

Minutes from ΘX/BZ Alumni Board Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. - Teleconference

Reported by Stefan Scholl, Secretary

Meeting called to Order by Ken Marlin, Vice-President at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Ken Marlin, John Ringlein, Stefan Scholl, Len Brunkey, Mike Turco, Ken Bachulis (late), Tim Conroy

Absent: Mike Janz, David Bedells

Guests: Jim Harvin, Wes Wicker, David Carico

1. President's Report: Mike Janz submitted his resignation as president of the board which was accepted by Officers Ken Marlin, John Ringlein and Stefan Scholl. The Board Officers thanked Mike Janz for his service and congratulated him on all of the accomplishments of the Board under his leadership.
2. Vice-President's Report: Ken Marlin, National Liaison, spoke with Tara at Theta Chi headquarters regarding the complaint they received regarding an incident at the house involving undergraduate Matt Smith. The alleged incident apparently involved a scuffle at the house during which a female was allegedly struck by someone. The female apparently is not even an MSU student. Her father is very upset and has threatened to report this matter to the IFC and MSU Office of Greek Affairs. At this point, it does not appear as though there were any injuries or that police report has been made. There is no indication that a lawyer has been retained or that legal action is being contemplated. Our insurance company has been notified about the alleged incident and the Board will be taking no official action regarding the alleged incident at this time.

The Theta Chi National Convention will take place in Las Vegas from July 27-31, 2018. Ken Marlin and Len Brunkey are tentatively planning to attend, along with undergraduate member Drew Jones. We need another undergrad to attend, if possible. John Ringlein may also be interested in attending. If any other Board members are possibly interested in attending contact Ken Marlin as soon as possible.

3. Capital Campaign: Wes Wicker and David Carico from Columns Fundraising gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming Capital Campaign. They are finishing up additional interviews and will update the feasibility study accordingly, but no change in the conclusions already presented are anticipated. Wes and David emphasized the importance that all Board members support the Capital Campaign financially. The goal is 100% participation from the Board. Also, the Board will need to brain-storm plans for the campaign kickoff.
4. Approval of March 8, 2018 Minutes.

MOTION: John Ringlein made a motion, supported by Len Brunkey, that the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 teleconference meeting of the Board be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report: John Ringlein. National dues are getting quickly paid down. The failure to pay national dues does not appear to have been intentional, but rather simply a lack of organization and communication among the undergraduates. Undergrad Treasurer Jack Bachulis is getting things organized and it is anticipated that national dues payments will be much improved next year as dues will be collected at the beginning of the year/semester. The chapter insurance bill from last fall has been paid and we are close to resolution of the bill for damages to the house for which the undergraduates are responsible. John indicated that he is feeling much better about outstanding financial issues with the undergraduate chapter.
6. CAB: Len Brunkey and Tim Conroy. The CAB members are pleased with the fact that the undergraduate chapter is getting caught up financially with all damage costs and national dues. The social probation should be lifted as soon as all financial obligations have been met. Len Brunkey discussed better organization and scheduling of the pledge program with the alumni board liaison at Theta Chi national fraternity and it is hoped that improvements can be made to the scheduling of the pledge program in the fall. All board members agreed to authorize John Ringlein and Tim Conroy to lift the social probation as soon as all financial obligations have been met. The pledges went active Monday night after several postponements.
7. Alumni Relations: Len Brunkey. Len is processing contact information updates from the most recent email blast. Len is looking forward to more communications with Alumni in the future. Approximately \$300.00 in dues has been received from the most recent email blast.
8. Alumni Facility Manager: Ken Bachulis. Ken performed a walk through of the house 1½ weeks ago. As Cory has been unresponsive, there is no estimate yet to fix the foyer window. When Ken toured the house it was picked up and relatively clean.
9. Capital Campaign: Jim Harvin. Jim was very pleased to report that with the valuable assistance of Mike Turco he was able to pick up a quit claim deed today necessary to clear up a cloud on title which could have prevented us from obtaining financing for the capital improvements to the house. The Board is very appreciative of all of Mike's efforts in this regard. At this time everything is in place for the financing of the project. Jim has cost estimates for all phases of the capital campaign project as follows:

Summer 18: ADA ramp, sidewalk and new door, and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations - \$258,000.00; Kitchen improvements - \$10,000.00

Winter 18/19: 1<sup>st</sup> floor remodeling including new study room, guest bathroom, and remainder of living room along with back stairs - \$148,000.00

Summer 19: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovations - \$212,000.00

John Barkham has pledged \$35,000.00 towards the project and a meeting with Jack DeBoer is being scheduled hopefully to take place within the next month.

10. Mike Janz Resignation. By acclamation, the board thanked Ken Marlin for filling in as President in Mike Janz's absence and asked him if he would be willing to serve out the remainder of Mike's term as President. Ken agreed and indicated that he would also like to remain as Vice-President and national fraternity liaison.

MOTION: Len Brunkey made a motion, supported by John Ringlein, that Ken Marlin be appointed interim President until the next board elections are held. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Stefan Scholl made a motion to adjourn, supported by Len Brunkey. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m. Respectfully submitted: Stefan Scholl, Secretary

Next regular Board meeting scheduled for May 10th at 7:00 p.m. by teleconference.

Next Annual Meeting of Members - Homecoming, Saturday, 10/6/2018 at 9:30 a.m.