

Alumni Corporation of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity



Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2007

This was the Fall, 2007 meeting of the Alumni Corporation.

I. Call to order

President **Tony Noce** called to order the regular meeting of the **Alumni Corporation** at 6:00 PM on October 20, 2007 at 3405 Powelton Avenue.

II. Roll call

Fifty Alumni were present at the meeting. It was determined that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved by acclamation.

IV. Officer's Reports

President's Report – Tony Noce reported that the goals that had been established for the Alumni Corporation in February have been substantially achieved as follows:

- 1. Establish an active Alumni Corporation.** The Alumni Corporation has been active in the past year. This is most evident by the large turnout of Alumni at the meeting. Brothers have travelled in from California, New Mexico, New York, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina and locally to attend the meeting. Old bonds have been re-established, and the spirit of brotherhood is strong.
- 2. Gain Approval to return to Drexel.** On August 26, 2007, James Tucker, Senior Vice President for Student Life at Drexel approved our request to re-colonize the undergraduate chapter.
- 3. Prepare the Chapter House for the return of the Undergraduate Chapter.** The house renovations have been completed to the point where the house is clean, safe, and code-compliant. Much work remains to complete the renovation of the house and this work is listed on our list of Special Projects
- 4. Raise Funds to support the Re-construction effort and Chapter start-up costs.** The Capital Campaign raised over \$200,000 in cash and pledges to date and these funds have been used to renovate and furnish the chapter house. 147 Alumni contributed to the Capital Campaign including brothers Fred Morgan (AU 139) and John Richter (AU 146) , both initiated in 1939.

- a) **Treasurer's Report** – Tom Hill was not in attendance.

V. Old Business

- a) **Undergraduate Chapter Re-colonization:** Regional Governor Vince Thompson provided a report on the upcoming recruitment effort. Expansion Consultants Andrae Turner and Woody Woodcock will begin the official recruitment effort on October 22. To date, 16 associates have been pre-initiated, and there are at least 10 other prospects seeking to join the fraternity. The new group of undergraduates will embark on the re-chartering process that will include learning about the fraternity history and traditions, both local and National, drafting by-laws for operation of the local chapter, and preparing a chartering petition. The re-chartering will then take place on November 22, 2008, concurrent with the 75th anniversary year of the chapter.
- b) **Chapter House:** Steve Markley presented a report along with a schedule of how the funds were spent to renovate the house. Many thanks to Steve and Dino Petrongolo for their tireless efforts in completing the renovations.
- c) **Chapter Database:** The Chapter Database is continuously updated and coordinated with National's and Drexel's Database. There are presently 367 valid e-mail addresses for approximately 1,097 living Alumni.
- d) **Dusak:** The DUSAK for Fall term, 2007 was published in the beginning of October, 2007, but due to mailing it bulk-rate, it did not arrive at many brother's homes until after the meeting. The next issue will be published in January of 2008. We were one of the first chapters to use the new National News Letter program, and the finished product was very professional.
- e) **Social Committee:** The next event will be concurrent with the Winter Alumni meeting on February 2, 2007. Following the meeting, we will join the rest of the Fraternity Alumni Associations and undergraduates at the "Greeks Pack the DAC" Drexel basketball game. The days events will be capped off at Cavanaugh's. Details will be available on the website. Dan Gormley reported that the Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday May 2, 2008 at Turtle Creek Golf Club in Limerick, PA. The event will be capped off by a pig-roast in the evening, where non-golfers are encouraged to attend. On Saturday, May 3, Pi Kappa Phi will be hosting an alumni reception at the Chapter House before the Drexel Blue and Gold Days Banquet. Brothers are encouraged to make reservations for the event on Drexel's website. Details will be posted on the Chapter Website.

VII. New Business

- 1) **Special Recognitions:** The following Alumni were recognized for their special contributions to the past year's efforts:
 - Fabio Frizone and associate member Mike Noce for creating and updating the chapter website at www.pikappau.org
 - Jim Palmer for restoration of the Kitchen cabinets as well as other repairs around the house.
 - Halsey White for making a new lighted White Diamond Pin for the top of the stairs, a new Mail table, Voting box, shutter and millwork repair.
 - Capital Campaign Committee Mike Lavelline, Jack Casper, Rich Husted, Keith Sheppard
 - Steve Winter for his legal advice and counsel throughout our negotiations with Drexel
 - All of the Class Captains and Donors
 - Jack Stoner for his efforts at organizing the alumni from the late 40's and early 50's as well as his support of the Capital Campaign

- Matt Claudy and Suburban Tile Co for repairing the bathroom tile
- Mark Tomasello and Oliver Sprinkler for their work on the fire alarm and fire suppression systems.
- Mike Imms for his support during negotiations with Drexel
- Dino Petrongolo who donated time, services of his company and countless hours to the reconstruction of the house.
- Steve Markley for rebuilding the house again. Steve's dedication to the rebuilding effort and personal support allowed the project to be completed with a fraction of the money that it otherwise would have taken.
- Tony Noce for his leadership and support of the effort. Tony became the "Radar O'Reilly" of the renovation effort. It seemed that when ever new materials were needed in the reconstruction, they appeared on the back porch.
- Kathy Noce and Laura Markley, who allowed their husbands to re-live a piece of their youth

2) **House Dedication**

Keith Sheppard read the House Dedication Prayer Ritual (Copy Attached)

3) **Officer Elections:**

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

- President – Tony Noce
- Vice President – Mike Imms
- Treasurer – Steve Markley
- Secretary – Mike Olsen

4) **Board Members Elections:**

As of the February meeting, 6 of the 12 Board seats have been filled. It was determined at the meeting to fill three additional Board Seats for 3 year terms expiring October 2011. The following brothers were nominated and elected to the board by acclamation:

- i) Dino Petrongolo
- ii) Halsey White
- iii) Keith Sheppard

VI. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Alumni Corporation is to occur on February 2, 2008.

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned 6:45 PM. Dinner and an evening celebration followed the meeting

Minutes submitted by: Steve Markley, Secretary

House Dedication Sub-ritual

Almighty Archon, infinite God and Father to us all – we thank you that you have placed within us a desire for aspiration and achievement.

Your creative work in the world has challenged us to brotherhood. You have challenged us to be community minded and concerned for all people.

Bless now this house that it may become a home for the men of Pi Kappa Phi, **ALPHA UPSILON** Chapter

- ✧ A home with the weathered walls of ancient house
- ✧ A home filled with the aspirations of brotherhood
- ✧ A home filled with the beauty of academic success, quietness, and the everlasting sense of brotherhood
- ✧ A home filled with joy
- ✧ A home filled with truth
- ✧ A home filled with loyalty that spans the generations of men that will live within these walls of brotherhood

May this home bless us with the sense of youth, eager to meet the challenges of life and the wisdom of age under-girding us with confidence and strength.

May this home give us the sense of being ever-green with each other.

May this home of brotherhood give us a sense of wealth which cannot be squandered.

May this home and the experiences here contribute to everlasting brotherhood, infinite compassion and an unshakable trust that will outlast the annals of time.

AMEN