

# Senenmut Alumni Association Of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes



**Second Quarter Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: March 4th, 2023**

**Meeting Time: 10:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Hayes Hall and/or Conference Call**

**Call to Order:** Brother Will Van Deusen motions to call the meeting to order at 10:45pm. Seconded by Brother Imhoff.

**Roll Call:** (Those present at the meeting)

- **President**
  - Brother Will Van Deusen
- **Vice President**
  - Brother Justina Zifchock
- **Treasurer**
  - Brother Kyle Vliet
- **Secretary**
  - Brother Brianna Booth
- **Director at Large**
  - Brother Kelsey Imhoff
- **Other**
  - Brother Nahshon Jagroop
  - Brother Margaret Scaglione
  - Brother Andrea Hunt
  - Brother Greg Martin
  - Brother Louis Rosario
  - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia
  - Brother Victoria Corners
  - Brother Stephen Jeffery
  - Brother Garrett Brown

- **Brother Brian Kwong**
- **Brother Danielle Kwong**

**Officer Reports:**

● **President**

- National Updates:
  - Transition to GreekTrack everyone has to claim their account
    - Your account is already created you just have to claim it
    - It links you to the Senenmut Alumni Association already and you can use it to also find jobs and what not
    - Not sure how much we will use greek track vs. our own website
      - Greek track can do all that we do on our current website which does need updating
  - Alumni Director role Eliminated
    - All reports and Financial reports were submitted prior to convention
    - thus we are in good standing
- Convention Update:
  - 74th Convention, Virtual, March 10th -12th, 2022
    - Quorum was not met, so convention was unable to be held
    - All motions were pushed to this years convention
  - 75th Convention: Nashville, February 23-26, 2023
    - Brother Zifchock served as our delegate
      - 5 alumni and 13 collegiate Senenmut brothers attended
    - Discussion of motions
      - most motions were approved
      - 1st motion was to change colonies to charter in all documentation as it is not politically correct
        - will be a committee nationally to change it in all documents and also go through it with diversity equity and inclusion in mind.

- if your interested in joining that committee contact the worthy grand lecturer
- all other motions were more administrative
- virtual rituals will no longer be a thing everything to now be in person
- next convention is in Omaha Nebraska in 2024
- Discussion of National Elections
  - WGAA is Brother Zack Borell
  - WGS is Brother Scaglione
- Convention report to be provided
- Alpha Rho Chi Foundation
  - Amazon Smiles has been suspended
  - Managed Fund update
    - The Managed fund is a pool of money that we can pull from
    - we can have a professional event and the money can go into the managed fund
- Vice President
  - Chapter Update
    - They are in the jump start but are about to graduate this spring
    - Brother Hannah Ruthis WAA
      - We are starting from scratch basically
      - all new brothers are young so it's like starting a brand new chapter but we were able to grow in numbers and do ritual
      - now that they have brothers they were able to bring back the committees, which are holding events ( Professional, philanthropy, Brotherhood)
      - Atelier is in progress so they are working on sponsoring the pecha kucha event
- Treasurer
  - Banks Total Balance is at \$ 2,871
  - Paying dues members: 21 (2022), 20\* (2023)

- \* does not include brothers on “recurring payments’, but waiting to confirm with Brother Frank Bayerbach that the website issue of charging \$25/yr is being fixed before including this number: though the count is at 5 brothers
- Financial Update
  - Final Report from previous FY (July 2021- June 2022)
  - Status of 2022 FY (July 2022- June 2023) (current FY)
- Proposed Budget for 2023 FY (July 2023- June 2024)
- discussion
  - that's a deficit of 300 dollars
    - yes but we underestimated the amount of dues we will probably receive
    - it is hard to project what dues we will receive as we have received 750 but this year we received 490 which we are thinking that's because we are coming out of a pandemic and involvement is low because we could not do events
    - if we are projecting a lose already shouldn't we come up with a plan so we don't spend all our savings
    - We are looking into doing more Fundraising to help out and donations are always welcome
    - white rose could be an event that we fundraise and do more outreach as well
    - your first year in the AA is free so next year we will have 4 more paying alumni
    - maybe gently nudge everyone to pay due through a text message
      - maybe groupme can gently tap people and say hey your dues are due
    - can we do fundraising and collect more money through greektrack ... can we do a 6 month financial report so everyone can be like oh we are short 50 bucks let me donate
      - maybe send out the end of year report in July to update everyone
  - the 2022 budget

- with the added rituals and pin ins we have been helping out a lot more so that's why we are upping that budget for the next year
- in 2023 we have 23 brothers paying dues
- working on updating the paypal to get the right amount of money a year since the change
- scholarship where is the money coming from
  - if we had a foundation fund that brought in money all year long as a campaign to pay the scholarship so its not coming out of our bank account
- Managed fund
  - do we have to have a balance in the fund to pull from it
    - no but there is a recommended value as when you pull it takes interest which is why they suggest to have X amount of money depending on how much you want to pull out
    - managed fund can also be written off in your taxes where the account can not
- motion to approve dues at 30 a year and 100 for 4 years unless we want to raise dues, due to last discussion
  - we just raised dues last meeting so maybe we should give it a chance for all those who had 5 year plans to start paying the new system
  - raising dues now would just be a quick fix and not a long term solution like a campaign would
- motion to approve dues at 30 a year and 100 for 4 years
  - seconded by Brother Scaglione
  - all in favor -13
  - opposed- 0
  - abstain- 1
  - Motion passes

- Brother Rosario wants to run a campaign so anyone that interested in helping then reach out to Brother Rosario and in our July meeting we can have another report
  - if this is a formal committee does that mean we need to come to meetings and vote on everything we do
    - only if it affects everyone do we need to come to this meeting like change in dues but otherwise you can come into our Eboard meetings and get approval if need be for anything else
- motion to approve 2023 budget
- seconded by Brother Hunt
  - approve -12
  - opposed -0
  - abstained- 0
  - Motion Passes
- We did fall for a phishing scheme during the fall so we did lose 620 dollars so please be careful and double check all emails or any communications. we all have each others numbers so please check with everyone before sending any money
- we have to double check nationals has filed our taxes or if we need to do that
- **Secretary**
  - all minutes have been uploaded to the website
  - scholarship
    - we have been talking about bringing it back as it we haven't given it out recently and weather or not it's a interview process rather than a application if you are interested in helping with that weather it is a coming up with questions or sitting on a interview panel please reach out to Brother Booth
- **Director at Large**
  - We have 4 new members since the last annual meeting
  - We did have people try to sign up that were not part of APX but we love the enthusiasm
  - any new members remind your friends to sign up
  - with greek track everyone that is part of APX has an account but greek track has different status such as

were brothers, signed up for the association, and then those that have been paying dues so we can keep track of all of that

### Old Business:

- Our website is very outdated and needs updating but we paused as greektrack was just starting to be up and running. we still plan to have our website but we are trying to figure out to what extent we still use our website for and we will update accordingly
- Brother Bayerbach runs the website now but if anyone is interested in helping him reach out to eboard and we can get you in touch with him

### New Business:

- table talks
  - biggest one yet with 24 firms
    - Was held on March 8th from 5pm to 8pm
    - speakers are a panel of two architects and their clients
      - super proud of everything that has been put into table talks it has taken off which is so impressive
        - table talks has been going on for 7 years where firms coming to met students and see whats going on in the school and students get to see whats going on with local firms and possibly decide to stay in buffalo after graduation and then there is a lecture so students can see some of the really cool things happening in the area.
    - UB alumni came to us to ask us if there was anything they can do and reached out to other alumni about it
- Elections
  - Presidents
    - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia (Nominated by Brother Scaglione)
      - he has always kept his ties with us even after moving away and has been on our Eboard before
      - has the enthusiasm and he has matured since college and can bring all this knowledge and experience to the job
      - think he has a strong passion for whatever he is involved with and make a great president



Move to elect Brother D'Ambrosia by acclimation seconded by Brother Jeffery

- Secretary
  - Brother Brianna Booth (Nominated by Brother Will Van Deusen)
    - Currently secretary and is doing a great job she caught up on years worth of minutes and wants to bring back the scholarship
    - move to elect Brother Booth by acclimation seconded by Brother Imhoff

- Next Year's Meeting
  - Normally suggest a winter and a summer date but there are pros and cons to both
- motion to make the next annual meeting April 13th 2024
- unanimous

**Suggestions for betterment of the fraternity/informal discussion:**

- running out of fun event ideas so if have any ideas please let us know
- if you have more ideas or want to be more involved reach out don't be afraid we want to hear them
- as part of atelier they are bringing back the dodgeball event and alumni are allowed to sign up so lets make a team
- swore in Chris D'ambrosia as President

**Adjournment:** Brother Will Van Deusen motions to close the closed meeting at 12:36pm.

Seconded by Brother Imhoff