Minutes from Beta Zeta Alumni Meeting

BZ OX Dining Room Saturday October 21, 2017 9:30- 10:30am

Reported by Ken Marlin

Meeting begins at 9:30am with Ken Marlin, Len Brunkey, Jim Harvin, John Ringlein, Mike Janz, Tom Van Antwerp, Tim Conroy, Dave Bedells, Ty Damon, Stefan Scholl Not present were Eric Peterson, Ken Bachulis, and Mike Turco. Also in attendance: 32 voting alumni in good standing and 45 undergraduate brothers.

1. President’s Report: David Bedells and John Ringlein. Presented accomplishments of the past year. Rechartering on April 30, 2017. The seating of a 9 member board in October 2016, rewriting of our bylaws, reestablishing Corporation status, paying of back taxes, reestablishment of Delphic Endowment, launching of Project 453 phase 1 and 2, sending 4 alumni to the Alumni Leadership Conference in July reestablishing our connection to National from an alumni perspective. All in all a momentous year to say the least.
2. Jim Harvin and Ty Damon present the accomplishments of Project 453 phase 1 and plans for phase 2. Jim announced he had submitted the 32 page application to Norwich Housing for a loan to cover renovation costs until the Capital Campaign kicks in to cover these costs. Phase 1 cost just over $100,000 and was covered with funds from the Delphic Endowment and one major donation of $66,000.
3. John Ringlein and Jim Harvin discussed the Capital Campaign itself. The Board hired columns fundraising to develop a feasibility study of our 1,300+ living alumni. It has been determined that we are as a group successful and philanthropic. The key is to garner trust that the Alumni Corporation can execute the necessary leadership to complete the renovation project and keep the active chapter and house in good condition. That money contributed is well spent. Cost of the renovation is estimated at $500 – 800,000. This amount is deemed to be achievable by Columns
4. Brian Case the director of our Chapter Advisory Board gave a brief presentation. Essentially mentors to the undergrads, these alumni are a major example of how engagement by alumni with the undergrads will assure that investing in the house is sound. The undergraduates are no longer on “autopilot.”
5. John Ringlein presented the Alumni financial report. We have $12,000 in the bank. No debt. All bills are paid all rents have been collected. A sound footing with which to proceed with Project 453 phase 2 and the necessary Capital Campaign to fund it.
6. Delphic Endowment Fund Report: Jim Harvin. Much was spent down this year to finance Project 453 Phase 1. New main sewer drain, new 300 gallon hot water retention tank, new third floor deck, rebuilt front balcony, remodeled foyer and guest bathroom. Remodeled dining room. There is still $10,000 in this fund, but it will be the vehicle in which Capitol Campaign funds will be collected and dispersed.
7. Open Questions. Gage Wakula asked about the expenditure of $22,000 for the Capital Campaign feasibility study. Jim Harvin explained the connection between Columns Fundraising and Theta Chi and the 38 years experience Wes Wicker has as a professional fund raiser. There can be no question that a motivated third party will have far more success collecting capital funds from our BZ alumni than any current member. Project 453 phase 1 and 2 is a 30-50 year fix to our beloved fraternity house. Spending $22,000 to collect $1 million dollars or more in the Boards’ judgment is money well spent.
8. Election of 3 new board members:

Ken Bachulis, Mike Turco and Stefan Scholl were overwhelmingly elected to three year terms on the board. Ken Marlin, Mike Janz and David Bedells enter their second year of two year terms. Tim Conroy, Len Brunkey, and John Ringlein enter the second year of their three year terms. Jim Harvin and Ty Damon stay on as advisers to the board. Gage Wakula and Mark Lund each received one write in vote to the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Assignments from this meeting:

1. The new board is to meet directly after to select officers they are as follows:

President: Mike Janz Vice President: Ken Marlin Secretary: Stefan Scholl

Treasurer: John Ringlein Alumni House Mgr.: Ken Bachulis

Alumni Relations: Len Brunkey CAB Liaison: Tim Conroy

Members at large: Mike Turco and David Bedells

It was decided Monthly BOD conference calls will be the 2nd Thursday at 7pm

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Marlin

Next conference call is scheduled for Thursday November 8, 2017 7pm

Three Face to face meetings per year (Winter, Spring and at start of Academic year).

Alumni Meeting Saturday October 6, 2018 9:30-10:30am During Homecoming.

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