

THE ALPHA OMEGA GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 19, 2013

AOGA & PHI GAMMA
DELTA MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Chad Miller '01, Charlie Weckman '93, John Clark '80, Louis Grasso '77
Rick VanCure '74, Tom Lammers '74, Chris Moehring '74, Tiger Thiel '85,
Ron Sages '73, Jason Phillips '95, Peter Puttman '81, Tom Beckerman '69
Steve Shannon '69, Scott McDonald '81, Michael Keaton '76

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by AOGA president John Ziza at
5:08 PM, EST in the Galbraith Room of the Ohio University Inn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Brother Keaton distributed copies of the minutes from the 2012 annual
membership meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was
made by Brother Tom Lammers and it was seconded by Brother Ron
Sages. The motion passed without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brother Jason Phillips presented a detailed Financial Statement, which
he summarized thusly: the income statement showed total income on
budget at \$94,000 with total expenses over budget with the actual at
\$53,000 versus the budgeted figure of \$47,000, the discrepancy due to
repairs and maintenance for the house at 20 S. College Street. Net
operating income was an actual \$41,000 versus the budgeted \$46,000.
The balance sheet revealed a liquidity totaling \$135,000, consisting of
\$36K operating cash, \$77K investment savings, \$10K security deposits
and \$12K recolonization fund. The People's Bank mortgage balance is
currently at \$19,000 with only four payments remaining until the loan is
retired. In April 2013 an operating surplus cash amount of \$8,000 was
returned to brokerage savings as a reimbursement of funds distributed
in July, 2011.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Brother John Ziza began his report by welcoming everyone to the 47th
annual Alpha Omega Pig Dinner Weekend and announcing that 40
brothers were expected to attend this year's event. He then gave the
current status of several goals set the previous year, highlighted by:

- The recolonization fundraising goal was met, though additional
donations are needed for both board of chapter advisors (BCA)
and colony training.
- BCA recruitment resulted in two firm commitments from the
local community in Greg Kapel and Mitch Wagner. Brother Cole
Platt is a candidate for Purple Legionnaire and two other '09

brothers, Matt Howells and Eric Dolan have expressed interest in joining the BCA. Plans are to continue to build a local BCA base and get that group together sometime this summer for a training/team building event prior to recolonization.

- The Phi Psi fraternity has committed to continuing to lease the property at 20 S. College Street through spring semester of 2014.

An ongoing goal identified by Brother Ziza continues to be the building of a good relationship with Ohio University. We received a setback on that front when Chris Blackburn, Director of Greek Life (and last year's Pig Dinner speaker) resigned in the autumn of 2012 and Brian Hemele, the interim director also stepped down. A new Director of Greek Life is expected to be hired soon. It was reported that membership in Greek letter societies at Ohio University is about 10% of the student population, with three tiers of fraternity membership numbers being identified as 75 men and over, 40-60 and 25 or less. Beta Theta Pi returned to campus in the fall of 2012 and Sigma Chi plans to return in 2014. Sorority membership is robust, as all have met their quota of 125 members and the university is entertaining ideas of possibly inviting another national sorority to the campus.

The AOGA board continues to meet every 3 weeks via WebEx/phone and the search is still on for legal counsel for the board. In an effort to boost participation in the graduate association, John mentioned that we might rekindle the Decade Rep program which had mixed success previously. Additionally, brothers were encouraged to locate members of their pledges classes and Brother Tim Adams' idea of building a "family tree" of big/little brothers is still an option worth exploring.

Regarding the house, Brother Ziza announced that we will continue to use Parker Engineering for recommendations on improvements which will continue to be prioritized as 1) Health & Safety of the occupants 2) Structural 3) Cosmetic. The primary focus remains on exterior/structural improvements with any cosmetic work likely to wait until the Phi Psi fraternity moves out. We have been able to find a local reliable handyman, Ron Nixon, to do odd jobs when needed.

Looking into the upcoming year, Brother Ziza suggested efforts be focused on the upcoming recolonization and encouraged brothers to assist with recruiting and to participate in recolonization events. Fundraising efforts and BCA recruitment will continue to be ongoing priorities he said, along with new tasks such as developing a budget

based on the house configuration once it is again populated with Fijis and determining a revenue stream as a basis for future house improvements. Brother Ron Sages, commenting on the concept of house configuration, suggested creating a position modeled after the Resident Advisor in campus dormitories that would be open to a Phi Gam graduate student attending Ohio University. The position could come with a stipend of some kind, Ron said, in addition to room and board. This suggestion was warmly received

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Brother Charlie Weckman recommended that an upgrade be made to the front door prior to this coming fall semester, possibly in the form a different method of secured entry such as thumb print/key card in place of the current lock & key entry. Brother Weckman volunteered to look into the costs and feasibility of the upgrade. Charlie then introduced the subject of bed bug insurance for the house, explaining the cost/risk scenarios. The board will make a decision on the insurance prior to the fall semester.

HOUSE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Brother Chad Miller said that he was trying to make the original blueprints of the house available on the association's website. Addressing possible improvements to the house, Chad proposed the idea of a sprinkler system, shocking the membership with a cost estimate of approximately \$100,000. The high cost of the project, he explained, was driven by required excavation needed to tap into a water line. A more modest undertaking would be work on repairing several ceilings in the house that are in need of attention, he said. Brother Miller then wrapped up his report by expressing his desire to work with the board treasurer on possible housing configuration models prior to Phi Gamma Delta resuming occupancy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Dinner & Fundraising:

Brother Tim Davis checked in via WebEx to give an up to the minute update on anticipated dinner attendance and reminded the group that the symposiarch would be Brother John Sweeney. Tim also revealed that the amount pledged for the recolonization effort had grown to \$16,000.

Website:

Brother Ziza, subbing for Brother Rob Valloric made an appeal to brothers to submit more pictures that could be shared on the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brother Ziza received a rousing reception to his news that the AAA Scholarships for Delta Colony members would be provided by the

fraternity's international headquarters and would not be the financial responsibility of AOGA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brother Jason Phillips unveiled his proposed fiscal year 2014 budget assumptions which included, among other items, Fiji Academy/Ekklesia expenses for 8 attendees (\$750 each) and a capital expense increase to \$7,500 per month to cover the projected cost of replacing 50% of the windows in the house. Jason made clear that no allowance was made for either bedbug insurance or a sprinkler system in the budget assumptions. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Tiger Thiel, seconded by Michael Keaton and was passed.

ELECTIONS:

With the expiration of the two year terms for two board officers and two trustees, elections were held. For the office of president, Brother John Ziza announced his desire to serve another term. A nomination from the floor was made via phone call as Tim Davis nominated Brother Tiger Thiel for president. Following a demonstrative rebuttal of this nomination by Brother Thiel, Brother Davis rescinded the nomination and Brother Ziza was reelected to another two-year term as president. Brother John Clark was then elected board secretary, unopposed. Brothers Cole Platt and Tim Davis were reelected to serve as trustees and the appointed positions of David Slater as President Emeritus and Ron Sages as Comptroller were reconfirmed.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS:

Newly reelected board president John Ziza announced that Pig Dinner 2014 would take place March 21 of that year at Ohio University Inn.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Keaton
Secretary
The Alpha Omega Graduate Association

