

Minutes from OX/BZ Alumni Board Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Reported by Stefan Scholl, Secretary

Meeting called to Order by Mike Janz, President at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Ken Marlin

Guests: Jim Harvin

1. Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2017 and the Special Board Meeting of November 22, 2017 reviewed. Motion to approve by Janz, seconded by Bachulis, passed unanimously.
2. President's Report: Mike Janz would prefer not to chair any committees and is looking for volunteers to chair the Strategic Planning Committee and the Committee to place historical items in the showcases.
3. Alumni Relations Report: Len Brunkey indicated that thank you letters have been sent to all members who have contributed since homecoming. Follow-up membership dues collection letters are being sent out to solicit payment of membership dues/donations from those who have not yet contributed. Len indicated he would like to keep Alumni informed as to the activities of the undergraduate chapter, including the names of new pledges, new actives, EC bios, current events, etc. Board members expressed support for this idea.
4. Treasurer's Report: John Ringlein reported that all fall rent has been paid by the undergraduate chapter. Dues keep coming in from alumni members. 101 alumni have paid their dues since July 1, 2017, totaling \$12,567.00. A housing survey of the undergrads was conducted and while not statistically significant, the results were deemed important to determine whether doubles or triples would be rentable when the house is renovated. The survey found the following: (1) singles are not absolutely necessary; (2) there is a strong desire for some level of food service at the house; (3) while the undergrads would love to have some meals available at the house, they don't necessarily want to have a steward.
5. CAB Report: Tim Conroy reported that Brian Case attended an alcohol awareness meeting with the national fraternity and all CAB Presidents regarding alcohol awareness and student safety. The Alumni Board needs to take ownership of house maintenance issues which are not CAB's areas of responsibility. There was a discussion regarding the proper roles of CAB and the Alumni Board, and it was agreed to table the discussion until the January meeting, when said discussion can take place in person.
6. Alumni Facility Manager Report: Ken Bachulis reported that the insurance company did a walk-thru of the house on November 14th and identified nine issues requiring attention. It is hoped that some of these issues can be addressed at the time of the renovation project. Jim Harvin agreed to work with Ken Bachulis to help coordinate completion of the items needing attention, along with any necessary house repairs. Armstrong is

denying responsibility for the basement floor odor issues. A discussion was made regarding what improvements to the house require approval. It was discussed that if the Board has already approved a budget for repairs, the Alumni Facility Manager should be able to proceed with such repairs without the need to obtain additional approvals. It was discussed that the undergrads need to pay for the repair of any damages caused by them.

7. Delphic Fund Trustee Report: Jim Harvin reported that renovations to the guest bathroom on the dining room level and expanded laundry room facilities will be undertaken over winter break. The financing for the renovation project is moving slowly at best. The submission for the bridge financing request is finally being reviewed at this time and will be reported on at the January meeting. The upstairs renovation project will not be starting until April. All funds to date for renovations have been spent by the Delphic Endowment Fund, which is exclusively controlled by the Trustees of the Delphic Endowment Fund: Jim Harvin and John Ringlein. The Alumni Board has already approved the renovation plans and the scope of the renovation project. However, the Alumni Board will ultimately need to decide whether to move forward with the renovation project. The Alumni Board should be able to get bridge financing in place by April if it decides to proceed forward with the project, which could then be turned into mortgage financing, if necessary. On an unrelated note, Jim is looking into the idea of setting up an alumni IFC group at MSU. Mike Janz and Jim Harvin have met with the director of Greek activities at MSU and are willing to work on organizing an alumni IFC group at MSU with board support. Board members expressed their support for this idea.
8. 2nd Amendment to Delphic Endowment Fund Trust Agreement. Jim Harvin requested that the Delphic Endowment Fund Trust Agreement be amended to include as a proper expenditure of funds "fundraising expenses as may be approved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Corporation of Beta Zeta Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity". Motion made by Mike Janz and seconded by John Ringlein to approve the amendment passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted: Stefan Scholl, Secretary

Next Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the chapter house in East Lansing, MI

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