

**Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
March 3, 2009 10:00 am PKP Office, Reese Library 307**

Members Present: Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), Kathy Schofe (Public Relations), and Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past-President).

Meeting called to order by Jim Grayson at 10:05 am. Minutes of the February 3, 2008 Executive Committee meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Smalley provided the Treasurer's report which indicated a cash balance of \$7,998.17 in the checking account, including \$5,409.58 from the CD that matured on 2-14-09. Excluding new initiates, a total of \$661 in dues and chapter contributions was received for July 2008 – February 2009 compared to \$349 for the corresponding eight months of last fiscal year. Dues from new initiates thus far in the current year total \$795 compared to \$528 last year. This year the cost of food for the initiation banquet has been arranged by President Bloodworth compared to the year-to-date receipts of \$2,016 last year. The year-to-date expenses are \$545.64, including \$86.64 more than budget for initiates' supplies, compared to \$1,485.32 for the previous year, which included two commemorative bricks for \$500.

Reid reported that three student nominees had self-identified as being unable to pay their initiation fees. Based on the 2006 precedence in which the Chapter voted to allot \$200 for such situations, she paid the initiation fees for two of the student who accepted the offer of an initiation grant. Smalley suggested a motion at the next Chapter meeting to authorize reimbursement to Reid. The Executive Committee endorsed this motion. Smalley will make an adjustment in next year's proposed budget to allow for similar expenditure next year. Schofe suggested that students be asked to provide a more formal request for the grants and that all the nominees be made aware of the grants. This will be further discussed at the Chapter meeting.

Grayson reported that the planning for the 10th Annual Research and Fine Arts Conference was going well and that the final conference planning committee was meeting later that morning.

Reid reported that the Initiation Planning Committee met on February 23 with Victoria Hanson from Student Activities to discuss the logistics for the initiation/reception on March 20. At the invitation of President Bloodworth, there will be a keynote speaker this year, Mr. John C. Bell. Mr. Bell is an Augusta College alumnus and former student government president at AC. He was initiated into PKP as a law student at the University of Georgia. He has been President of the ASU Foundation and is a current member of its Board. First Citizens Bank is making a donation to help defray the expenses of the reception.

Geren volunteered to work with the new Student Vice-Presidents to develop service projects related to literacy, the national PKP philanthropy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 31 at 10am in the PKP office. The next chapter meeting is March 17, 2009 at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Camilla Reid, Secretary