

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Chapter Meeting
April 14, 2009 Noon

Members present: Heather Baskin, Jennifer Buckner, Kim Davies, Jim Garvey, Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Bill Nelson, Camilla Reid (Secretary), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Chad Stephens, Fay Verburg, and Ray Whiting (President).

The meeting was called to order at noon by Whiting. The minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

Kim Davies was nominated for President-Elect (two year term 2009-10 and 2010-11). There were no nominations from the floor. Smalley moved that the nominations be closed with a second by Nelson. Davies was elected by acclamation as the new President-Elect. Jim Grayson was congratulated as the new President and for all his efforts with the A-Day Symposium, the Arsenal Lecture Series and the 10th Annual Student Research and Fine Arts Conference.

Smalley provided the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2009 which indicated a combined cash balance of \$8,059.91. Even though total receipts for the current year are \$992 less than last year and \$1,682 less than budget, they are really better than last year by \$1,460 and better than budget by \$1,580. Last year's receipts of \$2,452 for meals were used in May to pay the food bill. Since President Bloodworth arranged for the payment of the cost of food for this year, the \$2,475 budgeted is not needed, and the donations totaling \$500 that were received may be used for future bills. A total of \$1,873, primarily in dues and chapter contributions, was received for July 2008 – March 2009 compared to \$913 for the corresponding nine months of last fiscal year.

I am not aware of any bills remaining for this year, so I compliment everyone on minimizing the expenses. The total expenses for July 2007 through June 2008 were \$6,472.79. The year-to-date expenses are \$1,386.90, including \$86.64 more than budget for initiates' supplies due to more initiates being inducted this year and \$155 for payment of initiation fees for two students plus transfer of membership and one year's dues for the speaker at the initiation ceremony with \$150 approved at the last meeting.

There was discussion of the March initiation. There seemed to be too many chairs in the ballroom for the number attending. The buffet line should be moved down the breezeway in front of the library entrance to make more room for the drink and dessert stations and to allow for better mingling among attendees. There seemed to be more faculty members attending this year than usual, perhaps because the initiation was on a different night than the ASU Honors Convocation. After the initiation the new members should be ushered to the cloak room to hang up their robes, so there won't be any confusion about returning them to the chapter.

While serving as Immediate Past President, Whiting said he would focus on building upon the new \$10,000 endowment for the student research and fine arts conference. A-Day donors will be encouraged to give ½ of their pledge to the PKP endowment and ½ to the general foundation fund. He will also work with emeriti faculty. There is also a naming opportunity for the conference.

As new President-Elect Davies will be working on the plans for the A-Day speaker on October 9 and the Arsenal Lecture Series during FY10.

Chad Stephens will chair the Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference Committee next year. There were a few problems this year with judges and student presenters not showing up as scheduled. The plenary session in the morning in University Hall 170 was not well-attended, but next year it will be moved to the JSAC ballroom and will be scheduled at a better time to coordinate with students' schedules.

There was discussion of how many officers and members make a quorum for meetings. The addition of the student vice-president positions will make it necessary to change the number of executive committee members required for quorum. The executive committee will prepare a motion regarding a change in the bylaws as they relate to quorum for meetings and bring it to the chapter in the fall.

Lifetime chapter dues are a possibility using PKP national dues as a role model.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of a fall initiation. Smalley suggested that more of the graduate students might accept membership if there was a fall initiation. The initiation would be smaller, but would also reduce the size of the spring initiation. Students would be given the option to wait until the spring.

T. Brian Lumpkin, a graduating senior pre-med major, was awarded a PKP fellowship. He was recognized at the March initiation with a certificate of recognition for his nomination and several weeks later received notification that he had received an Award of Excellence of \$2,000. He will be attending the Medical College of Georgia in fall 2009.

Thanks were given to Heather Baskin, student member, for her active involvement in the chapter this year. There was discussion on ways to encourage student involvement, in particular, student vice-presidents.

The next chapter meeting will be scheduled by the Executive Committee during the summer. The next Executive Committee meeting is April 28 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Garvey, with a second by Reid, at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary