

Minutes from OX/BZ Alumni Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Reported by Stefan Scholl, Secretary

Meeting called to Order by Ken Marlin, President at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Ken Marlin, John Ringlein, Stefan Scholl, Gary Schlack, Tim Conroy, Jim Harvin, Ty Damon

Absent: Ken Bachulis, Len Brunkey

Guests: Wes Wicker, Columns Fundraising

Approval of Minutes

President Ken Marlin is in the process of preparing minutes for the February and March meetings for approval.

President's Report

APC scheduled meetings with 32 undergrads who both missed the mandatory alumni/active retreat and failed to sign the housing commitment form. Fourteen undergrads who failed to attend said meetings were suspended by APC from any further active chapter participation. It is hoped that a fully functional CAB in conjunction with mandatory annual retreats will help to ensure that expectations are clearly communicated to prospective new members. APC's job has been substantially completed at this time other than to monitor the performance of lease commitment obligations, the signing of MSU organizational commitment forms and possible participation in any appeals of suspensions.

Vice President's Report (Given by Ken Marlin)

Two alumni conferences in July are available, one for CAB members (July 26-27) and one for Housing Corporation Members (July 12-13).

The **Alumni Corporation Forum** is Theta Chi Fraternity's premier event for Alumni/House Corporation officers. Alumni will travel from around the country to the International Headquarters in Carmel, Indiana for a two day conference and brotherhood retreat on July 12-13, 2019.

Topics covered will include:

Fundraising

Reengaging your Alumni

Trends in the collegiate and fraternal world

Trends in student housing

Insurance

House management and maintenance

Brothers as renters

Building and project management

Questions about this event may be directed toward Chief Housing Officer, Bill Russo at bill@thetachi.org.

The **Chapter Advisers Institute** is Theta Chi Fraternity's premier event for chapter advisers across North America. Alumni will travel from the United States and Canada to the International Headquarters in Carmel, IN, for a two-day conference and brotherhood retreat from July 26-27, 2019.

Topics covered will include:

Trends in the collegiate and fraternal world

Running and effective retreat

Effective advising techniques

Insurance and liability

Theta Chi initiatives

Communicating with collegians

For more information, please contact Zack Brown, Director of Volunteer Development, via email at zbrown@thetachi.org or by phone at 317-848-1856.

Secretary's Report

The house received a misdemeanor noise violation ticket on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11:18 p.m. Apparently brothers were "pregaming" the bars in the pool room with the stereo on and there was a pane of glass missing from one of the windows on the main floor which is apparently why the music was audible from the sidewalk.

Treasurer's Report

- College Chefs Contractual Liability has been resolved for \$15,000, over half of which has already been paid. The Board is very grateful to John Ringlein for his efforts in negotiating a successful resolution of t

CAB Report

CAB Liasion Tim Conroy reported that there have been some organizational problems with certain CAB members not participating. However, Chair Mike Janz is still optimistic and committed to remaining active with the volunteers he has and seeking more active volunteers to participate on CAB.

Alumni Relations Report

- There have been a lot of posts on the Facebook regarding Alumni get-togethers for the Final Four and alumni goodwill is running high at the moment, which will hopefully be a fundraising advantage for us.

Alumni Facilities Manager Report

- The study room has been completed and is a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of Jim Harvin, Ty Damon and others. Approval has been received from

the historical commission for the final phase of the renovation and Jim Harvin is awaiting bids. The final phase will include gutting and rebuilding the third floor, renovation of main floor and some exterior work (replacement of back window and door and basement “dining room” windows). Jim Harvin has met with the undergraduate house manager who is a great kid. It is hoped that the new house manager will help get the actives involved with cleaning up the house. The work will be completed one week before move-in, so there may be an opportunity for an alumni event at the house prior to the start of the fall semester. The Board will review the estimates for approval before the final phase of the project commences.

Columns Fundraising Report

Wes Wicker and David Carico gave a presentation on the capital campaign. There have been two meetings on the capital campaign facilitated by John Ringlein which have been very productive. To date we have received \$316,000 from Jack DeBoer and \$225,000 in contributions and pledges which have come in, not including some contributions pending tax deductible status with the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing. Jim Harvin has done a lot of work obtaining information for their architect. Their board meets in May and our application is awaiting review at that meeting. Wes would like to send out a communication both in print and electronically if and when we receive tax deductible status to try and solicit additional tax deductible contributions for the campaign. Once we get approved, tax deductible contributions should be made payable to SPGH - Theta Chi Michigan State and sent to John Ringlein. The Board will need to discuss the minimum amount of any tax-deductible contributions. Past clients of Columns have established either \$5,000 or \$10,000 as the minimum level of tax deductible gifts. Our next Capital Campaign telephone meeting will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn made by Stefan Scholl, seconded by Ty Damon. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting by Teleconference on **Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**