

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

## Annual Meeting Minutes



## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: April 12, 2024**

**Meeting Time: 10:00 AM**

**Meeting Location: Conference Call**

**Call to Order:** Brother Chris D'Ambrosia motions to call the meeting to order at 10:15AM.  
Seconded by Brother Tori Corners.

**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**
  - Brother Kelsey Imhoff
- **Other**
  - Brother Roxi Aguilar
  - Brother Sav Swinter
  - Brother Andrea Sacco
  - Brother Garrett Brown
  - Brother Tori Corners
  - Brother Brian Kwong
  - Brother Will Van Duesen
  - Brother Nick Janzen

- Brother Nahshon Jagroop
- Brother Eric Ziffero
- Brother Stephen Jeffrey
- Brother Margaret Scaglione

**Officer Reports:**

- **President**
  - Table Talks Report
    - It was in march and we had 20 companies in attendance and the speaker.
    - we had about 200 to 250 people attend
    - it was roughly 3800 dollars and we have 1600 dollars to give to our foundation and we gave a gift to our speaker as well
    - It's amazing that it just keeps growing
  - National Fraternity Updates
    - Meeting with WGAA Zach Borell on 11/8/23
      - they want us to use greek track website more than we are
      - Plea for National Volunteers
    - the Alumni team needs more people so if your interested please join them
    - Every member has a team so if you're interested in working with someone contact them. There is a lot of opportunity
    - Nationals has ceased holding the Quarterly AA calls
  - Convention Updates (can look at report and attach) (have it in your Boothb email) (change colonies to charters)
    - Brother Van Deusen is presenting his report

- This years was in omaha
- the opening reception was at the old mattress factory
  - o we had 7 collegiate and 4 alumni
- 33 delegates from 21 chapters and 12 alumni
- Commentary
  - o we should confirm that our bi laws have something that defines active members
  - o are we moving towards having to have 10 active national paying dues
  - o nationals can not require that to be in our bi laws
  - o if there are no fees than we should pay dues but if we have to start to pay fees than we should not have to each pay dues
  - o people can easily donate now
- o State of the Association
  - i would like to see us get back to the things that made us great before covid
- **Vice President**
  - o Chapter Updates
    - we held ritual practice this past week
    - we can have events like we use to but every event that we have done has been more successful
    - would like to get participation outside of the brothers for some events
    - down to 18 brothers since many brothers have graduated
    - overall chapter is thriving
    - ritual is april 20th which is next saturday
  - Ritual Lunch 2023
    - what's the future of us paying for ritual lunch

- Do we give them a fixed amount or an amount per brother?
    - to be talked about in budget later in meeting
  - Alumni have been cordially invited to white rose 2024
    - Saturday May 4th 2024 @ 12pm - 3pm Eastern at Hydraulic hearth, Larkinville Buffalo
  - If any alumni brothers could come to ritual that would be great
    - using three different houses for each degree
- **Treasurer**
  - Review the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation Managed Fund
    - We gained 340 dollars in the fund for the year
    - our balance at the end of the year was 2,544.49
    - Where is the money from last year from the table talks we had 4000
      - it is in our bank account
  - Review the Budget Comparison Report
    - our budget from last year was about the same as usual
    - Statement Balance 5,142.03
      - Where did you get 1200 from table talks from last year? We brought in well over 4000 for the managed fund and we voted on that here and it is less than a  $\frac{1}{3}$  of it. Can we find that surplus and bring it over to the fund
        - no problem if we are missing a surplus in the fund we will transfer it over
        - if there is a check that is missing I can find it and we can cash it
        - Brother Vilet is not really involved in the table talks so if there is something missing let's get together and let's figure that out.
        - The event is only getting bigger so maybe we need to have a report or really track what is going on with the finances of that.
        - Let's start a committee to double check and have more transparency. They can look over all the receipts and know exactly what we have
      - what were the fees from the bank account

- 5 dollars a year
- If we can prove out non for profit status than the fee goes away
- we could also not pay fees and taxes for table talks which was about 250 if we get that status back
- We should raise the chapter lunch budget to 150 since there is a min of 15 active brothers to be active and lunch at 10 dollars a person that should be the min.
- Motion to table to budget to approve in the next eboard board meeting
  - second Brother Scaglione
    - this way it is done after the committee can look at the account and what's the best use of our money
    - can send out a new budget to all member
    - financial task force committee to submit a report
- Brother Zichock Motion to create a financial task force
  - Second brother Imhoff
    - June 15th the committee needs to come back with a report of what they have found.
    - the next budget doesn't actually start until july so june 15th is plenty of time for the task force to look at the budget and come back with a proposal
    - maybe the report is due june 1st so people can learn what was found and then we can go back and come up with new budget but then gives us time to review and approve.
    - Can the task force have all the info needed for next week so that they can really look at it
    - yeah that should be no problem what should i send
      - the paypal report and bank statements
      - Let's put as much as we can on a google drive that can be shared with everyone.
  - Motion to move to create a committee
    - seconded by Brother Imhoff
      - All In Favor
        - Unanimous

- **Secretary**

- Minutes have been uploaded
- if anyone is interested in helping bring back any of the other communications please let me know and we can work together to bring them back
  - reach out if interested in bringing back the scholarship and newsletter

- **Director at Large**

- We have 1 new Alumni and 1 that needs to be finished voting on so we have 2 new members

**Old Business:**

- Taxes & NYS charitable status need to be resolved
  - Once addressed, Bank of America will remove the monthly fee
  - send this to the committee as well
- Website Updates
  - Discussion on GreekTrack vs. our Website
    - there is a meeting for that the first monday in june
  - Update our email list serve
    - think we need to set up another committee to make sure we have everyone's correct information because we get a lot of undeliverable bounce back
    - If we go to greektrack can we just create an account?
      - no go to alfarhochi.org and you can create an account through there
  - Confirm which communication platforms we prefer (Discord, groupme, email, ect.) There have been many new avenues recently
    - discord has more options than groupme
    - The chapter is currently using discord but we should not change just because the chapter is using it nor should it be under the umbrella of the chapter.
    - Discord allows to have multiple channels

- want to do more social events this year so if you want to help reach out to Brother Scaglione
- White rose is 40 dollars per person

**New Business:**

- Elections
  - Vice President
    - Brother Roxi Aquilar, nominated by Brother Will Van Deusen
      - Brother Aquilar would be good because he was very involved when in the chapter and very hands on when he could to help the chapter after he graduated. He is a young alumni that has a lot of connections with the actives. The actives also recommended him for the position.
    - Brother Nick Jansen, nominated by Brother Justina Zifchock
      - Brother Jansen is also a recent graduate and he is also local. He is doing grad school right now and is on campus with them. I have also been leaning on them to get chapter updates for the last year. He also really helped get the chapter back to where they are today. Once he is elected to a position he will rock it.
    - Brother Jansen 6 Brother Aquilar 0
    - Brother Jansen has been elected as VP.
    - Thank you both for running it is very rare to have an election and Brother Aquilar please run again for something next year
  - Treasurer
    - Brother Garrett Brown, Nominated by Brother Margaret Scaglione
      - Brother Brown has a good mind for details and is looking to dig deeper. He also has experience with GreekTrack. He was apollodorus delegate and he was able to see how they were able to do with the managed fund and wants to utilize it more
      - Motion to election Brother Brown by acclamation



- Seconded brother Imhoff
- Director at large
  - Brother Nahshon Jagroop, nominated by Brother Christopher D'Ambrosia
    - He has been on eboard and when I think of Buffalo and UB he is someone that instantly comes to mind and it's nice to have seen him grow and he is very passionate and has a lot of knowledge. This position needs to know everyone and Brother Jagroop knows everyone.
  - Motion to elect by acclamation
    - seconded by Brother Imhoff
- Date for next year's annual meeting
  - Senenmut 20 year anniversary white rose so lets make them intertwined
    - Want to do our annual meeting in Feb and also host table talks around this time too.
    - Students come back on the 21st so if we did a mid feb to late feb you would be like 5 or 6 weeks into the semester.
    - if you did pin in the friday before you would have a lot of alumni participation
    - could be a week long with table talks, then pin in, and then white rose, ect. that way there is a lot going on and more people might be interested in coming
    - the week of the feb 22nd sound the best
    - No opposed
    - Next Alumni Association meeting will be Feb 22nd 2025.

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

- Brother Andrea Saccos firm might be able to host us next year
- let's do fundraising to tie into the white rose to put in the managed fund
  - maybe we do something with the active chapters

- found stuff from the 10 year we should bring back to the 20 year
- chapter talking about making canvas bags
- a lot of the brothers graduated last year and this current year need a push to join the alumni association

**Adjournment:** Brother Chris D'Ambrosia motions to close the closed meeting at 12:46pm .

Seconded by Brother Van Dusen

