

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
April 12, 2006 Noon

Present: Bill Bloodworth, Nancy Childers, Jim Garvey, Peggy Ruth Geren (President), Paulette Harris, Jeff Heck (Webmaster), Charles Jackson, Pam Jackson (Treasurer), Charlotte Price, Ray Whiting (President-Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Communications), Fay Verburg.

1. President Peggy Ruth Geren presented the agenda. The minutes of the February 8, 2006 meeting were projected on the whiteboard. Ray Whiting moved that the minutes be approved; Jeff Heck seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. Paul Harris and Sabina Widner were unable to attend the meeting, but they were recognized for their work in previous years as President and Secretary of the Chapter. [After the meeting Peggy Ruth Geren, Ray Whiting, and Camilla Reid went to Paul's and Sabina's classrooms and each with certificates and small gifts of appreciation.]
3. Peggy Ruth called the name and thanked each member individually who worked on the PKP events for the year. The events included the A-Day Symposium, the Arsenal of Literacies Speaker Series, the Student Retention & Success Focus Groups, the Student Research and Fine Arts Conference, and the Initiation Banquet and Initiation.
4. Peggy Ruth introduced Jeff Heck as the new PKP webmaster and thanked Jurgen Brauer for his time of service as webmaster.
5. There was discussion of on the PKP Initiation. The 42 Initiates included 10 juniors, 23 seniors, 4 graduate students, 4 faculty members, and 1 alumna. All but one senior of the 43 people invited to join PKP accepted the invitation.
6. New PKP initiate, Billy Phillips, has been awarded a \$1,000 PKP Study Abroad Scholarship.
7. A goal for the Chapter next year is to revitalize the Scholarship Committee, so that more ASU students will apply for the many PKP scholarship opportunities. Peggy Ruth will contact, Bob Johnston, current chair, and discuss ways to increase the number of scholarship applications.
8. Peggy Ruth called for volunteers for next year's committees. A goal for next year will be to get inactive members in the greater Augusta community and student members involved. Postcards will be sent to the 1100 inactive members in the CSRA inviting them to the A-Day Symposium in the fall.
9. April's lecture series event in the ASU's *Arsenal of Literacies: Reading the World* will be held on April 19 at noon in Science Hall W1002. The topic "Math and Science Literacy" will be presented by David Saunders (Biology), Jennie Roberts (Nursing), Carol Rychly (Mathematics), Paula Dohoney (Kinesiology and Health Science). Steve Hobbs (Psychology) is the moderator. Refreshments will be served.
10. Ray Whiting asked the membership to send him ideas for the A-Day Symposium and the Arsenal Speaker Series. It was suggested that refreshments be provided at events.

11. The Executive Committee suggested that the bylaws be amended to clarify the term limits for chapter officers. The intent would be that officers would serve three-year terms that could be renewed for one additional term. The amendment will be sent out by e-mail in advance of the first Chapter meeting in the fall and voted on by the membership at that meeting.
12. There was a suggestion to create a PKP Chapter cash award to an outstanding senior student member of PKP. The student would be recognized for noteworthy participation in Chapter activities and events the previous year.
13. Paulette Harris, Director of the ASU Literacy Center, made a presentation on "Born to Read" a cooperative initiative between the Literacy Center and University Hospital. Through this program new moms are encouraged to read to their children. Trained volunteers visit new mothers in the hospital and provide packets of books, In Spanish and English, CDs, bibs, information about the Literacy Center, bookmarks, and other goodies.

Ray Whiting made the motion, Charlotte Price seconded, and the Chapter passed the following Declaration of Intent:

The members of the Augusta State University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi affirm that we encourage our members and others to participate in the ASU Literacy Center/University Hospital "Born to Read" program with the goal of eighteen ASU students, faculty and staff becoming volunteers for the program during the coming year.

The \$1,000 donation that PKP made to the Literacy Center earlier this year was used to purchase a Laubach Literacy Set for adults. The suggestion was made that PKP might also consider making a donation for the "Born to Read" program.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Reid
Secretary