

CE&CF EXEC BOARD MEETING - February 5, 2016 at KCC

Present: Bill Giesler, Jerry Lang, Jim Sparrow, John Strohbach, Barry Wanninger, and guest Dick Fenstermacher
Minutes of the November 6, 2015 meeting were approved.

President's Report – Bill Giesler

Active Chapter By: Nick Partie, Active Chapter President

The men of Alpha Xi continue to move the chapter forward as we gear up for another great semester on campus. Even with a membership of 182 men, we are experiencing a chapter that has grown accustomed to bettering each other, while also having an absolute blast. The executive board sees our chapter at a pivotal point where we can either continue forging ahead on campus, or will need to take a step back and reconsider the growth we have recently achieved. We prefer the prior, but are cognizant of the latter.

Of the 43 New Members, 41 of them were initiated into the bonds. Under Nathan Kunkel's leadership, they were taken through one of the most constructive New Member Education processes our chapter has experienced. They have invested in themselves, in their brothers, in Alpha Xi, and in the University of Cincinnati. As a result, they are regarded as the best New Member class on campus, and helped our chapter achieve the 3.3 GPA – setting our chapter .07 points higher than last fall, and .2 higher than three falls ago. These numbers may not seem startling, but when you consider the timespan of our growth, it proves Alpha Xi's ability to react quickly, and scale out accordingly. That said, this spring we are going to target a select group of guys on campus who represent areas we currently do not, and we are going to focus on engaging all of Active Chapter in the Brotherhood Events that will be hosted over the next three months. This is slightly different than the traditional process we go through, but in order to keep all of our brothers active, and to taper off our growth, we feel this is the best method for our chapter until we can structurally accommodate otherwise.

Externally, we continue to dominate on campus. We represent over 57 different majors, 23 in business honors, 13 athletes, 21 in honoraries, 10 presidents of organizations, 26 executive positions, and four organizations started by PIKEs. We are regarded as one of, if not the best social chapters, while balancing our leadership. As we look forward to the remainder of the semester, we are gearing up for our Mission Trip to Peru, as well as our week of philanthropic events rebranded as the "Fireman's Challenge". With a goal of raising \$20k, proceeds will support the national philanthropy – Cystic Fibrosis. At the conclusion of this event, we will be announcing our new Dream Girl under the improved selection process.

Internally, we will be employing the aforementioned New Member process for this spring. We are working through the details of our House Cup system, have re-vamped our SLAG|101 membership development class and will be headed to Chicago for a brotherhood retreat/PIKE University conference. These are all in an effort to continue improving brothers throughout their undergraduate tenure, and not just their New Member Education process. Under Brett Carlin's leadership, we had an incredibly successful trip to Nashville for our annual Formal Event, with over 300 in attendance. This was a trip to remember as chapter awards were distributed, and karaoke was sung. Much of the risk was averted by taking charter busses down, and fortunately no major issues occurred. In February, we look forward to an SHA hosted happy hour, as well as Founders' Day. Founders' Day was an incredible success last year, and we expect the same result this year, but on a grander scale. Election talks are starting to fill the GL as February approaches, and transitions will continue being emphasized.

Alpha Xi is in a great place right now with more growth than our chapter and house can bear, but we continue relishing in this success and looking for ways to capitalize on it. All signs indicate that this success will continue as we better each other and leverage the great relations that we have developed with our alumni brothers. By opening up the basement, and refurbishing the first floor, we will alleviate many of the unnecessary challenges that we face, and will continue working on the ones that will improve our brotherhood, and stay with us for the rest of our lives. I received a call from Mary Lasonczyk who shared some background on her husband, Tad. She has some PIKE memorabilia that we will be showcasing in the house. It was incredible to hear of the impact Alpha Xi had on his life and hers, and serves as inspiration to create a similar experience for all of the incredible brothers who currently fill the halls of the Nester Home.

SHA By: Mark Wood, SHA President

Not many changes to mention. Patrick Carr is busy working on Founders' Day. The link to sign up for Founders' Day will be distributed by February. Bill Giesler will check with Patrick on campus parking location.

We're recruiting someone to start learning the functions of the Housing Corp. We've had early discussions with one individual and hope to move forward with him (Alex Glutz).

UCPHC – Bill Giesler

- UCPHC is in dire need of new members as the current Trustees cannot manage the various tasks and responsibilities needed. Potential candidates to help are:
 - Chris Lee: Finances
 - Jon Doerger Repair, Maintenance & Housekeeping
 - Andy Pool House Management
 - Alex Glutz SHA Member
- UCPHC is developing schematic plans and elevations of an addition to the North. We're also pursuing use of a parcel behind the house (on Digby) to expand parking. This requires zoning approval. This initiative requires help from other Alumni before it can move forward.
- The good news is UCPHC is cash flow positive and we are in the process of developing the Reserve Fund Study. A draft of that Study is attached. A key question to be resolved is the source of funding if the current rent-stream diminishes.
- 28 Leases for 2016/2017 have been signed and the Leases and deposits will be sent to UCPHC the first week of February.
- CE&CF Succession Plan

A key goal is to continue to identify and engage new committee members in order to build bench strength and successors for this Board. We need to continue to think about potential members and engage them in our Committees.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Sparrow CE&CF 10/01/15 - 12/31/15

Checking balance - 10/01/15	\$ 1,818
Contributions - Omega	6,390
Transfer from Johnson	5,000
Scholarships and grants - UCPHC - Summer 2015	(5,000)
Fees and expenses - Omega	(1,127)
- Service charges	(74)
- Attorney General fee	<u>(200)</u>
Checking balance - 12/31/15	\$ <u>6,807</u>
January, 2016, paid grant to UCPHC for fall, 2015	\$ 6,000

Jim also reported that \$64,000 in contributions have been received since 7/1/2015.

Fund Raising Report – Bill Giesler

Annual Fund Raising Program (AFRP)

Our goal for this coming year's AFRP is \$25,000 with a donor base of 100. As of January 25, 2016, we have \$27,710 pledged and \$27,710 collected from 84 Brothers. The AFRP for 2014-2015 resulted in \$17,752 pledged and collected from 74 Brothers.

Endowed Scholarships

- A donation of \$10,000 cash was received from John Mang to establish an Endowed Scholarship Fund in his name. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2017.
- 65 former SMCs were solicited for donations. To date, we have donations totaling \$4,700.

Planned Giving Program

The Trust Agreement for David Krutsch's gift (Florida house) has been received by Tom Cuni. Upon David Krutsch's death, title to his house in Florida will be put into a Trust. Tom Cuni is the Trustee and the Trust is obligated to pay taxes and insurance for fifteen years. The Trust will ask CE&CF to pay those obligations for up to 15 years or until the death of Robert Lake. CE&CF can, at any time, discontinue paying these obligations, and if so, our rights to ownership of his house end.

Named Legacy Fund

A donation of Kroger Stock was received from Don Jacob. The value of the donation is \$20,445.

Investment Committee Report – John Strohbach

The market has not been our friend lately. As of Jan. 25, 2016 the value of our portfolio was \$705,968. The value on 6/30/15 was \$740,408 and on 12/31/15 was \$724,812, a \$32,851 loss. We need to communicate to our endowed scholarship sponsors that the drop below the \$10,000 'minimum' value was due to market conditions, and that we will adjust awarded scholarship sizes down until the fund builds back up. Eric Haines has expressed interest in serving on the CE&CF board in the Communications role that Bill Hoeb filled.

Scholarship Report – Barry Wanninger

The CE&CF Scholarship Committee had their scholarship/award selection meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at Montgomery Inn. Six members were present to participate along with input from 1 other member that currently lives out of the country in Switzerland. With the amounts available for scholarship/awards supported by the endowments with PIKE Foundation (below) a recipient list with award values will be finalized. Scholarship/award letters will be composed and forwarded to Bill Giesler so they may be printed and signed. Checks will also be requested from PIKE Foundation and Johnson Investments. All scholarships and awards will be presented at our Founders' Day Banquet on February 27th - a total of \$18,250 in scholarships plus grants.

The International PIKE Foundation Board voted on a 3% spend rate for scholarship distribution due to stock market underperformance. Funds available from National for these four scholarships will be:

Chris Jones	01/01/2016 Balance-	\$14,940.	\$448 available to award.
Jack Van Fossen	01/01/2016 Balance-	\$11,115.	\$333 available to award.
Michael Dever	01/01/2016 Balance-	\$22,882.	\$686 available to award.
William Nester	01/01/2016 Balance-	\$64,106.	\$1,923 available to award.

Communication Report – none

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Future Meetings: May 13 (Full Bd); Aug. 5 (Exec Bd); Nov.4 (Exec Bd)