

Phi Kappa Phi  
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)  
Minutes for Chapter Meeting  
January 13, 2009 Noon

Members present: Bill Bloodworth, Kim Davies, Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President), Jim Garvey, Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Miyoko Jackson, Pam Jackson, Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations Officer), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Katherine Sweeney, Fay Verburg, Ray Whiting (President), and Wes Zamzow. Michelle Ellington (guest from Development & Alumni Relations).

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Whiting in the Communications & Professional Writing Conference Room. The minutes of the November 11 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Smalley provided the Treasurer's report which indicated a cash balance of \$2,134.54 in the checking account. The Certificate of Deposit will mature on February 14, 2009. The CD's current balance is \$5,217.06. A total of \$461 in dues was received for July-December 2008. The year-to-date expenses are \$14.67 not including a not-yet-received \$350 invoice for PKP medallions.

As chair of the Student Nominations Committee, Sweeney presented the student nominations and will send out the list to all active PKP members for review. Barring no concerns about the nominees, tapping will occur at the end of January. Reid asked for volunteers for the tapping.

Geren led a discussion regarding the phone-a-thon to raise money for an endowment to support the annual Research and Fine Arts Conference. Ellington was in attendance to answer questions. There will be training on February 17 and 18; there will be a script to refer to when making calls. A motion was made by Smalley, with a second by Grayson, to authorize an expenditure of not more than \$1,500 for printing and mailing postcards to prospective donors. Davies suggested contacting alumni who had participated in previous research conferences. All PKP members will be expected to participate in the phone-a-thon or to give \$500 to the endowment. Smalley suggested that members might designate their A-Day contributions to the endowment. Bloodworth mentioned that PKP national is looking for ways to encourage new initiates to renew their dues and to encourage non-academics to stay involved. He expressed the hope that a donor could be identified to take advantage of a naming opportunity for the conference. Garvey expressed concern that it be made clear that the funds would go to support the student research and fine arts conference directly, not the maintenance of the PKP organization.

Grayson reported that the planning for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference was proceeding. Student abstracts are due January 23. The conference will be in the JSAC. There will be a musical performance for ASU's production of "Oklahoma." The closing reception will feature a one-act play written by students.

There was lengthy discussion about the possibility of a fall initiation so that more eligible students would have the opportunity to join PKP and the December graduates might be more likely to join. There was a consensus that the fall and spring initiations should be the same type of event. There was a motion by Verburg, seconded by Sweeney, that the spring banquet be replaced by a finger food reception. The vote was unanimous. President Bloodworth volunteered to find funding for the reception. Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Schofe, that the initiation be divorced from the ASU Honors Convocation. The motion passed with one abstention. The spring initiation will be on Friday evening, March 20, one week after the honors convocation. The Initiation Committee will work out the details. The Executive Committee will come back with a plan regarding instituting a fall initiation.

Grayson reminded the members 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 the JSAC Coffeehouse.

The Executive Committee and Chapter meeting schedules for spring 2009 are posted on the chapter's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary