



Pi Lambda Phi • PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Call to order

President, Mike Naegele, called the meeting of the PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association eBoard meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Michael's Grill & Bar at Westover Country Club.

Roll Call

Mike Naegele, Jim Kelsh, Shawn Mahoney, Bob Arthur, and undergraduates Ron Jenkins and Sean Harvey

Officer Reports

President – Mike Naegele reported that in spite of a positive tone of the last meeting with the Dean of Students and staff, that our follow-up proposal to potentially re-establish the chapter in 2008 had been rejected, quite likely without being seriously considered. This development was met with some shock and concern by eBoard members who expected a more conciliatory approach from the University administration based on the tone of the last meeting.

Gary Sanders would follow up with correspondence and a possible counter proposal. Gary was contemplating alternative avenues of negotiation (an “end around”) by the IHQ and alumni association.

Vice president – Jim Kelsh recommended a mailing asking brothers to participate in a letter-writing campaign to the President as a way to potentially to change university's hard-line stance. It was agreed that this was a good idea, but we may want to wait for the IHQ follow-up response, to see if that produces results.

Secretary – Shawn Mahoney informed the eBoard that one collection of back debt in the amount of \$380 was received as a result of the deadbeat letters sent last month. One or two others responded, questioning the amount of their debt.

The website received over 500 visits in October and more than 30% of the visits were a direct result of emails sent to alumni. Over 20 brothers used PayPal on the website to pay for Kovner and the tailgate. Several emails to “guilt” brothers into attending the banquet had been sent, but attendance was looking slim.

Old Business

A. Kovner Preparation

- Responses were still trickling in. Expected attendance for Kovner was around 40 alumni and ten undergraduates. The alumni included brothers from as far back as 1953.
- All preparations with the Holiday Inn were complete. Bob would make adjustments as necessary at the banquet.
- Tailgate arrangements were complete. Approximately 15-20 brothers and friends were expected to attend.

- Mike Naegele agreed to emcee the banquet.
- Bob Arthur would contact potential speakers and presenters. Shawn Mahoney made recommendations based on class and background.
- The vendor we selected to provide hats and cups could not deliver products on time. At the banquet we would allow brothers to pre-order hats. Mike made a number of personal calls and emails and expected several brothers to verify their attendance before the banquet.
- Shawn would print out and bring a final attendee list, name badges and additional collateral material the day of the banquet.
- Shawn hired a photographer.
- Shawn would provide the script/agenda sometime on Friday.
- Ron Jenkins brought payment for several brothers and identified a few more who would attend.
- Ron Jenkins would be called on to give an undergraduate “state of the chapter” report
- Undergraduate awards were delivered to Bob Arthur by Mike Mollen. Alumnus Dean Sizemore informed Bob that he would like an opportunity to quote the trophies at a greatly reduced price.

B. House Renovation

- Mike Naegele asked Ron Jenkins to go to City Hall to find out whatever he could about back taxes and a rumored Sheriff sale.

New Business

C. Undergraduate chapter

- Rex, Ron Jenkins reported that the chapter was becoming more organized as the semester progressed. They were holding meetings on a somewhat regular basis.
- Ron was eager to find out the official status of the chapter from the perspective of the IHQ and alumni association. He was informed that the chapter is essentially “on hold” as negotiations continue.
- The undergraduates were eager to pledge in the Spring, but would abide by any ruling from the IHQ or Alumni Association.
- Ron relayed that some of the undergraduates were displeased with collections letters they received. The eBoard pointed out that we were using undergraduate accounting records as their baseline. Disputes on the amounts owed by undergraduates would receive full consideration based on documentation, payment history and reputation of the brother in question.
- Apparently one undergrad, showing complete disregard for the alumni and Pi Lam tradition, scheduled a party on the same night as the banquet.

Deliverables

Naegele – Bring purple cups to tailgate.

Mahoney – Bring attendee list, nametags, 50/50 tix, pens, laptop, handouts, promotional material to banquet.

Arthur – Contact potential speakers. Iron out last-minute banquet details.

Jenkins – Find out information on back taxes of the house.

Adjournment



Shawn E. Mahoney
 Secretary, PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association
 October 9, 2007