



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia – Iota Alpha Chapter

General Business Meeting Minutes from 9/14/03

Tardy: None

Absent: Tom Mate, Brandon Fry (Excused – Illness)

Meeting Commences at 8:00 PM

Opening Ritual – Hail Sinfonia Sung, Object Stated

General Calendar of Events

| <u>Date and Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| October 6: 9 PM | Founder's Day Ceremony | Chapter Room |
| October 7: 10 PM | Ritual Rehearsal | Chapter Room |
| October 11 | Homecoming | Chapter Room |

Officer Reports:

President:

- Welcome back all! We are in for a fun and productive year
- First things first, National Convention was this summer. There were some big decisions bad about the way the fraternity is heading. There is no longer and purposes, there is an Object. What was formerly the fifth purpose is now the official motto of the fraternity. Liability insurance is now in place down to the province level. National dues are now \$60 per term plus a pro rated cost for liability insurance, this term being \$4.50 for a total of \$64.50. There are many other changes, check out Lyrecrest.net for all the changes along with the updated versions of the National Constitution and General Regulations for Collegiate Chapters.
- The NEC is currently looking into the cost of getting liability insurance down to the chapter level. This will probably end up being between \$20-\$40 per term, if and when it is purchased
- We are going to be looking into the possibilities of shortening our business meetings for this year. This would require a greater use of the listserv and more communication of the brothers outside of meetings.
- Now, onto news from the province meeting today. Kenton Barnes is no longer Province Governor of Province 2. He resigned this week. Jess Spoeri has been appointed the new Province Governor of Province 2. Jeff works down at MSU as the Director of Development in the College of Education and is also currently the chair of the Commission on Standards. He has been Executive Director of the Fraternity along with being Province Governor of

two other provinces. Province Musicale is Oct. 18 and 19, which is over our fall term break. I cannot attend so someone will need to go in my place. Also, whoever is going needs to figure out an act to do for the musicale and tell me what the piece is, who is performing it, composer, and dates on the composer.

- Jeff Spoeri will be up at Nu Pi this Tuesday, September 16 at 8 pm to talk about risk management. I encourage anyone that can attend to do so, if only to be able to meet some guys from Nu Pi and our new Province Governor.
- With this change of Province Governor, the province is looking into what we as chapters want the province to function as and what we think could be changed to run better.
- We also received our Fall Care package. I have Red & Blacks if anyone one wants them.

Vice President:

- No Report

Secretary:

- No Report

Treasurer:

- Balance: 1644.93
- Jazz Fest: Gross- \$1260 Expenses- \$707.87 Net Income- \$552.13
- Jazz Fest: SAI- \$116.24
- Jazz Fest: PMA- \$435.89
- Bill: Personal account: Label maker: \$36.01
- Dan R: Jazz fest: Food: \$31.86

Fraternal Education Officer:

- It is good to be together again Brothers! I am excited about the upcoming year as I think we can grow a stronger and bigger brotherhood.
- Tonight we MUST decide if we are doing a fall probationary class. I have scheduled the pinning ceremony for Tuesday, September 30, so we must be thinking about info meetings and when to send out bids.
- I learned a lot of new information at the President/FEO/PCR Retreat last month. We will be going over this very soon.

Historian:

- No Report

Warden:

- No Report

Province Council Representative:

- No Report

Alumni Secretary:

- No Report

Webmaster:

- No Report

Song Leader:

- No Report

Room Manager:

- No Report

Old Business:

Fall Rush

- Should we do it?
- Pinning on Tuesday, September 30
- 8 weeks long to Ritual being November 22
- First month is preparatory for exam
- Payment plans & project proposals
- Color nights after exams
- Changes overall to Probationary period
- Possible cut off @ 4
- The FEO would need help
- Sean thinks we should not because we want to get to know people
- Dan R. believes it would be more beneficial to wait for winter term
- Motion by Tim: I move to not have a probationary period for the 2003 Fall Semester. Sam Seconds the motion.
- Vote on Motion (7-0-1) Motion Passed

New Business

Adam's Couch

- What should we do with it?
- Motion by Matt: I move to allow Cailen to use Adam's couch provided it is returned in as good a shape as found or pay a penalty of \$50. Sean seconds the motion.
- Vote on Motion (8-0-0) Motion Passed

Tim and Rooming Expenses

- Motion by Matt: I move to pay back Tim \$155.38 for rooming expenses. Sam seconds the motion.
- Vote on Motion (7-0-1) Motion Passed

Sean Moves to close.

Matt Seconds.

Announcements:

- Tim: Communication is lacking, we need to pick up the slack

Phone List

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Closing – Sinfonia Anthem and Parting Song Sung, Meeting.