

Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi, Inc

Board of Directors Meeting

June 23, 2019

Conference Call

Douglas Bull called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Douglas M. Bull, John S. Farrar, Richard D. Fox, Paul D. Herbert, John Merski, Sky Pederson, Patrick Russell

Members in Attendance: Kevin Krepinevich, Chapter/Advisor Ambassador, Donald "Doc" Hannon

Motion by Pat Russell

The minutes of the April 28, 2019 Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call meeting be approved as distributed May 17, 2019.

Second and passed without dissent.

Motion by John Merski

To document in the minutes that an electronic ballot was conducted by the Alumni Board between May 9 and May 14. That ballot addressed a motion made by John Farrar that the Alumni Board would fund the purchase of a beer/soda and hot dog for every attendee of the Saturday June 8th Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Golf outing. It was seconded by Rick Fox. The motion was passed unanimously.

Second and passed without dissent.

Chapter Advisory Board Chairman Report

CAB Chairman Paul D. Herbert stated that the last CAB meeting was January and additional meetings would be set up as needed. Contacts continue and no issues have been reported. The Beta pledge class and the Executive Board were installed. The Gamma pledge class was installed. Currently the chapter is still looking to acquire a faculty advisor. He attended the Alumni weekend and received several positive comments about the Zeta Alpha Chapter. Alumni staff member Kelly Baily said she wished she had 3 more Brother Riley's Keffer's working for her.

Presidents Report

President Bull reported that the golf outing was a great success. There were almost 60 brothers in attendance making it one of the of the top 5 attended outings. There were 19 tee signs raising \$1,900 at a cost of \$155.00. He was pleased with the comradery and cooperation displayed at the event and the fellowship displayed. The Alumni Board providing a hotdog and a drink for every attendee was well received as well. In addition, Chapter president Eric Lehman presented Silver Legion Awards to brothers in attendance who had been members for at least 25 years and Golden Guard Awards to Brothers who had been members for at east 50 years! President Bull also pointed out we now have 13 brothers who have joined the Alumni brotherhood from the newly chartered chapter.

Treasures Report June 24, 2019 BOD Meeting

Balance as of April 28, 2019 \$8,505.45 Combined Total

- \$3,181.00 Brick Fund
- \$5,324.45 General Fund Balance

Balance as of June 24, 2019 \$10,159.94 Combined Total

- \$3,081.00 Brick Fund
- \$7,078.94 General Fund Balance

A check was written to Brother Suprano in the amount of \$100.00 for the purchase of one additional brick in honor of "Rip Rowan" who had such a positive impact on many young Theta Chi Brothers as they passed thru Slippery Rock and Board approval will be requested at this meeting.

During the Golf Outing two fund-raising events took place, the first being the sale of "Tee Signs. The new fund-raising idea raised net proceeds after expenses for the signs of \$1,715.64.

The second fund-raising activity held at the golf outing was the 50/50 raffle that was handled by Brother Sablowski which yielded net proceeds after distributing the winnings of \$301.00. I would like to thank Brother Saboo for his efforts during the outing.

In addition, there was a small balance left over from the funds charged and expense of the dinner held after the golf outing. Brother Suprano submitted a full accounting of all funds and expenses and returned the unused proceed of \$37.85 to be deposited into the general fund.

In addition to the fund-raising activities at the golf outing the Alumni Board had approved the funding of a hot dog and drink for all attending members of the roving galley and golfers. The free food and beverage paid for by the Alumni Association expense was \$300.00 including tip and was appreciated by all those that attended.

CAB Chapter Advisor Ambassador Report

The Chapter Executive Board considered making a funding request to the Chapter Advisory Board to submit to the Alumni Board but reviewed their finances and felt that they were on stable enough footing at this time to not need to request fund.

The Chapter distributed a newsletter to Alumni Brothers on June 20, 2019 and to highlight some important items:

- Sky Pederson was recognized as Greek Chapter President of the Year.
- The chapter was nominated as **outstanding student organization** of the year and **educational event of the year** for the Stop the Bleed and SAVE programs in April. The chapter received the Rising Star award for the 2018-19 academic year Presented by SRU for both.
- Additionally, Brother Dillon Pusateri, a freshman political science major from Bethel Park who was a member of the spring pledge class also received one of 7 Rising star awards exemplifying and standing out as an emerging leader in the chapter on SRU campus
- The chapter also submitted for the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence as an outstanding chapter in Theta Chi Fraternity this year.

- Brother Marshall Tuten is one of the finalists for the Colley Award and received the SRU Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Man Award.
- The Chapter graduated 10 Brothers who are now part of the Alumni Association and many graduated with honors!

All things considered the chapter is becoming a respected force to be reckoned with on campus at Slippery Rock.

He reported he is working with the Chapter Marshall Andrew Borcharding who attempted to pass out Theta Chi – Resolute Men wristbands at the Golf Outing and we hope to distribute them when we can get them from Brother Borcharding.

Old Business

Annual Report Distribution May 1, 2019

A brief discussion occurred that the annual report required by the bylaws was distributed to the membership on time with no issues and should be a good tool in the future.

27th Annual Golf Outing Review

The golf outing was an outstanding success. A can for the brick fund was not passed around because the fund is sufficiently funded at this time. Brothers seemed to aggressively make attempts to mingle more than in previous years. Everyone had a good time. Brother Joe Suprano did another excellent job and was congratulated by those in attendance. A suggestion was made that name tags be made up for everyone that attends so everyone would know the names/graduation year of each person who attends. Brother Pat Russell picked up the signs from this year so they can be used again if necessary. There were many positive comments by brothers expressing their appreciation to the Chapter for the presentation of the Silver Legion and Golden Guard Awards.

The Board discussed that some questions came up at the golf outing about the chapter starting with pledge class names from the beginning of the Greek alphabet. It was explained, during the recolonization process, the chapter was given several different naming options by the Field Executives including picking up with Beta Zeta. It was their choice as to how pledge classes would be named. They decided that since they were starting fresh that they would begin fresh with pledge class names using the Greek alphabet and would welcome original pledge classes to act as mentors.

Resolute Man Scholarship Update

Currently the deadline for the Resolute Man Scholarship applications is July 1. So far only one application has been submitted. Brother Herbert is expecting last-minute submissions.

New Business

Motion by John Farrar

That the Board authorize \$350 from the brick fund to purchase a brick commemoration Rip Rowan and a double size brick for Mable Poe "Grandma" Blyth and to request that Brother Suprano purchase the bricks when appropriate.

Second and passed without dissent.

Motion by Pat Russell

That the \$2,000 raised from the tee signs and the raffle be donated to the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund and that the credit be given to the brothers who donated in order that they receive the tax deduction.

Second and passed without dissent.

Homecoming 2019

President Bull spoke with members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter and discussed coordinating with the Alumni Association events for Homecoming 2019. The chapter wants to run events to host the Alumni more often in the future. The Board agreed in principal to support this effort and agreed to provide funds, if necessary, in the future when plans are finalized.

28th Annual Golf Outing 2020

Plans are moving forward with the 2020 golf outing and many of the pieces of the 2019 events will be continued in 2020. Brother Joe Suprano is going to work with Chapter President Eric Lehman to coordinate with the Chapter's help in conducting the event in 2020.

Helping Hand Scholarship

Motion by John Farrar

That the Board accept the offer by Emil Brenkus to step forward to be appointed as the Helping Hand Scholarship Fundraising chairman.

Second and passed without dissent.

Next Alumni Newsletter

Board members were asked to pull any information they would like to include in a Board newsletter by July 15, 2019.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be scheduled for August 25, at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm EDT

Minutes submitted by Secretary John E. Merski, Jr.