

**Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi, Inc**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 21, 2021**

**Conference Call Meeting**

Douglas Bull called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. EDT. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Present:** Douglas M. Bull, John S. Farrar, Rick Fox, Kevin Krepinevich, Sky Pederson, Patrick Russell, Logan Tupper

**Additional Attendees:**

Gary Perdue

**Motion by Rick Fox**

The minutes of the February 21, 2021 Zeta Alpha Chapter Alumni Board Conference Call Meeting be approved.

Second and passed without dissent.

**President Report**

Brother Bull reported that he felt all arrangements for the golf outing and the progress on the Helping Hand Fundraising were going well and would be discussed in more detail later during the meeting.

**Treasures Report**

<b>Balance as of February 21, 2021</b>	<b>\$7952.53</b>	<b>Combined Total</b>
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During the month of February, the Alumni Association wrote a check for \$500.00 to the Slippery Rock Foundation to be deposited into the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund. The check to the Foundation was paid for from the proceeds of receipt of a donation of a check received from a Brother and directed to be used for the Helping Hand Scholarship Fund. In addition to the funds being sent a letter detailing the donor information was sent to the foundation for purpose of acknowledgment of the donor's tax-deductible donation. The Foundation was instructed to send a letter to the donor acknowledging the tax-deductible donation.

In addition, two checks were received from Brother Russell and Brother Baudoux for their purchase of Tee Signs for the upcoming June golf outing. These two checks have not yet been deposited into the general fund.

A payment was made from the Brick Fund in the amount of \$100.00 for the purchase of a Brick to be placed at the Alumni House in honor of recently passed Brother Dave Minett authorized at the February meeting of the Board.

### **Scholarship Fund Accounting**

Treasurer Farrar will be requesting and updated accounting from the Foundation of funds in the scholarship accounts as of March 30, 2021 for the Annual Report.

### **The Resolute Man**

Scholarship Funds which is no longer receiving and additional funding has a remaining balance of \$717.32

### **The Helping Hand Scholarship**

The fund will increase to \$12,585.91, when the \$500 in new donations are deposited and posted. The check has been mailed but not deposited as of today's date. Note this balance does not reflect donations made directly to the Foundation.

### **Chapter Advisor Report**

Chapter Advisor Krepinevich reported that with the temperatures finally beginning to warm the members of the chapter have been able to generate outside brotherhood activities creating more social connections and interactions for the chapter members that continues to improve spirits and participation.

Continuing a positive note Advisor Krepinevich also reported that through the virtual presentation of the Greek Celebration of Excellence held earlier this week the Zeta Alpha chapter was recognized for:

- Excellence in Chapter Management – Chapter Award
- Excellence in External Relations – Chapter Award – for the second year in a row.
- Outstanding Greek President - Eric Lehman. This is the third consecutive year the Zeta Alpha Chapter was recognized as having the Outstanding Greek President. Past President Eric Lehman has won the award for 2 consecutive years along with Past President Sky Pederson winning the first year the chapter was formed!

These are each encouraging but accomplishments shared between the chapter the Alumni Board and the Chapter Advisors working together as a team to help the chapter and its members to keep their eye on doing the right things the right way for the right reasons. Advisor Krepinevich expressed that he could not be prouder of the chapter considering that these achievements were completed while maintaining a chapter 2.9 grade point average and dealing with all the pandemic limitations.

Advisor Krepinevich commented that he has recently reached out to each of the advisors and has encouraged continued connections with their counterparts and has shared the information he just shared with the Board.

There is a slight possibility that alumni may be able to attend the initiation of the 6-member pledge class later this spring but restrictions at the university will still affect final decisions on that and he will keep the Board apprised.

### **Helping Hand Scholarship Fundraising Chair Report**

Brother Gary Perdue was formally introduced to the Board and was pleased to announce that several brothers responded immediately to his Helping Hand letter. The responding brothers were interested in sending money in for the fund. Brother Perdue will be sending out new email with more details shortly.

### **Old Business**

#### **2021 Golf Outing**

The date of the 28<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing has been confirmed for June 12, 2021 with Tam O'Shanter and the course is planning to be open. New safety rules set up for COVID will determine many of the ways the outing will be conducted but we will be creative.

Brother Joe Suprano will be coordinating the dinner after the outing with a steak or chicken option for \$27 with masks required and we will follow course COVID-19 guidelines.

Brother Sky has been receiving names of people who plan to attend the outing. So far, he has received 10+ with notifications of plenty more to come.

Brother Russell will be starting on tee sign solicitation this week and will have more to report at next meeting.

Fifteen 15 rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday night for the Golf Outing as well as the pavilion.

The cookout on Friday is currently in the planning stage.

### **Accepting Nominations for 2021 Board Elections**

So far, Secretary Pederson has received two nominations: one from Sky Pederson and one from Patrick Russell. Reminder email will be sent out again by March 25 as a final reminder.

### **Further discussion of soliciting ideas from newer alumni of ideas for alumni/chapter events that can be supported by the Alumni Association**

Brother Logan, who has been tasked with this project, was able to connect with a few recent alumni. He has found that plenty of brothers are interested in planning more events to get to know the alumni better. Brother Logan will continue to gauge interest and report back next meeting.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be scheduled for April 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm EDT

Minutes submitted by Secretary Sky Pederson