

## Phi Delta Theta Parents Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 25, 2008

President Ken Stringer welcomed parents.  
Minutes from March 29, 2008 meeting were approved.

Ken explained the purpose of the Parents Association and introduced the 2008-2009 officers. These included:

- President, Ken Stringer
- Vice President, Bob Brinton
- Secretary, Checky Herrington
- Treasurer, George Norfleet
- Mom's Club Chair, Cindy Wilson
- Mom's Club Vice Chair, Susan Ingram

Ken encouraged parents to get involved in chapter activities by staying up to date via the Phi Delta Theta Web site, which is accessible at [www.msuphi.com](http://www.msuphi.com). The site includes an array of information, including chapter news, a photo gallery and the daily menu at the Phi Delta house.

Ken also noted that the Parents Association has been busy, installing lattice around the deck, supporting the summer renovation project, purchasing new chairs and tables, and sponsoring the annual shish-ka-bob dinner during pref night of rush.

John Genin, president of the Phi Delta Alumnae Board, advised parents of steps the board is taking to create a mentor group dedicated to answering questions about careers, jobs, majors, etc. Via a special database, Phi Delta members will soon be able to access valuable information about their areas of study from alumni subject-matter experts such as attorneys, engineers, business leaders, accountants, and others.

Josh Becker, chapter president, emphasized how important the Parents Association is to the chapter and told parents they are welcome to drop by the house any time for a visit. He shared that MSU's Phi Delta chapter is having a great year, pointing to several recent accomplishments that include:

- Runner up to the national organization's prestigious Founders Trophy
- Hundreds of hours of community service
- A 3.0 GPA – the best among MSU fraternities
- A fall pledge class of 42 outstanding young men
- Nine road runners
- Alumni delegates
- IFC president
- Student Association cabinet members

Josh also informed parents that due to the chapter's impressive growth in recent years, the Housing Corporation is looking at adding more rooms to the Phi Delta house. Meanwhile, he mentioned several immediate needs of the chapter, including a new freezer for the kitchen and renovation of the chapter's pool room.

Scott Akin and Brad Butler, co-rush chairs for 2009, noted that they are looking forward to another successful rush/recruiting year, and asked parents to send along names and contact information of potential recruits.

Susan Ingram, representing the Moms' Club, introduced house mom Mittie Moreland and kitchen workers Lisa Ingram and Crystal Ellis.

Susan also gave a first-hand account of the benefits of being involved in the Parents Association and challenged parents to share their time and talents with the organization. She pointed to the annual shish-ka-bob rush party as a fun way to support the chapter and to enjoy a front-row seat of fraternity activities. Susan also mentioned the possibility of a moms' brunch for Super Bulldog Weekend and asked attendees to be on the lookout for more details.

George Norfleet provided the treasurer's report.

Balance in spring of '08 – \$5,837.24

Purchases/expenses included lattice project, rush dinner, newsletter, tables and chairs for the dining room.

Remaining Balance – \$3,666.50

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.

Parents then discussed chapter needs, including an upright freezer for the kitchen and upgrades/furnishings for the pool room. A motion was made and seconded to give the Association Board and designated committee members the discretion to research the needs and to spend up to \$3,000 (ensuring that at least \$2,000 remains in the association budget) on projects the group determines to be priority.

Ken Stringer closed the meeting with a blessing.

**Checky Herrington**

Submitted by Checky Herrington, secretary

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