

Senenmut Alumni Association Of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc.

Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes



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Meeting Date: Jan 14, 2024

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Call to Order: Brother Chris D'Ambrosia motions to call the meeting to order at 11:12 AM. Seconded by Brother Vliet.

Roll Call: (Those present at the meeting)

- **President**
 - Brother Chris D'Ambrosia
- **Vice President**
 - Brother Justina Zifchock
- **Treasurer**
 - Brother Kyle Vliet
- **Secretary**
 - Brother Brianna Booth
- **Director at Large**
- **Other**

Officer Reports:

- **President**
 - Inform the board of upcoming schedule
 - 76th National Convention is on Thu April 4th to 7th in Omaha, Nebraska
 - Senenmut AA Annual meeting is scheduled for Sat April 13th in Buffalo (to coincide with Founder's Day)
 - Positions up for election are Vice President, Treasurer, Director-At-Large. Nominations can be received at any time prior to the meeting
 - Any motions to amend the by-laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 30 days prior (March 14th, 2024).

- should do a graduating happy hour that weekend since we have a lot of graduating seniors and everyone will be here that weekend
 - Maybe we have a small welcome pack to give them to give them more info on what the Alumni Association does.
 - We have a letter currently that we give out with a white rose.
- Summary of call with Brother Zach Borell, WGA on 11/8
 - We were 1 of 2 AA's that filed out their form in a timely manner
 - Just wanted to know what we do and how we are doing and they seemed to be impressed with how much we do.
 - need to send them our dissolution clause
 - Pushing for us to use greek track more
- The President intends to send an email to the general membership outlining the upcoming elections, convention and annual meeting. The President is seeking input from the board and social media coordination prior to sending
- **Vice President**
 - The active chapter is doing well and are really active
 - There biggest hurdle is 20 out of the 30 brothers are graduating
 - They had there elections and they have a whole new Eboard and a new alumni lesion and not sure who it is
 - Now have several muslim brothers and in our ritual there are several areas where you need to kneel but in the muslim religion you can not kneel in front of anyone other than god so we made an exception to have them sit but it's probably something that needs to be a bigger conversation at convention to make the ritual more inclusive .
 - Yeah, let's set up a meeting with Margaret and the chapter and see what our best approach is and if we still have time to submit a motion.
 - they get back to school Jan. 24th but we can meet with them beforehand
 - maybe we set it up for the first week in february

- **Treasurer**

- Banks Total Balance is at \$ 3,925.94
- we reimbursed Brian for ritual
 - How does that compare to our budget?
 - we do not really have a line item in the budget it's usually around 100 dollars
 - as they get bigger and food gets more expensive than we need to figure it out
 - let's give them a flat rate or even a amount per brother
 - lets bring it up at the annual meeting
 - if we give them a fixed amount we don't have to coordinate the lunch either as it seems to be difficult for the one Alumni Brother that is there with them
 - It was a lot cheaper when we did breakfast for them but now that it's lunch it is starting to get out of control but we still want to support them.
 - it's also hard because ritual is in a different location every year and then there isn't always a kitchen to cook
 - we have 16 dues paying brothers through 2025
 - we get a outline of the managed fund at convention and figure out more about it to bring it up at the annual meeting

- **Secretary**

- Minutes have been uploaded

- **Director at Large**

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Old Business:

- One Gabriella Madrid signed up on the website, EBoard to vote on her membership
 - Do we know who this is? Figure out who this is before we vote.
 - Nick Jansen asked to join when he was an active but he did just graduate so we need to look into what happens with that, is he just sitting in the system or if he needs to sign up again.
- Discuss Foundation Fund Committee, as I understand it Brother Vliet sent Brother Louis Rosario our information so he could meet with Brother Margaret Scaglione. Does anyone know anything that came of that?
 - they met but we don't know if anything came out of it.

New Business:

- Table talks are March 13th and we have a speaker coming to talk about the west side bizarre and they will be catering the event and all the leftover funds will go to the scholarship fund.
 - will not be on the schools calendar of events this year but it will be in the University Calendar. The University is very impressed by it and wanted to know if we need anything and how we get alumni to participate.
 - it's getting so big we asked to have a bigger space or if we have to have a hard cut off point.
 - Did you need anything from us?
 - not as of now just eventually the payment for food.
- The EBoard will need to seek applicants & appoint a convention delegate for Omaha. This will have to happen before our annual meeting. The Delegate would be an appointed position in this case, established by a majority vote by EBoard
 - let's say a date to meet before the annual meeting to figure out delegate and get ready for the annual meeting
 - deadline to be the first week of february with the chapter and then decide on the delegate so we don't have to meet twice before then.
- The EBoard will need to establish a venue for the annual meeting and brunch. The President suggests that EBoard prepare the following items for the annual meeting, open to discussion
 - We could use UB or someone's firm.
 - Do we want to use the school as a backup like do we want to set a date that if we don't have a firm by then we can just use the school.
 - let's find something that's free so maybe we just do the school and do it crosby now that it's open and we can do a tour after because it is so different now and is actually really cool.
 - Maybe we give out a one page flyer with basic financial information (# of dues paying brothers, current balance, brief summary of old budget vs actual, proposed new budget listed at the annual meeting so that people don't have to keep asking questions
 - and also do a one page flyer with basic information on the APX foundation information (total balance, performance, any additional items)
- Brother D'Ambrosia suggests that we develop an outreach strategy to ensure that we have motivated candidates for EBoard
 - Can we dress up how we get people into running for Eboard
 - We normally call people up and be like you would be good at this and so you should run for this position.
 - Let's put a message in the groupme to let everyone know these positions are up and if they want more information to contact us.

- Discuss current AA-Chapter Relations that happened this year
 - having a professional event is the only thing that's keeping them on Jumpstart
 - Brother Nick Janzen, the active's liaison, had requested our assistance for an Alumni Panel Presentation. Does anyone have any updates for this?
 - Not sure what's going on with that.
- Upon review of my notes from the annual meeting, I see that Brother Scaglione has gotten a letter from the State regarding our non-for-profit status and taxes. The president will investigate fully and have a report ready for the annual meeting.
 - Contact Brother Scaglione and figure out what's going on with that.
 - We lost tax exempt status so we need to reapply so that we don't have to pay taxes
 - Brother D'Ambrosia to figure that out this week.
- Nationals shared something about a scholarship that is available so we should look into that for people
 - you have to be an active brother to get it. .

Suggestions for betterment of the fraternity/informal discussion:

Adjournment: Brother Chris D'Ambrosia motions to close the closed meeting at 12:29pm.

Seconded by Brother Zifchock

