

Phi Delta Theta Parents' Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 10, 2009

3:30 PM

President Bob Brinton welcomed parents.

Participants approved the minutes from the April 18, 2009 meeting.

Bob then introduced the Parents' Association 2009-2010 officers, including:

President,	Bob Brinton
Vice President,	Steve Beussink (not present)
Secretary,	Checky Herrington
Treasurer,	George Norfleet
Mom's Club Chair,	Susan Ingram
Mom's Club Vice Chair,	Pam Cirilli (not present)

Following was an introduction of House Director Mittie Moreland and kitchen assistants Crystal Ellis and Jessica Barnes.

Bob then explained the purpose of the Parents' Association, calling on Checky Herrington to share a few of the activities the organization has supported through the years. Mentioned were dining room tables and chairs, a microwave, latticework for the deck, landscaping, and the most recent contribution of a projector and surround sound system for a new theatre room.

George Norfleet provided the treasurer's report.

Balance in Spring 2009 – \$4,411.33

Purchases/expenses included theatre room project and shish-ka-bob rush dinner.

Remaining Balance – \$3,157.08

George, who gave his positive impressions of Phi Delt and the Parents' Association, 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 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.

Bob introduced chapter vice president Jimmy Stringer, who welcomed parents and provided an overview of chapter accomplishments and activities. Jimmy said members are especially appreciative to the Parents' Association for the new theatre room and the shish-ka-bob rush dinner. Jimmy also informed parents of the leadership role Phi Delta Theta plays on campus, pointing to the following:

- The chapter posted the 2nd highest GPA on campus in Spring 2009.
- Drew Cleek is vice president of MSU's Student Association.
- Tyler Flowers is IFC vice president.
- Worth Eubanks is IFC Programming Chair.

- Josh Becker is vice president of MSU Roadrunners.
- Other Roadrunners include Jonathan Barden, David Brinton, Phillips Hargarger, Marshall Jones, Trey Koury, Addison Shock, Harrison Sullivan and Davis Sweat.
- Adam Nobles is a member of the Appalachian Leadership Honors Program.
- Addison Shock was a finalist for Mr. MSU.
- Elliot Varney is a pitcher on the MSU baseball team.
- Matt Williams is a kicker on the MSU football team.
- David Brinton is president of the MSU men's Club soccer team
- Graham Caraway is a saxophonist in MSU's Famous Maroon Band.

Other chapter members in attendance provided additional updates. Pledge Educator Ty Owen gave an overview of pledge activities, including details of the weekly meeting and study hall along with plans for guest speakers who will offer insights on time management and etiquette. House Manager Tyler Ingram reviewed recent improvements around the house, including the audio/visual additions to the theatre room, renovations to the upstairs bathroom, and clean-up projects. Warden Daniel Herrington explained the fraternity's process for enforcing policies and procedures.

Reporting on behalf of Housing Corporation Chair Chris Riles, Bob informed parents of plans to expand the kitchen area and dining room. The renovation, tentatively scheduled for 2011, also will provide six new renovated rooms for exec members, raising current accommodations from 46 to 52. Most importantly, the improvements will provide much-needed common space downstairs in the chapter room. The corporation is seeking \$300,000 to cover the additions, including \$50,000 from the active chapter and \$150,000 from alumni. An alumni architect is developing the plans. Meanwhile, parents may provide recommendations for contractors to the Housing Corporation.

Susan Ingram, representing the Moms' Club, gave an overview of the group's main activity – the annual shish-ka-bob rush party held each Fall on “pref night”. Noting that parents have few opportunities to hang out with their sons, she pointed to the event as a great opportunity to be with them and their friends. Susan also encouraged parents to look around for needs within the fraternity and to share ideas and resources to make things better. She also urged interested parents to inquire about officer roles and other leadership positions.

On behalf of the Mom's Club, Darlene Dotherow presented Susan with a special gift in appreciation for her hard work on the shish-ka-bob dinner for the past several years.

Under new business, the group took the following actions:

- Time for the association's Fall meetings will be 3:30 p.m. for games beginning at 11:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for games beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- A maximum of \$500 was allocated to the chapter to purchase slipcovers for the couches in the theatre room. Susan Ingram will head up the investigation of the slip covers along with the chapter.
- House Manager Tyler Ingram was asked to obtain three estimates for costs of renovating the downstairs bathrooms. Once that information is known, further

consideration will be given by the Parents' Association concerning taking on the upgrading of the restrooms as a project.

- House Manager Tyler Ingram and Parents' Association member Linda McGough were authorized to research the most appropriate method for storing bicycles in or outside the Phi Delt House and to submit a recommendation to the board. Once a final determination is made with the proper approvals and costs, the association members will be given the opportunity to vote by e-mail on whether they wish to take on the project.
- Another suggestion was made which involved purchasing chair rail molding for use in the parlor room to hide the damage and prevent further damage to the walls by the chairs being pushed into the walls. No action was taken.
- The idea of purchasing a credit card machine was raised for use by the association for the payment of Parent Association dues. The approximate cost is \$150 plus a 2 percent fee for each transaction. No action was taken on this idea.
- It was decided that a \$1,500 balance was needed to be maintained in the association's account so monies would be available for the shish-ka-bob event in the Fall which occurs prior to the first parents' meeting and the influx of additional dues.
- The idea of having a grandparent newsletter and or opportunity for them to contribute to the Parent Association was raised. No action was taken.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned followed by an old-fashioned barbeque meal.

Checky Herrington

Submitted by Checky Herrington, secretary

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