



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia – Iota Alpha Chapter

General Business Meeting Minutes from 10/19/03

Tardy: Dan Martin, Wilson Nichols

Absent: Sam Capasso (Excused)

Meeting Commences at 7:04 PM

Opening Ritual – Hail Sinfonia Sung, Object Stated

General Calendar of Events

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/21/03 10PM	Ritual Rehearsal	Chapter Room

Officer Reports:

President:

- I saw an ad for a free piano. All we would have to do is transport it. I asked about it and it has a couple cracked keys, the sustain pedal is broken off, and needs tuning. We can talk about whether or not we want to look at it or not later in the meeting.

Vice President:

- Thanks for a great brothers only night guys, it was lots of fun. Pizza SAM'S !!!!
- Here are the proposed by-law amendments. Yea! Hopefully everyone has looked them over; if not, oh well because I sent them out a week ago.
- For ritual rehearsal, I'd like to have everybody there this week to go over the meaning of everything. It might be a little long, so we'll have to keep the chatter down while we go over stuff. Then, we will only have certain groups going on rehearsal nights. I hope everybody is looking over their part. I want them all COMPLETELY memorized by the end of the term. That gives you a month and a half, which should be plenty of time. Doing this allows us to have much cleaner rehearsals next term.

Secretary:

- I have currently generated an attendance report so people can get an idea of how well (or poorly) they have done at being at chapter functions. We have been lax on the policy and I just wanted to inform brothers of their standings.
- All the minutes have been compiled and sent out, pending approval 10/27/03.

Treasurer:

- The balance is currently \$1485.31
- I have updated all the accounts now
- Brothers who have paid their dues: Dan Martin, Tim Ricci, Brandon Fry, Dan Rito, Matt Bryan
- Brothers who still owe dues: Bill Sawin, Sean Galloway, Tom Mate, Sam Capasso, Wilson Nichols
- I had paid for pizza for the Brother's Only Night earlier this week. I will modify my account to reflect reimbursement.

Fraternal Education Officer:

- Thanks to all Brother's who attended this past weeks Brother's only event. We had a great time! Watching Matrix Reloaded with a touch of PMA lines inserted and eating Pizza Sam's was well worth the sacrifice of homework and studying for mid-terms. We all had things to do, but it felt great to take a break from studying and have a stress free evening.
- If there were any Brother's concerned with having a planned mandatory Brother's only event, know this. In my duties listed in our chapter bylaws, it states that I am to have two special *mandatory* chapter functions, one per term. This past week, it was brought up that it might be a good time to have one, so we did. Our brotherhood has the potential to be such a strong one, but it is our duty to take this upon ourselves. I believe that some of us are acting like they want to spend time together, just not everyone. If you're going to be in the room, or watching a movie in your own room, pick up the phone and give a brother a call. You can't expect that people will show up in the room if you're down there. Finally, we need to take advantage of these next seven weeks. This is our chance to really make the brotherhood strong before we start a probationary period.
- Start thinking about possible probationary members, time is running out
- A reminder: The past two probationary class projects are due November 30, 2003. You might want to start meeting to figure out what you will be doing, and when. Don't leave it to the last minute!
- Continuing Education Lesson

Historian:

- No Report

Warden:

- No Report

Province Council Representative:

- Wilson Nichols: A discussion on the matter of what will happen with Nu Epsilon took place, including how to deal with the remaining members.
- Wilson Nichols: Spari discussed the email he distributed in greater detail.

Alumni Secretary:

- No Report

Webmaster:

- No Report

Song Leader:

- Brief rehearsal after the GBM

Room Manager:

- Wilson Nichols is responsible for the room this week.

Old Business:**Del's Picutre**

- A 3 line plaque will work, however it is going to cost \$12 instead of \$10. This is still within the budget originally allocated.

New Business:**Piano**

- Dan Rito found an advertisement for a piano with some damage done to it. All we would have to do is move it.
- After discussion, it is decided we do not want said piano

By Laws

- Article I, Section 2: The wording has now been changed to reflect the constitution
- Article II, Section 2: There has been a change regarding fees and dues to reflect that of the current national dues.
- There has been a change regarding the attendance requirements for probationary members and for brothers
- There will now be only one alumni forum article per year required
- AFEO officer position is created and the duties for it are listed
- Due to there being an AFEO, there is no need for a membership committee, so that has been removed.
- Student Congress representative duties have been updated, as well as how that person shall be appointed
- The change in frequency of ritual rehearsals has been entered into the by-laws
- Substances policy: Tobacco will now be approved at functions, but not in the room. Alcohol will be permitted in the room as long as conditions listed in by laws are followed exactly

Student Congress Representative

- Tom Mate has agreed to be our Student Congress Representative for the week

President closes meeting due to completion of business.

Announcements:

- Read the by laws because next week we will be voting on rather to approve them or not

Closing – Sinfonia Anthem and Parting Song Sung, Meeting Adjourns.