

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
February 17, 2009 Noon

Members present: Bill Bloodworth, Nancy Childers, Tom Crute, Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President), Jim Garvey, Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Pam Jackson, Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations Officer), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Fay Verburg, Janice Williams Whiting, and Ray Whiting (President).

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Whiting. The minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved with minor corrections following a motion by Smalley, seconded by Schofe.

Smalley provided the Treasurer's report which indicated a cash balance of \$1,867.54 in the checking account. The amount of \$5,217.06 shown on the financial report for the CD was the amount at the time of renewal last year. The CD matured last Saturday and Pam Jackson has obtained a check for \$5,409.58 to be deposited temporarily in the checking account. A total of \$571 in dues and chapter contributions was received for July 2008 - January 2009 compared to \$361 for the corresponding seven months of last fiscal year. The year-to-date expenses are \$367.69 compared to \$883.48 for the previous year, which included two commemorative bricks for \$500.

Whiting reported on the endowment for the Student Research and Fine Arts Conference. There will be no phone-a-thon necessary at this time to jump start the endowment. Thanks to the efforts of President Bloodworth's efforts, there has been a \$10,000 donation made to the ASU Foundation to start the endowment. It is hoped that there will be close to \$500 in interest next year to support the conference. The endowment is to be restricted to support of the conference, but perhaps broadened to include other specific programs, like scholarships, that directly benefit students in academic pursuits. The funds are not to be used for PKP operational expenses. Since the last meeting Whiting sent an e-mail out to the PKP members telling them that the phone-a-thon was cancelled and requesting that they consider donating half of their 2009 A-Day pledge to the endowment and half for unrestricted use. There will also be a special mail out to specific groups including the Faculty Emeritus group; there will also be a conference naming opportunity.

Crute reported that our chapter's nominee for a national PKP fellowship is Brian Lumpkin, a senior double-majoring in biology and chemistry. Lumpkin is entering the M.D. program at the Medical College of Georgia in fall 2009. His application will be reviewed and mailed by March 1.

Schofe reported that the next issue of the e-newsletter would be published before the Research and Fine Arts Conference. In order to make publication easier, she and the Communications Committee will set up categories so that there can be a regular submission schedule. There will be a video spotlighting the conference on the ASU homepage as soon as the Homecoming video is taken down next week.

Grayson presented the program schedule for the 10th Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference. The preliminary program is posted on the PKP website at www.aug.edu/pkp. Schofe reported that Public Relations is targeting local reporters and the schools with press releases. The conference will start at 10:30 am in University Hall 170 with a plenary panel (moderated by Jim Garvey) of former participants in the Student Research and Fine Arts Conference. There will be a musical performance for ASU's production of "Oklahoma" in the JSAC breezeway at 12:30. Poster presentations will be set up on the second floor south from noon to 2:30pm. Concurrent paper sessions will be from 1:00 to 2:15 and 2:30 to 3:45pm in various rooms in the JSAC and Reese Library. The closing reception at 4pm will feature refreshments and a one-act play written by students. Cash prizes and certificates will be given at the reception for best research presentation in the various tracks. Chad Stephens is recruiting judges and hopes to have some judges from ADP, Inc.

Garvey reported that the Initiation Committee is meeting in the JSAC on Monday, February 23. The initiation will take place in the JSAC Ballroom and the reception following in the JSAC breezeway. Bloodworth reported that the speaker for the initiation on March 20 at 7pm will be ASU Alumni, John Bell. Mr. Bell was ASU's SGA President, was initiated into PKP as a law student at the University of Georgia, and is a past ASU Foundation President. The initiation reception will be partially funded by a \$1,000 gift by First Citizens Bank. PKP members will be asked to defray the

cost of the reception for initiates by making a \$10.00 donation and to provide \$10.00 for themselves, if they attend the reception.

Grayson reminded the members that the last PKP Arsenal Lecture in the “Life is Learning” series will be Donna Wear from the Department of Biology on February 25 at noon in the JSAC Coffeehouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary