

## Phi Delta Theta Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 18, 2009

President Ken Stringer welcomed parents.

Participants approved the minutes from the October 25, 2008 meeting.

Ken introduced Chapter President David Brinton and Vice President Jimmy Stringer, who jointly provided an overview of Chapter accomplishments and activities.

David noted that 45 members of MSU's Phi Delta Theta Fraternity spent part of their Christmas break providing volunteer labor for Habitat for Humanity in Bay Saint Louis, MS. The annual service project, which began three years ago after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Gulf Coast, included soon-to-be initiates and several actives. Since 2007, more than 120 members have signed on to help the local Habitat organization operating in Hancock County.

David added that the chapter, which finished runner up to the national organization's prestigious Founders Trophy in 2008, hopes to advance to the top position at the organization's Emerging Leaders Institute slated for August 1-4 in Oxford, Ohio.

Jimmy pointed out that the chapter continues to set the pace on campus, including:

- Number one scholastically
- Drew Cleek – SA vice president
- 10 Roadrunners, including Vice President Josh Becker
- Tyler Flowers – vice president for the Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- Worth Eubanks – vice president for programming, Interfraternity Council (IFC)
- Daniel Herrington – president of MSU Music Makers
- Tim Wolverton – president of the Southeastern Interfraternity Council

Other chapter members in attendance were rush Co-Chairs Brad Butler and Scott Akins, Warden Daniel Herrington, and House Manager Tyler Ingram.

Tyler updated parents on recent improvements to the house, including installation of stalls in the upstairs bathroom and fresh paint in the game room with paint provided by the Parents' Association.

Ken reported on additional steps taken by parents to improve the game room. The association purchased two couches and Susan Ridgeway provided input on wall colors and furniture options for the future. Research into a flat-screen television is on hold until the winner of Greek TV giveaway is determined later in the semester. Phi Delt is vying for a 52-inch plasma screen TV as part of the MSU Tennis team's efforts to generate crowd support at local matches. Ken noted that if the chapter does not win the television, the Parents Association will purchase a new set as approved at the Fall 2008 meeting.

Ken also informed the group that Housing Committee Chairman Chris Riles voiced his appreciation of the Parents Association. The committee is working with an alumni architect on plans to expand the dining room and kitchen. A building campaign is being considered for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter in 2012.

Susan Ingram, representing the Moms' Club, gave an overview of the organization's main activity – the Annual Shish-Ka-Bob rush Party held each Fall on pref night. The event is usually held on Wednesday night of rush. Moms take the lead on putting together the shish-ka-bobs and Dads join in the fun as cooks.

George Norfleet provided the Treasurer's report.

Balance in Fall 2008 – \$3,666.50.

Purchases/expenses included dining room tables and chairs and enhancements to the game room.

**Remaining Balance** – \$4,411.33

George noted that due to financial restraints, the Parents Association is not taking on a large project in the near term. The association will wait until the Fall to establish its next large project.

Meanwhile, George encouraged parents to pay their annual association dues - \$50 per semester or \$100 per year. Those unable to pay at the meeting may go to the Parents' page at [www.msuphi.com](http://www.msuphi.com) to get George's address and mail dues. A Phi Delta directory, with names and addresses of all pledges and actives, is available to everyone who is current with membership dues.

Ken then recognized incoming President Bob Brinton, who thanked Ken for two fantastic years as the association's president and presented him with a gift certificate to Starkville's Cotton District Grill.

The full slate of 2009-2010 officers includes:

<b>President:</b>	Bob Brinton
<b>Vice President:</b>	Steve Beussink
<b>Secretary:</b>	Checky Herrington
<b>Treasurer:</b>	George Norfleet
<b>Mom's Club Chair:</b>	Susan Ingram
<b>Mom's Club Vice Chair:</b>	Pam Cirilli

With there being no old or new business, the meeting adjourned followed by a barbeque luncheon.

**Checky Herrington**

Submitted by Checky Herrington, secretary

April 30, 2009