating with the Senior Kappas on a program for Senior Kappa Week since that's a Grand Chapter initiative.
 - Brother Iwatuje will connect with Brother Moore to confirm.
 - iii. Brother Britton Jr. asked if we will need to provide libations at the cigar lounge
 - Brother Iwatuje will reach out to Brother Moore to confirm
 - iv. Brother KOE reminded brothers that we need to stay within the budget allocated for the j5 and charter week celebrations
 - v. Brother Britton Jr. asked is this open to all brothers or only Austin Alumni brothers. He stated that he does not have an issue with the former but he does have an issue when this is usually the only time when he sees majority of these brothers and we have to take care of the bill.
 - Brother Iwatuje stated that it will most likely be open to all brothers and shared his thoughts on the value of having a discussion with those brothers at that time regarding their involvement with the chapter
- e. Senior Kappa Affairs
 - i. The next Senior Kappa Breakfast is Saturday, January 11th, at 8AM at the Golden Corral on North Lamar Boulevard
- f. Undergraduate Affairs

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- i. Gamma Lambda: The brothers started fall intake and were placed on C&D by the Dean of Student Affairs during the process so intake was put to an end. Brother Jones is working with the Dean of Student Affairs to see if they can have a spring intake to keep brothers on the yard. Brother Jones' suggestion is for Austin Alumni to oversee their intake process without undergraduate input. He also stated that there are young men that potentially went through a renegade process last spring.
 - Brother Vice Polemarch mentioned the importance of "guarding the gate" in these regards and just because someone claims he knows what Phi Nu Pi means does not make him a brother.
 - ii. Lambda Theta: No advisor present
 - iii. Iota Delta: No advisor present
 - g. Chapter Certification Update – **ALL** chapters (including Austin Alumni) have been recommended for certification approval
 - i. Brother Britton asked if all funds have been paid to cover the undergraduate chapters' insurance premiums
 - Brother Vice Polemarch stated yes, they have
 - ii. Brother Patterson asked if we have considered that we may potentially be responsible for covering the undergraduate chapters' insurance premiums next year
 - Brother Vice Polemarch stated that that will ultimately be up to the Province Polemarch and that we don't know what the requirements will be on next year
 - iii. Brother Lawson asked will Gamma Lambda be paying their loan back in the spring
 - Brother Jones replied, no, and that he's willing to discuss offline
 - h. Cluster III – Founders' Day Update
 - i. A location has been secured and both Killeen-Ft. Hood Alumni and San Antonio Alumni have received the information and have begun registering
 - ii. We have stayed within the budget
 - iii. Brother Vice Polemarch spoke with Brother Polemarch last night and he is encouraging brothers that haven't registered to do so
- VI. Community – Brother Southard / Brother Johnson
- a. Coats for Kids

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XII. Announcements

- i. Brother KOE announced that he will be stepping down as KOE, Kappa League Director. Brother Johnson, Assistant KOE, will step in as KOE. The replacement for Kappa League Director is TBD.
- ii. Brother Vice Polemarch mentioned the importance of embracing each other in the holiday season because some brothers have lost family members around this time so this season may be tough for those brothers. He challenges us as a chapter to begin developing the type of behavior where we are being more human to each other.

XIII. For the Good of Kappa

- a. Brother Patterson asked if we will be able to find a consistent place to meet
 - i. Brother Vice Polemarch stated that the outcome of the discussion from the last meeting was that depending on how well this meeting went as far as meeting location, that would help us determine that
 - ii. Brother Iwatuje stated that now that we have moved out of the football season it will be much easier to have meetings on campus and parking becomes free after 6PM. We would not run into any issues with the law school. He also stated that he has been working personally on finding options for a fraternity house and if anyone is interested in helping then he is accepting towards that.

XIV. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM with a motion from Brother Reid Jr. which was seconded by Brother Patterson. The motion passed.

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