

Alumni Corporation of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity



Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2006

This was the first re-organizational meeting of the Alumni Corporation. The last meeting was held in 2003 to the best of everyone's recollection. The current officers of the Board are the following individuals: Fred Schmehl – President; Tom Hill – Treasurer; Eric Loudon – Secretary; Keith Sheppard – Chapter Advisor Since the undergraduate chapter was removed from the Drexel campus in 2003, there has been no formal action taken by the board. This re-organizational meeting was organized by Tony Noce and Steve Markley. Fred Schmehl and Tom Hill were unable to attend but were notified of the meeting. Secretary Eric Loudon was in attendance.

I. Call to order

Tony Noce called to order the regular meeting of the **Alumni Corporation** at 6:30 PM on May 19, 2006 in Cavanaugh's Restaurant..

II. Roll call

Eric Loudon conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Tony Noce; Steve Markley; Mike Imms; Eric Loudon; and Dino Petrongolo

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

IV. Old Business

a) None

V. New Business

1. **Undergraduate Chapter Re-colonization:** Area Governor Vince Thompson has been working with the National Office and Drexel regarding the re-colonization of the undergraduate chapter. Their goal is to develop a 60 member undergraduate chapter, with the first class of brothers to be initiated in the Spring of 2007. Vince and the national office is seeking assistance and volunteers from the Alumni Chapter to assist in the re-colonization efforts. Specifically, they are seeking A Chapter Advisor, a Financial Advisor; a Member Education Advisor, and a Legal Advisor for the undergraduate Chapter. The main assistance that is needed, however, is to render the Chapter House habitable for the undergrads.

- b) Chapter House:** Following the removal of the undergraduate chapter from Drexel's campus in 2003, the house was subjected to vandalism and substantial damage. In 2004 Drexel commissioned a contractor to develop a budget to restore the house and the repair costs in the \$600,000 range. There was a concern on the part of Vince Thompson that Drexel may not recognize our ownership interest in the House. Title for the Chapter house has been in the name of Drexel University since 1948, when the house was conveyed from the Alumni Corp to Drexel for \$1.00, "... so long as the same shall be used as a dormitory..." A 1964 letter from Drexel to the Alumni Corp further states the reason for the transfer of title to Drexel was to avoid real estate taxes, and that if the house ceased to be used as a fraternity house by Pi Kappa Phi that the title to the house would revert back to the Alumni Corporation. It is our understanding that Drexel acknowledges our ownership interest in the house, and unless Drexel raises any issues contrary to our interpretation, we will not raise the issue. The following action plan was developed:
- On motion of Tony Noce and unanimous vote of all present, Steve Markley was named as the Chairman of the Chapter House Reconstruction committee and was authorized to contact Drexel on behalf of the Alumni Corp to gain access to the house in order to create a scope of work and budget to restore the house to habitable condition. The committee members initially will be Steve Markley, Tony Noce and Mike Imms. It is our intention that others will be added to the committee
 - Tony will arrange an initial meeting with Mike Imms, Steve Markley, Vince Thompson, Mark Timmes, Jack Casper and the appropriate Drexel individuals to discuss the re-construction of the house and discuss financing options including but not limited to:
 - Obtain a loan from Drexel for all or a part of the repair costs
 - Discuss Drexel buying the house from the Alumni Corp, restoring it, and leasing it to the Alumni Corp for use as the chapter house. The sale price would be at a minimum, the estimated cost of the repairs.
 - The purpose of the meeting is limited to developing options; any action must be approved by the full Board at a regular meeting.
 - Learn from Drexel who paid to board-up the windows and secure the house, and who has been paying the electric bill, water bill, if any, and insurance.
- c) Alumni Corporation Re-Organization:** The Brothers present began to develop an action plan necessary in order to restore the Alumni Corporation to active status. The initial action plan items are as follows:
- Establish a regular meeting schedule for the forthcoming months. Regular meetings are to be held on the third Fridays of May, November, February
 - Election of Officers – Fred Schmehl has indicated that he does not want to continue as President; Tom Hill and Eric Loudon have indicated that they are still interested in continuing in their present roles. Eric will research the past meeting minutes and consult the by-laws to determine when the existing board member terms expire. Elections are tentatively scheduled to take place in September, at a special meeting that will take place after the Pi Kap Golf Outing (See Below)

- Develop / Update the alumni database. Steve Markley will be responsible for updating the database of AU alumni provided by National. Mike Imms will contact the Director of Greek Life at Drexel and obtain a copy of its database to compare/update the existing data.
- Publish and distribute the DUSAK with a target date of the first publication to be in August or early September, but in any case, prior to the Golf outing. Eric Louden will be responsible for assembling the articles and creating the publication. The first issue will contain an article explaining what happened in 2003 to close down the house. Mike Imms will assist in researching what happened.
- Establish a social committee (possibly to be chaired by Phil Earley) and establish a regular social calendar. Large events may include:
 - Golf Outing to be held in September
 - Casino night
 - Phillies Game
 - Philadelphia Park
 Other smaller events may include a monthly card game
- Tom Hill to provide an accounting of the Treasury status.
- A fund raising program is to be developed to assist in funding the renovations, furniture, scholarships, etc. A chairperson is required for this committee.
- Mike Imms will contact the Alumni from Apple Pi and Theta Chi to get the benefit of their recent experience in re-organization of their chapters.

VI. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 29 at 6:30 PM. If possible, we will try to get access to the Chapter house to hold our next meeting. If it is unusable or unavailable, we will arrange for a meeting room somewhere on Drexel's Campus. Everyone should begin contacting individuals and invite them to the next meeting. At that meeting, a regular meeting schedule will be established.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Tony Noce