

Senenmut Alumni Association Of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc.
First Quarter Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 11, 2017

Meeting Time: 8:00 pm EST

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Call to Order: Brother Rebecca Elder motions to call the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EST. Seconded by Brother Nahshon Jagroop.

Roll Call:

- **President**
 - Brother Rebecca Elder
- **Vice President**
 - Brother Nahshon Jagroop
- **Secretary**
 - Brother Cassie Yochum
- **Director at Large**
 - Brother Keith Short
- **Treasurer**
 - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia
- **Communications Director**
 - Not Present
- **Other**
 - None

Officer Reports:

- **President**
 - Brother Rebecca Elder has been updated by Brother Margaret Scaglione on which brothers are working on projects for the alumni association.
 - Taxes were filed on March 1st
 - The National deadline was March 15th
 - Drafts for the privacy policy will be sent by Brother Margaret Scaglione. They will be discussed more thoroughly during the next annual meeting.
- **Vice President**
 - The Chapter's Ritual is April 28th to 29th
 - There are currently 8 pledges and midterm review has just happened.
 - We should try to reinforce the idea that pledges should be reaching out to non-local brothers too for interviews.

- Next fall, we should talk to both the Ritual Director and the Pledgemaster.
 - Brother Nahshon Jagroop has created a Ritual Lunch Menu google document that handles the order of lunch.
 - Based on budget, the Ritual Director can update and pick based on food allergies, weather, and location.
 - Chapter liaison now has password and username which gives them access to our database.
 - We should have local alumni and chapter liaison have meeting with graduating alumni in order to help with the transition into the AA
- **Secretary**
 - Minutes from the annual meeting were received last week and are being edited. They will be posted by the end of next week.
 - Minutes on the private end of our webpage, Margaret usually sends them out via email.
 - Periodic updates will be started up again.
- **Director at Large**
 - New people have participated in alumni events.
- **Treasurer**
 - 35 brothers have paid for the year out of 52 brothers. This means we are at 66%
 - Brother D'Ambrosia is worried that only 8 brothers did 5 year payment option and that only 5 brothers are signed up for automatic payments.
 - We need to try to convince brothers to pay in for the long run
 - We should send out reminders more often.
 - There is a link to send out reminders, but are we utilizing it enough?
 - The link currently sends it out to every brother. We need to find out if there is a way to tailor it to just email brothers who need to pay or who's payment period is about to let up.
 - Is there a way to make it so that your private log-in shows expiration date?
 - Filed taxes and filled out the I-90 form
 - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia checked with IRS and found out that the last day to file taxes is 5 months after our declared fiscal year, Feb 25 (same date as the founding of our chapter)

Committee Reports

- **Communications Director**
 - Brother Will Van Deusen and Julia Ramirez are currently running the Newsletter. They will be trying to release publications more frequently.

- The next is expected to be released in mid-June
- **Active Chapter Liaison**
 - None.
- **Webmaster**
 - If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, pitch it to Brother Frank Bayerbach

Old Business:

- Scholarship for Active Chapter
 - Brother Cassie Yochum received update from Lisa today. She is using the basis of her own company's scholarship requirements to make ours:
 - Copy of Grades, Resume, Essay
 - The essay example has the applicant answer 2 questions: What does it mean to be a good citizen? Why is a college experience important to me?
 - We should create our own essay questions.
 - Will has worked separately on the project
 - We can create a committee. It helps avoid bias and involves more alumni.
- Philanthropy
 - Relay for Life: 10 days left to raise money
 - Brother Cassie Yochum didn't want to take over event, and only suggested fundraising ideas that would involve both Alumni and Actives. They were not followed through by active chapter.
 - Alumni were just supposed to be support and advice; the actives were too reliant and misunderstood idea.
- Alpha Rho Chi Medal
 - People don't know what it is, so AA should be more involved to speak more about it give it the recognition it deserves.
 - We need to ask if there are rules against presenting the medal.
 - This means reaching out to faculty and encouraging them to nominate individuals.
 - Becca, Will, Randy will create a mini-presentation draft.
 - Each architectural program is different; those that would like to approach the faculty will should to come up with their own presentations or speeches.
 - AA & UB Faculty will approve of presenter for graduation.
 - Any alumni brothers should be able to create a speech which will then be given to the Alumni Association and UB Faculty to vote upon for approval.

New Business:

- Brother Garrett Brown needs to give convention report
 - We need to try and push for more people to go for the convention delegate position.
 - Location and expense are huge issues when it comes to this issue.
- Alumni Weekend:
 - Table Talks: We need to start enlisting more firms to bring in next year
 - We should start looking now and come up with a list to discuss at the next meeting.
 - We planned for 6 firms, but ended up with 5. We should reach out to more alumni brothers in order to get their firms involved so we can raise more money.
 - We may see more interest if brothers are representing their firms and if we have brothers from other cities come in to present.
 - We should involve planning, real-estate, and additional organizations so we can attract more individuals.
 - Date will be same weekend as alumni weekend
- Concern: Social media
 - Instagram Post: we should be professional about what we post
 - There should always be professionalism within our online content
 - Non-brothers look at the account. This includes firms as well as other individuals
 - The E-board should send out a friendly reminder of professionalism
- Revising Bylaws & Positions
 - There is still a lot of overlap, Brother Margaret Scaglione was working on it before, but we should continue working on it.
- Negative impact of being overly involved with the actives
 - Active brothers are feeling exasperated by the behavior of some alumni.
 - We need to push the actives to try and leave relationships behind if they are experiencing an issue with Alumni.
 - This issue was mentioned in annual meeting nothing has changed
 - Maybe have other local Alumni approach or monitor the situation.
- Rochester Day:
 - Chris Brandt gave tour
 - We should follow the example of APX NY and have an AlumniMutt event in New York City.
 - These events provide good networking and connection between brothers
 - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia will make sure the communication chairs are involved in planning.

Suggestions for betterment of the fraternity/informal discussion:

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- Vitruvius White & Annual Alumni Association Meeting
 - Brother D'Ambrosia saw that their AA had both older alumni and younger brothers being involved.
 - Vitruvius is trying to work on involving people in their AA
 - We should give our own members things to do to keep them involved through the creation of tasks, committees, or by asking for suggestions
 - We should make a better effort to reach out to Alumni Members to make sure they can be involved.
- Philanthropy Log
 - Brother Yochum will create a monthly log of different philanthropic events happening in Buffalo.
 - This way anyone who wants to do more philanthropy can, and can create their own groups with less pressure to do the event.
 - Brother Cassie Yochum will share this log with the active Philanthropy Chair
 - The list will be updated monthly and will be sent out with periodic updates
- Happy Founders Day!!

Adjournment: Brother Rebecca Elder motions to close the closed meeting at 9:30 am/pm EST. seconded by Brother Nahshon Jagroop.

