

Roll Call – Paul J. Parks, Matthew R. Hess, Chip McConville(sp?), Jeremy Doser, Christopher Pounds, William P. Novak, Jon Lester, Colin Johnson

Reading of the Minutes – Dispensed; Jeremy Doser moved to dispense of the reading of the minutes, seconded by Matthew R. Hess

Alpha Report

#1 – Evan Fouts

Brothers,

I am happy to report that our move-in process went smoothly and our first week has been a very promising start to the semester. The procedure for move-in was straightforward and effective:

- Brothers test as soon as they arrive
- Masks are required by him and his family
- Brother must quarantine until receiving a negative result

Clicks and thanks to Neal for equipping the Lodge with the most hand sanitizer and masks I've seen in my life, among all the other ways he's prepared us for this semester. The undergraduates are respecting our safety guidelines and keeping the Lodge clean. I have had several meetings with IFC and PCH going over everything we need to know for this semester. Thank you to Paden for sending me reminder emails about all of the certified housing items to take care of. I have a meeting tomorrow with Beta Sigma Psi and other representatives of the Urbana area. A local Beta Sig alumnus reached out to their president, saying:

“There have been a lot of people in the West Urbana Neighborhood Email List expressing their concerns about students spreading COVID-19 when they return to campus. I think that if we could set up a sort of Community Discussion in a Zoom Meeting where leaders from the Greek Community talked about what precautions the various houses are taking, it would allow for some bridges to be built. I could also find a couple representatives for the permanent residents who could share their stories.”

I think this will be a great opportunity to show our commitment to safety and respect for our community. I hope this opens a better line of communication between us and our neighbors so we can have a better relationship moving forward.

Despite the many challenges we're facing, recruitment has been going very successfully. Our events are limited to 10 guests (per city order) which includes live-outs, so our events have heavily relied on the live-in brothers. The small size of the events has worked in our favor, as it allows for more one-to-one interaction and PNMs who show up are all genuinely interested in the fraternity. We have 4 bids extended, all of whom received it with excitement, and we have several more lined up the next time they come around. We are seeing quality gentlemen at the Lodge with plenty of time to find more. Sam and Jason have been doing a great job and the live-in brothers have really stepped up in their involvement.

I hope all is well with the members of the alumni board and your families. I wish you all safety and health. Please email, text, or call me if you need anything.

#4 – Arjun Thakkar

I sent July rent a couple days ago and will send August as soon as I get enough money to do so (should be a couple more days). Brothers have been good paying off the semesters charges or setting up payment plans, but I'll set a deadline for next weekend to get the rest of the brothers to pay off their balance.

Alumni Corp. Report

Treasurer – Christopher Pounds

- Spent \$146K, less than what came in, mostly due to an Alumni bequeathment of 10K upon his passing
- Total income of \$14K
- 160K budgeted for 2020-2021
- Prepared for insurance amount to rise
- Planned budget estimating undergraduate contracts to be approximately \$4100-4300 per semester
- Bank is insistent on us having a reserve fund, which we don't have yet
- Property tax is estimated to be \$38K for 2020-2021; \$31K for this past year
 - o The change was based upon the purchase price

President COVID/Campus Update – Paul J. Parks

- COVID guidance passed on to undergraduates, no complaints on their end
- Uoff will be conducting only virtual classes beginning with Thanksgiving break
- Paul J. Parks and Neal D. Rushforth will be notified when/if any members test positive
- Safer IL application is a useful tool to monitor the health status of students

Committee Reports

Scholarship – Matthew R. Hess

- Temple Hoyne Buell Scholarship Finalist Interviews went well, great group of guys
- Submitted a grant request for \$9K, will most likely receive about \$6K, TBD
- Committee will work to formalize the in-house scholarship program

Fundraising – Paul J. Parks

- Neon should be going online soon, it was stressed to Matt Murphy that it needs to be up and running soon and the priority is a pay option for dues, donations, etc.
- Will be starting an option to provide payments to the Lodge monthly via electronic means
- Neal D. Rushforth had the roof of the Lodge inspected and it is not as new as once thought, fundraising will soon be very important for issues such as this

Capital Campaign – Paul J. Parks

- Even though campaign events cannot be held in person due to the pandemic, we must prioritize advertising and online events this fiscal year
- Paul J. Parks owns the fact that more needs to be done with the campaign
- Campaign finances: the corp owes the campaign \$20,200 (\$9,600 rent to Kellner for June & July 2019, plus Silchuck put his \$1,000 donation into the corporation account to pay for other expenses – that's how we arrived at the number).
- The campaign has a total of \$41,199.04 cash on hand. Of that, Chris Riehs needs \$1,000 ish to cover all the plaques that still need to get done.
- Neon will cost approximately \$150/month once that gets off the ground; believed to be ok for Neon to be paid for by the campaign for at least the next 3-4 years, as it will be a tool to help get donations/repeat donations, etc.

Property – Paden Thomas/Paul J. Parks

- Neal has been in contact with the city about removal of the tree stump, tbd
- Ceiling above the mailboxes fell due to water damage; turns out too many downspouts leading to one area, it is in the process of being repaired
- The discovery of the downspout issue has also outlined the need for tuckpointing
- Neal installed covers for the ground level window wells to deter flooding

- Fire alarm system kept going off due to room 3 detector being programmed for the wrong room; brother in room 3 disabled the detector, big no-no
- Neal had the 3rd floor AC repaired
- All rooms now have appropriate number of beds/desks after a summer inventory was taken during work day
- PCH inspection set for 9/8
- \$1,778 for sprinkler system inspection/repair, we had a few deficiencies
- Neal purchased hand sanitizer stations
- Neal hired weekly licensed cleaners
- Need to budget approximately 10-15k per year for repairs

Alpha Relations – Jon Lester

- Undergraduates are contacting Jon Lester looking for job connections
- Jon Lester suggests a list of alumni and their occupations for easy matching/contact

Events – Jeremy Doser

- Event still cannot be held in person
- Make sure to advertise AZD finalists for Founders and Goodbody Trophies at the virtual National Chi Psi Awards banquet on September 26, 2020
- Soliciting ideas for virtual events

Old Business

- Undergraduates did not accept the Alumni Corp. Board proposal to pay off their debt to the Central Office
- Debt is approximately \$14K due to undergraduates a few years back not paying the CO
- A payment plan was set up with the CO in which Alumni Corp. Board is paying 25% of debt due to lack of oversight and the undergraduates are paying approximately \$2K the next 5 years to satisfy the debt
- CO was gracious enough to still recognize AZD as eligible for voting and receiving awards even though there is an existing debt
- Suggested repercussion for undergraduates missing payment to the CO is social probation until payment is made

New Business

- Approving the 2020-2021 budget can be done via email due to lack of quorum. Quorum doesn't exist due to undergraduate representatives participating in a rush event
- Approval of a proposed amendment to the bylaws can be done via email as well
- Encourage undergraduates to get housing contracts signed prior to October 1
- Bank is willing to work with us on the mortgage due to the pandemic
 - o Deferments of payments
 - o Interest only payments
 - o Refinance – put down \$15-20K?
- We have a potential live-in advisor if Jon Lester gets into graduate school at UofI
- Nominations:
 - o President – Paul J. Parks
 - o Vice President – Jeremy Doser, William P. Novak
 - o Secretary – Matthew R. Hess

- Treasurer – Christopher Pounds
- Trustee – Colin Johnson, William P. Novak, Jeremy Doser, Brian Sarna, Brian Keleher