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May 2020 Austin (TX) Alumni Chapter Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 06:11PM with a motion to suspend the rituals in favor of the Lord's Prayer from Brother Wilson which was seconded by Brother Baker. Due to the inability to meet in-person because of COVID-19, this meeting was held via Zoom. The following Brothers were in attendance:

1. Spencer Iwatuje
2. Hiawatha Franks
3. Al Patterson
4. Larry Britton
5. Phillip Harris
6. Don Stewart
7. Pearly A. McQueen, IV
8. Nathaniel Darden
9. Charles Reid Jr.
10. Francis Lawson
11. Darrin Duffin
12. Gerard Wilson
13. Robert Baker
14. Eddie Southard
15. Mark Bolin
16. Kadron Johnson
17. Alex Brown
18. Patrick Bingham
19. Ralston Green (Lambda Theta Polemarch)
20. Octavian Moten (Iota Delta Polemarch)
21. Aaron Young
22. Bobby Scruggs
23. Ricardo Williams
24. Art Moore
25. Thomas St. Julien

II. Correspondence

- a. SELTF Scholarship Raffle
 - i. Tickets are \$10 and the link sent out in the agenda has details on the prizes available. Reach out to Brother Polemarch or Brother KOR to purchase tickets. The current deadline is whenever the new date will be for the 84th Province Council Meeting.

- b. Austin Alumni Chapter Records / Archive

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i. Brother Polemarch gave an overview of the sections available for viewing on the chapter's Google Drive. For those that haven't attempted to get access yet, once you request access there will be a notification sent to the chapter email account and once we verify the request then you'll have access. You may need to have a Gmail account to access the Google Drive.

c. General Chapter Information

i. Email received from Brother Narcisse just to check in on all of the chapters within the Province

III. April KOR & Board Meeting Reports

Amendments

- a. Add Brother Mark Bolin to attendance
- b. Add Brother Gerard Wilson
- c. Add that the meeting was virtual not in person
- d. Change Brother Britton's name to Jr. instead of Sr.
- e. The document concerning elections came from the Grand Chapter not the Province
- f. Request for Brother Lawson to do a roll call for the virtual meetings moving forward
- g. Brother Southard asked if Brother KOR checked the zoom meeting messages from the last meeting to check attendance because his name is left off as well

Brother Wilson made a motion to approve the report with the necessary amendments and to allow Brother KOR to check for any additional attendance at a later time to prevent delaying the current meeting any further which was seconded by Brother Iwatuje. The motion passed.

IV. May KOE Report

Amendments

*Brother Polemarch mentioned that Brother Wynn accidentally made an extra local and Province dues payment which he asked to be put toward his dues for the upcoming Fraternal year if possible and I told him we can do that. Also, the Eventbrite and PayPal fees are listed and have been updated to reflect current amounts.

- a. Brother Britton Jr. asked what the UFCU transfer was for on April 2nd, 2020 – Brother Polemarch stated that it was transferred to the operating account as our protocol for transferring the excess funds once the PayPal account reaches the amount of \$500

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b. Brother Scruggs asked if the Beautillion happened or if we reallocated those funds – Brother Wilson stated that they’re still trying to finalize with the hotel when the new date will be so once that new date is released would be an ideal time to continue the discussion

c. Brother Reid Jr. stated that the report shows an end date of April 30th but we have transactions on May 2nd – Brother Polemarch stated that that’s why those are listed as outstanding expenses and they will be addressed in the May report

d. Brother Britton mentioned that it’s possible that the dues structure on the local and Province level may leave him with an additional amount that needs to be covered. – Brother Polemarch stated that he made Brother Wynn aware of that

Brother Iwatuje made a motion to approve the report with the necessary amendments which was seconded by Brother Duffin. The motion passed.

V. 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Budget Update

a. Brother Johnson gave an overview of the most current chapter budget

VI. FoKus Area Discussion

Brotherhood – Brother Jones / Brother Moore

*Brother Iwatuje spoke on Brother Moore’s behalf stating that there are no updates at this time and there is nothing on the calendar due to COVID-19

a. Undergraduate Affairs: GL, ID, LT
Gamma Lambda

i. No advisor or chapter Brothers in attendance

Iota Delta

i. Brother Moten stated that they don’t have any updates at this time and they don’t have any candidates that are graduating seniors

Lambda Theta

i. Brother Green stated that they don’t have any updates at this time they are just waiting on an update from the Province about spring 2020 intake.

ii. Brother Franks added that they have 5 candidates that all passed the exam. The investigation that took place earlier this FY is cleared so that’s no longer a worry.

iii. Brother Polemarch asked if any of the candidates are graduating seniors

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- Brother Green stated that there are two and one plans to stay in San Marcos and the other in Houston and they're planning on getting their refund and finding a way to join an alumni chapter if possible.
- Brother Franks asked if these candidates will be expected to go through the entire intake process again or will they just need to go through the rituals? – Brother Polemarch stated that there isn't a straightforward answer at this time but he can reach out to Brother Staten to determine what activities need to take place in this scenario.

b. MTA – Austin Alumni Chapter Membership Intake

- i. No updates at this time. We are still waiting to receive an update from the Province.

c. Senior Kappa Affairs

- i. Brother Stewart doesn't have any updates but he stated that he welcomes any Brothers to reach out to our Senior Brothers

Community – Brother Southard / Brother Johnson

a. Brother Southard stated that April 14th, 2020 was Kappa Day at the Ronald McDonald House and breakfast that morning was provided by the chapter

b. Brother Johnson stated that he is still waiting to hear back on any updates for Keep Austin Beautiful

*Brother Polemarch mentioned that we need to get approval from the chapter to reimburse him for the funds from the Ronald McDonald House breakfast of \$348 so he welcomes a motion to approve. Brother Britton Jr. made a motion to approve this reimbursement which was seconded by Brother Iwatuje. The motion passed.

Investment – Brother Lofters / Brother St. Julien

a. Scholarship Update

- i. Brother Britton Jr. stated that there are new updates other than the deadline has been extended to June 5th and that has been updated on the website. We've only had one applicant since the April chapter meeting and he has communicated the extended deadline to her and is trying to get the contact info for the other applicants to let them know as well.

b. Fundraising

- i. Brother St. Julien stated that there are no updates at this time

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c. Black and White Ball

i. Brother Brown stated that in regards to the venue, negotiations are completed and the results are good. The contract has been reinstated with all the original agreements. Next payment is 90 days out and the last payment is 60 days out. The date is October 24th and the committee has meetings for the next month or so. We wanted to communicate to the chapter that we have the opportunity to use this time to pay down on a table that we're purchasing or selling. We ask that minimum payments be \$100. There's nothing else we need to do with the venue, the contract has been executed so now the committee will begin working on booking a band, and all the other relevant action items.

VII. Announcements

a. 84th Province Council Meeting

i. Brother Polemarch reminded Brothers that they have the option before June 1st, 2020 that they can request a refund for your registration but if you don't respond your payment will go toward next Fraternal year's Province Council Meeting

b. Austin Alumni Chapter: 2020 – 2021 Officer Nominations/Elections

i. There has not been any update since the April chapter meeting on when we'll be able to elect new officers. As more information becomes available we'll share that with the chapter.

VIII. For the Good of Kappa

a. Brother Adeladan's Request

i. Brother Moore sent a request on behalf of Brother Adeladan informing us that he is going through a hardship and is requesting our support with paying his medical debt.

ii. Brother Iwatuje gave more information on Brother Adeladan's situation and that basically what he is asking is if any Brothers are willing to assist then it is greatly appreciated.

iii. Brother Polemarch stated that once Brother Iwatuje creates the Go Fund Me donation account we will send out a link in the chapter communication

b. Brother Stewart stated that he turns 80 years old on May 6th, 2020

c. Brother Britton Jr. mentioned for Brother KOR to be sure to include in the meeting minutes that this along with the previous meeting was a virtual meeting and to do the same for any virtual meetings in the future

IX. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 07:23PM by Brother Polemarch

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