

Phi Kappa Phi  
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)  
Minutes for Chapter Meeting  
November 11, 2008 Noon

Members present: Heather Baskin (student), Bill Bloodworth, Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President), Martha Ginn, Jim Garvey, Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Kathy Hamrick, Jeff Heck (Webmaster), Helen Hendee, Donna Hobbs, Camilla Reid (Secretary), Jana Sandarg, Kathy Schofe (Public Relations Officer), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Katherine Sweeney, Fay Verburg, and Ray Whiting (President).

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Whiting. The minutes of the October 14 meeting were approved with some clarification by Hendee in regard to the phone-a-thon fundraising.

Smalley presented a proposed budget. Smalley asked the membership to look closely at the budget assumptions. The budget is based on actual revenues and expenditures from the last few years. He used \$290 from the PKP certificate of deposit to balance the budget. Committee Chairs may operate within their total budget allocation--not held strictly to individual line items. In the initiation expenditures, the banquet meals are a wash because they are paid for by the chapter members and initiates' guests.

Smalley and student member, Heather Baskin, are working on identifying better ways to encourage members to renew their chapter dues and to tighten up the membership renewal records. Members who have not renewed their chapter membership will be contacted.

Tom Crute sent a report that he is soliciting student nominations for the national PKP fellowship awards. Whiting pointed out that our chapter can also nominate individuals to be the National Scholar and National Artist.

Sandarg presented the names of the faculty and alumni nominations for 2009 initiation. Garvey asked for an explanation of the selection process. Sandarg reported that nominations are solicited from the membership and then the Nominations Committee takes all the nominations and narrows them down to six faculty members and one alumna based on criteria set in the bylaws. Strong scholarship and community service, as well as potential for active involvement in the chapter, are considered. Whiting made the point that the chapter has not well utilized the special membership categories (emeritus, distinguished, honorary).

Heck reported that Peggy Ruth Geren, Helen Hendee (PKP member and ASU Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations) and he had met to discuss fund-raising possibilities for an endowment for the ongoing costs associated with the annual Student Research & Fine Arts Conference. It takes a minimum of \$10,000 to establish an endowment as an ASU Foundation account. A sufficiently large gift would be a naming opportunity for a major donor. Donors could designate the PKP endowment as part of their A-Day giving. She said that her office would assist in training and physical resources (space and telephones) for a phone-a-thon to alumni who were initiated into PKP and to other persons who might be interested in supporting the conference. The phone-a-thon would be early in 2009 and before the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The chapter could put some of the chapter's certificate of deposit into the endowment. She said the chapter (Whiting, Garvey and Grayson were suggested) should put together a conspectus that could be used as a basis for talking with possible donors. Geren will call together a committee to do detailed planning and move the project fund-raising along. Whiting challenged all PKP members to participate in the phone-a-thon and to give to the endowment.

Schofe reported that the chapter's e-newsletter would be coming to our e-mail boxes in the next few days. She also reported that some of the video clips produced in conjunction with our chapter events are being used by PKP national in its publicity.

Grayson reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research & Fine Arts Conference Committee is finalizing the process for submissions, criteria for judging and the awards to be given. The schedule for March 11, 2009 includes a plenary at 11:00 with four ASU alumni: Mark Swanson (music), Adam Doss (biology), Uzoma Anadu (political science), and Renee Toole (education). Each was a presenter at the PKP Conference when a student at ASU.

Grayson announced that the next PKP Arsenal Lectures in the "Life is Learning" series are: Bill Hobbins from the Department of Music on January 29 at 1:00 pm in the JSAC Coffeehouse and Donna Wear from the Department of Biology on February 25 at noon in the JSAC Coffeehouse.

Whiting presented the 2008 PKP Chapter President's Award to Kathy Schofe, Public Relations Officer for her excellent support of the chapter in getting the word out about the chapter and its programs and for her leadership in the development of the chapter's new online newsletter.

The next meeting in January 2009 will be announced after next Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.