

Minutes from OX/BZ Alumni Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 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, Len Brunkey

Absent: Ken Bachulis

Guest: Wes Wicker, Columns Fundraising

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve minutes of April 27, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors made by Ty Damon, Seconded by Len Brunkey. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to Approve minutes of April 10, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Directors made by Jim Harvin, Seconded by Ty Damon. Motion approved unanimously.

President's Report

Term has ended and house is emptying out. Need to discuss how to fill house with 34 actives (currently only 30 signed up). Alumni Leadership training in July. Len Brunkey and Ken Bachulis plan on attending.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing major to report. Undergraduate chapter has an upcoming payment of \$5K due with respect to the College Chefs settlement. Currently approximately \$80K in general fund and around \$4K.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

2019-2020 House Occupancy

The issue of the undergraduate chapter not filling the active chapter house (full capacity considered to be 34) was discussed. A wide ranging discussion ensued.

Motion by Ty Damon to charge the Active Chapter for having a full house with 34 members, and if less than 34 live in-house, any deficit to be made up by those brothers living in-house. Jim Harvin offered a friendly amendment that the deficit be made up by all the active brothers. Ty Damon accepted the friendly amendment. Wes Wicker advised that best practice is to have the brothers who choose not to live in the house to make up the revenue short-fall caused by not having a full house. John Ringlein felt the motion was premature as he does not yet have a rental number for 2019-2020 and is not prepared to discuss specific numbers at this time. Ty Damon made a motion to Table his motion which was seconded by John Ringlein. Motion to Table passed unanimously.

Stefan Scholl highlighted the fact that the Board voted unanimously at its November 18, 2018 meeting to offer financial assistance to those brothers wishing to break their leases signed before the Active-Alumni Retreat in order to live in the house for the upcoming year.

Tim Conroy emphasized that we are way behind the curve in terms of the leasing cycle at MSU, in which leases are signed in September and October for the following school year. He believes that we need to get our Spring pledge classes to sign leases for the school year beginning the following year, e.g., Spring '19 pledges should be required to sign leases for the '20-21 school year.

It was discussed that Fall '18 and Spring '19 pledges should be required to sign leases for '20-21 in August. 31 total actives from the Spring '18, Fall '18 and Spring 19' classes have not yet lived in the house and will not be living in the house for the 19-20' school year.

Motion by Stefan Scholl, seconded by Jim Harvin that those undergrads from Fall '17, Spring '18, Fall '18 and Spring 19' who have not yet lived in the house and will not be living in the house for the '19-'20 school either sign leases to live in the house for the '20-'21 school during the next leasing cycle (this Fall) or face suspension. This is an advisory vote to give the APC guidance as to how to proceed with respect to the house vacancy issue.

Capital Improvement Project

Six potential ticket "warnings" received from the City of East Lansing for couches thrown out by the dumpster at move out. Contractor showed up early with an additional dumpster for demo and Jack Bachulis disposed of refuse in additional dumpster, potentially saving us from receiving tickets. Condition of the house was very good for a move-out. Demolition and renovations to commence. Damages to individual rooms will be repaired by contractor and billed to the active chapter.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim Harvin, seconded by Len Brunkey, passed unanimously.

Next Capital Campaign Meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Next Board Meeting by teleconference scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.