

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
October 14, 2008 Noon Allgood Hall, E-156

Members: Ray Whiting (President), Jim Grayson (President Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Bill Bloodworth, Kim Davies, Jim Garvey, Martha Ginn, Pam Hayward, Jeff Heck, Sandy Reinke, Miguel Trujillo, Fay Verburg.

Meeting called to order by Ray Whiting at 12:05 pm.

Minutes of the Chapter meeting of the September 9, 2008 were approved unanimously. Motion by Reinke; second by Heck.

Smalley distributed copies of the 2007-2008 annual financial report. The beginning balance on July 1, 2007 was \$4,562.02. The ending case balance on June 30, 2008 was \$1,664.23. The net (decrease) in cash from operations was (\$2,897.79). There is also a certificate of deposit of \$5,000 plus interest accrued. There was discussion of the need for more formal fiscal procedures. This would help the Chapter anticipate and track income and expenditures and give the committees specific budgets with which to work. Upon a motion by Whiting, with a second by Smalley, the chapter authorized the Treasurer to propose a yearly budget for the chapter to approve at a future meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding a dues increase since expenses have outpaced income in the past few years. There has not been a change in dues for at least 10 years. A motion to increase the dues from \$12.00 to \$15.00 was made by Smalley, with a second by Garvey. The motion passed unanimously.

Heck reported for Schofe, Public Relations Officer. Members were reminded to make submissions for the e-newsletter. Suggestions include features on members, helpful websites, commentaries, etc. The video imbedded in the last newsletter can be enlarged by clicking directly on it. It was suggested that a synopsis of Hubert van Tuyll's A-Day lecture be included in the e-newsletter. Another suggestion was to publish a history of the Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference. There is already historical information about the conference on the PKP website.

Grayson reported on the Arsenal Speaker Series for 2008-2009, "Learning is Life." The first presenter was Tom Nakashima from the Department of Art on September 25. The second will be Sam Robinson from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science on October 29. Spring semester the presenters will be Donna Wear from the Department of Biology and Bill Hobbins from the Department of Music. Hubert van Tuyll gave the A-Day Symposium speaker on October 10th. His topic was "War and History: Comprehension and Performance." Smalley gave an overview of the speech. Miguel Trujillo, PKP Student Vice-President, was thanked for introducing Dr. van Tuyll.

Grayson reported on the planning for the 10th Annual PKP Research and Fine Arts Conference on March 11, 2009. There will be a plenary session with a panel moderated by

Jim Garvey. The panel will include former ASU students who are currently engaged in research in their graduate programs or careers.

There was continued discussion of working with the Office of Development & Alumni Relations to raise funds for an ASU Foundation endowment account to sustain the Conference. This endowment might be a naming opportunity for a donor. Whiting had a report from Helen Hendee, VP for University Advancement, that the Foundation would most likely be supportive of the endowment. The development office would help the chapter with a phone-a-thon to current and former PKP members and alumni who had participated in the Conference. There would be a training session and there would be a script to follow. The phone-a-thon would take place before the end of the fiscal year. Heck volunteered to contact specific PKP members including Helen Hendee and Wes Zamzow, regarding a subcommittee to spearhead this project.

Reid suggested that the Chapter host a PKP Cluster Meeting in Augusta in the near future. Reid, Verburg and Schofe attended a cluster meeting in Columbia, SC in April 2008. This event is for officers/active members of regional PKP chapters. Costs involved would be paid by the national PKP office. The Chapter voted unanimously to host after a motion by Reid, seconded by Verburg.

Reid reported for both Nomination Committees I and II. Jana Sandarg sent an announcement that Chapter members should be receiving an e-mail from her in the next few days asking for 2009 nominations for new faculty and alumni members. Reid reported for Katherine Sweeney that as soon as fall semester grades are available she will compile the list of eligible students.

Bloodworth, as a member of the national board of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, asked for feedback on potential changes in the selection process for the national scholar and artist awards. These persons give keynote presentations at the national conventions.

Copies of the annual awards issue of the *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* journal were available to all the members present.

The next Chapter meeting is Tuesday, November 11 at noon in Allgood E-156. Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Camilla Reid, Secretary