

**Alumni Corporation of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity**



Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2007

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

I. Call to order

President **Tony Noce** called to order the regular meeting of the **Alumni Corporation** at 2:30 PM on February 10, 2007 at 3405 Powelton Avenue.

II. Roll call

Forty-Three (43) 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 presented the goals that have been established for the Alumni Corporation as follows:

- 1. Establish an active Alumni Corporation.** In the past year we have elected Officers and a Board; Updated the database of Alumni and established an e-mail list of one-third of the Alumni and growing; Published the first DUSAK in at least 4 years; Created a Chapter website at www.pikappau.org Created a social Committee and which is holding its first event today; organized the largest gathering of alumni in recent memory. An active and involved Alumni Corp is key to the success of the new Undergraduate Chapter. With the involvement of brothers from all decades, opportunities abound for networking and advancement of the chapter.
- 2. Gain Approval to return to Drexel.** We have established a line of communication with Drexel and National that supports our efforts to return to campus. National has submitted a formal request to Drexel and we anticipate receiving approval from Drexel in the Spring Term to begin recruitment in the Fall Term of 2007.

3. Prepare the Chapter House for the return of the Undergraduate Chapter.

We have prepared a scope of work for the renovations to the house and have awarded the contract for the pre-first phase clean-up, selective demolition, plumbing and window replacement work.. It is expected that this work will be completed by April 1, and as Funds are received from pledges, The first phase of the Capital Improvement Work will begin.

4. Raise Funds to support the Re-construction effort and Chapter start-up costs. We have established a Capital Campaign committee and have over 50 Alumni involved as Class Captains, as described below.

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

V. Old Business

- a) Undergraduate Chapter Re-colonization: Drexel Approval is anticipated in April for the return of the Undergraduate Chapter in the Fall term of 2007. In the Fall Term of 2007, two Expansion Consultants from the National Office, under the direction of Pi Kappa Phi Regional Governor Vince Thompson, will spend about a month on campus recruiting associates to begin the new undergraduate chapter. In the Fall of 2007, the associates will be initiated into the fraternity as “Associate Members” after which they 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 in the Spring of 2008, concurrent with the 75th anniversary of the chapter.
- b) **Chapter House:** Steve Markley reported the contract for the initial clean-up scope of work has been awarded to AP Construction, brother Dino Petrongolo's family's company. He is waiting for Drexel to issue a Purchase order so that the work can begin. \$62,000 from the Treasury has been transferred into the Drexel account since Drexel would not award the PO until the funds were deposited into the account.
- c) **Chapter Database:** The Chapter Database has been updated and coordinated with National's and Drexel's Database. There are presently 338 valid e-mail addresses for approximately 1,100 living Alumni. The database will be continuously updated through the Class Captains efforts.
- d) **Dusak:** The DUSAK was published in the beginning of December, 2006. The next issue will be published in March of 2007. To save costs, it will be distributed by e-mail and posted on the chapter website.
- e) **Social Committee:** Dan Gormley reported that the Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday May 4, 2007 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 5, Pi Kappa Phi will be hosting an alumni reception in the

Great Court 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. Special Election of Secretary and Board Members:

- a) Following the last meeting, Fabio Frisone decided that he was unable to assume the role of Secretary. The Board elected Steve Markley as interim Secretary. Upon nomination and second, Steve Markley was elected Secretary by acclamation.
- b) Board Members: At the October meeting, three of the 12 Board seats were filled with three year terms expiring October, 2009. It was determined at the meeting to fill three additional Board Seats for 3 year terms expiring October 2010. The following brothers were nominated and elected to the board by acclamation:
 - i. Larry D'Andrea
 - ii. Dave Parsons
 - iii. Al Grubert
- c) Following the elections, it was recommended that a Nominating Committee be formed in order to fill the remaining seats on the Board.

VIII. New Business

- a) **Launch of the 2007 Capital Campaign.** Committee Co-Chairmen Jack Casper and Mike Lavelline and Tony Noce announced the official Launch of the Capital Campaign to raise the funds necessary to restore the chapter house. A special page on the website has been created to allow Alumni to read the Capital Campaign Plan Document which sets forth the Goals for the Campaign. The Fundraising Solicitation Letter was mailed out to the Alumni On February 5, including a pledge form. One brother from each initiation year between 1947 and 2003 has volunteered to serve as the Class Captain for that year. The Class Captains will be contacting the brothers from their year of initiation to answer any questions they may have regarding the Fraternity and to encourage them to participate in the effort. Alumni are encouraged to take advantage of the multi-year pledge period and increase their total level of giving accordingly. All donations will be through Drexel and qualify as tax-deductible contributions. Also, the gifts will qualify for corporate matching gift programs. Pledges received from the Officers, the Board and Committee Members to date are approximately \$65,000.

- VI. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Alumni Corporation is to occur in May of 2007. A meeting date and time will be scheduled sometime in the Spring to coordinate with the other Social events.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 3:30 PM Following the meeting , most of the attendees and several additional Alumni attended the Drexel vs. Delaware basketball game where Drexel defeated Delaware to continue their amazing season. Following the Game most of the Alumni gathered at Cavanaugh's restaurant for dinner and conversation

Minutes submitted by: Steve Markley, Secretary