

CE&CF BOARD MEETING - May 13, 2016 at KCC

Present: Bill Giesler, Wayne Gilsdorf, Bernie Meese, Jim Sparrow, John Strohbach, and Barry Wanninger

Excused: Mike Dever, Dick Fenstermacher, Jerry Lang, Eric Haines.

Minutes of the February 5, 2016 meeting were approved.

President's Report – Bill Giesler

Active Chapter -- Christian Przezdziecki, Active Chapter President

The spring semester was an extremely successful one for the Alpha Xi Chapter. Our 189 brothers continued to challenge each other to get better as individuals and together as a chapter. The 2015-16 executive board ensured that they left the chapter in the absolute best position to succeed and improve for the new executive board.

After adding an outstanding class of 41 men in the fall, this semester we took a new approach to spring recruitment. Trying to add more active chapter involvement and brotherhood to a recruitment semester that is typically stale compared to the fall, recruitment chairman Nick Jones and new member educator Nate Kunkel formed a new strategy for the spring. Starting with recruiting the new class, we held very high standards in hopes that we would have a smaller group of the best men in our spring class; this in turn helped combat growth issues that we faced being the largest chapter on campus and slowly outgrowing our house. 8 men were chosen to go through the new member process and were led by Nate Kunkel. This spring saw a higher number of new member activities utilize active chapter involvement and each activity was treated like a brotherhood event, leading to an extremely high level of investment in this new member class from the active chapter. In April, the Lambda pledge class was initiated into our bonds and became brothers, concluding one of the most successful spring new member processes in recent memory.

Internally, the chapter enjoyed a strong semester. Membership development chairman Robby Wellington finished a successful year for our SLAG 101 program that offers education and development for our brothers beyond the new member education process. The program concluded at PIKE University in Chicago which was attended by 53 brothers and included a keynote speech given by Alpha Xi special initiate and UC athletic director Mike Bohn. Internal operations were also extremely successful under internal VP Brett Carlin. Our annual founders' day celebration held in the Nippert Stadium press box was attended by over 175 alumni and active brothers and concluded with an "after---party" at the Nester Home. We also held a dad's weekend that included a social event and a golf outing between brothers and their fathers. We are very excited to build on the progress made this year internally, and look to improve on the strong brotherhood within our chapter.

Externally, Alpha Xi has continued to dominate both in the Greek community and on campus under the leadership of external VP Nick Wessels. PIKE continues to be the preferred social fraternity among sororities and this semester did not disappoint. The chapter also held several successful philanthropy events led by philanthropy chairman Jack Johnson. Our chapter had strong showings at campus-wide events such as Cincinnati Dance Marathon and Relay for Life, which we raised the most money for cancer research among Greek chapters with Kappa Alpha Theta. Our chapter also held the second annual "Fireman's Challenge Week," which saw sororities compete in a wide variety of events such as a cycle thon, powder-puff football tournament, and our marquee event: the fire truck pull. The week was a massive success, including a large showing from our Greek community and raising over \$3500 for the Tyler Trudeau Memorial Cancer Awareness Foundation, our National's preferred charity. The week concluded with the crowning of our new dream girl, Maggie McNeely of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Several brothers are also currently in Peru for our annual international mission trip, helping build homes for those in need. The chapter also dominated on campus, with brothers holding executive positions in over 50 organizations such as IFC and Student Government; the chapter also has 14 varsity athletes, the most among all fraternities. The chapter also won the annual Greek Week competition among fraternities, winning in a wide variety of events such as tug of war, triathlon, and the variety/lip sync show.

Alpha Xi had an incredibly successful year and wrapped up the year on several high notes. The chapter held the alumni charge for 34 graduating brothers and had several young alumni in attendance for the emotional

ceremony. This is a much larger number of graduating seniors than seen in the last few years, which provides new recruitment chairman Anthony Durso the opportunity to not hold back in recruiting once the fall comes. The chapter also won several awards at the IFC end of year awards ceremony and was recognized as the top chapter on campus, winning the overall premier chapter award for the first time since 2012. Going into next year, the new executive team looks to build on the tremendous success the chapter enjoyed this year. However, we see opportunity for growth and improvement in several aspects of our fraternity including house respect and brotherhood within our large chapter. I believe our exec is up to this challenge and is in the perfect position to ensure Alpha Xi has the most successful year in recent memory.

SHA -- Mark Wood, SHA President

Founders' Day was held February 27th with guest speaker Mike Bohn. We may be reaching a point where we are over-relying on Brother Bohn to carry our events, so next year we prefer to bring focus back to the scholarships awarded and celebrating active chapter.

There were admittedly some misses in the planning of Founders' Day.

- Both electronic and the slimmed down paper mail invites were sent later than desired. This negatively impacted alumni presence, however, AC still filled the room to capacity.
- The Agenda was not properly vetted as multiple alums with speaking roles did not plan to attend.
- Due to the elevated costs of hosting the dinner at Nippert, SHA just managed to breakeven and will be unable to make an annual contribution to CECF as we did last year. While this is not by any means our purpose, it is still our hope to continue to contribute to the scholarship endowment.

On the positive side, we gathered ~175 actives/alumni, and had a wonderful addition to the evening with the presence of Mrs. Cleeter.

Non-Founders' Day Notes:

- Year-end Awards App will be submitted this week
- Next large event will be Golf Outing (TBD)
- Attended the alumni charge from Active Chapter April 19th to welcome our newest alums
- Southland Hall is beginning its next evolution
- One of our VPs, Alex Glutz, is moving over to the Housing Corp. He is charged with learning the ropes, relieving the current board of their duties, and folding UCPHC back into SHA in a timely manner (6 months).
- In addition, our 2nd VP is stepping aside to focus on encouraging participation in events, instead of planning events. This will allow us to recruit a new board of event chairmen from the younger ranks of our alumni. I am leading this process, as well as searching for my eventual replacement atop SHA.

UCPHC

- Bill noted that “we have a keeper” in Christian Przedziecki, the chapter’s new SMC!
- UCPHC has recruited two (2) new members to assist in the management of UCPHC. Alex Glutz will be the lead person from SHA. The goal is for Alex to be in the leadership role for UCPHC within a year. If all goes per plan, we will begin to transfer responsibility for UCPHC back to SHA. We envision UCPHC remaining a separate entity.

Dan Schroyer has volunteered to become the House Manager Advisor and has begun meeting with Neck Wessels, House Manager. Potential candidates to help are:

- Chris Lee: Finances
- Jon Doerger: House Management
- Andy Pool: House Management

- UCPHC submitted schematic plans and elevations of a proposed addition to City Zoning for a ruling on parking. The City approved reducing parking spots and increasing bed count as long as we maintain a 1 parking spot / 3 bed ratio.

- We have a meeting scheduled for May 18th with PCA Architects to discuss details of the House expansion plans. Preliminary budget for the expansion is \$750,000. Turnbull-Wahlert has been hired to open up lower level space this summer in anticipation of the expansion plan.
- We met with Union Savings Bank to discuss potential financing for the House expansion project. Based on increased income projections of \$5,000/month, and our LTV, they indicated an additional \$500,000 of debt could get approved. This is not official and requires a formal application.
- Based on an estimate of \$200,000 to develop the Digby lot, we have put this part of the project on the back burner. The cost is greater than \$20,000/space (9 spaces).
- We have a meeting with Uptown Rentals on May 26, 2016 to discuss House Management.
- (28) 12-month Leases for 2016/2017 have been signed and the Leases and deposits have been sent to Uptown Rentals. (26) leases have been executed for Summer semester.
- CE&CF Succession Plan
We welcome Eric Haines to the CE&CF Board. Eric was elected via email vote. We need to continue to identify potential members and engage them in our Committees.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Sparrow

From 1/01/16 to 4/30/16 \$2,594 has been received in donations through Omega Financial, and \$810 has been paid to them in fees. The cash balance at 4/30/16 is \$2,492. All other financial activity has run through the Johnson account, including directly received contributions, scholarship awards paid, and any social event activity accounted for by CE&CF.

Fund Raising Report – Bill Giesler

Annual Fund Raising Program (AFRP)

Our goal for 2015/2016 AFRP is \$25,000 with a donor base of 100. As of May 6, 2016, we have \$28,710 pledged and \$28,210 collected from 84 Brothers. This year's AFRP will conclude by the end of May. We will launch 2016-2017 AFRP in August/September. The AFRP for 2014-2015 resulted in \$17,752 pledged and collected from 74 Brothers.

Endowed Scholarships

A donation of \$10,000 was received from Brother Bob Dorsey to establish an Endowed Scholarship Fund in his name.

Investment Committee Report – John Strohbach

The portfolio is in the \$765,000 - \$775,000 range. We will have an end of fiscal year investment meeting in July to review performance and set scholarship dollars available for the 2017 FY.

Scholarship Report – Barry Wanninger

We presented a record number and amount of funds for scholarships & awards at the most recent Founders' Day banquet. See recipient list below. A final decision will be made on a recipient for the Bearcat Scholarship (Johannigman Endowment) from students that submit applications that will be attending UC this fall from Purcell Marian High School. We will also have two new scholarships/awards this coming year. They will be John Mang "SLAG" Award and the Anne G. & Robert W. Dorsey Scholarship. Both supported by endowments. Brother Dorsey will also be contributing additional funds before our 2017 Founders' Day presentation so that his endowed scholarship is valued at \$1000. This brings the total number of scholarships from 29 to 31.

Old Business – None

New Business –Election of Officers: Members whose terms of office were expiring agreed to continue

Future Meetings: Aug. 12 (Exec Bd); Nov.4 (Exec Bd)

Jerry Lang, (with thanks to Bernie Meese for taking notes)

Scholarships/Awards & Selection Criteria

“Funded Solely by CE&CF” - \$5000

CE&CF PRESIDENTIAL BROTHERHOOD AWARD (\$1000) – Michael Fitzgerald

Active member sophomore and above chosen by the CE&CF President with recommendations from the CE&CF Scholarship Committee.

CE&CF C. THOMAS CLIFTON AWARD (\$750) – Nick Jones

Active member sophomore and above that has high GPA and exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

CE&CF HOWARD HEBBLE GPA SCHOLARSHIP (\$250 Each - \$1750) – Laith Barakat, Brady Kraemer, Spencer Niehaus, Nick Pangallo, Jack Perez, T.J. Ruwan & Robert Senior

Fall pledge(s) with highest GPA. No scholarship application required.

CE&CF CEDRIC VOGEL LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$750) – Robby Wellington

Active member sophomore and above that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

TIM BARKER CAMPUS ACTIVITY AWARD (\$375 Each - \$750) – Michael Murphy & Danny O’Connor

An upperclassman running for UC Student Body President or Vice President. No scholarship application required.

* If there are no candidates for the Tim Barker Campus Activity Award, the funds can be used for additional Alpha Xi/campus activity scholarship(s)/award(s) (if there is an Alpha Xi active chapter member that deserves a scholarship/award and is not receiving one).

“CE&CF Endowed Scholarship Funds” - \$9000

DENNIS R. CLEETER UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$500) – Robbie Noonan

Active member junior or senior who has represented Alpha Xi as an exemplary leader across UC’s campus in social, honorary, athletic, and/or academic organizations. Approval by the Cleeter family.

JOHANNIGMAN SOPHOMORE MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) – Robert Kuyath

Active member sophomore with most improved overall GPA from previous year. No scholarship application required.

JOHANNIGMAN JUNIOR MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) – Austin Peterson

Active member junior with most improved overall GPA from previous year. No scholarship application required.

JOHANNIGMAN SENIOR MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) – Christopher Magarian

Active member senior with most improved overall GPA from previous year. No scholarship application required.

JACK PECSOK SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Nicholas Portman

Active member sophomore and above with highest overall GPA in Architecture. If no brother is majoring in Architecture then any one in DAPP. No scholarship application required.

GARY PIES SCHOLARSHIP (\$1750 Each - \$3500) – Drew Dresmann & Kevin Schmidt

Active member sophomore and above that is majoring in a music related or medical field is preferred. Applicants that are not majoring in a music related field, but are using their musical abilities to support Alpha Xi, a UC organization or community organization will also be considered. If an insignificant amount of music related and medical applicants apply then active members sophomore and above with a high overall GPA and/or exemplify strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus will also be considered.

THE QUINN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Hayden Moore

Preference will be given to Varsity and Club athletes; however intramural athletes may also apply. We are also soliciting applicants that have an inspiring story to share that required them to “overcome adversity” and employ a competitive attitude and spirit towards tackling a challenge in his life.

Applicants should submit their applications or resumes (that include a list of honors, activities, community service, etc., college major and GPA). They shall also create a video clip (maximum of four minutes in length) addressing the following general topic: **How has the fraternity experience enriched my athletic involvement (or vice-versa) and deepened my appreciation for UC campus life? Applicants applying under the “adversity” theme shall submit a video clip or powerful essay (max 1000 words) detailing the adverse event/life occurrence and how they resolved to overcome it.**

When applying for this scholarship you have the freedom to be creative in the responses, exhibiting Bearcat pride, passion for PiKA/athletics, and cite specific accomplishments as a result of said dual relationship (of PiKA and athletics) or overcoming hardship. Submissions should be energetic and passionate, however serious, forthright, and clearly address one of the topics above. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for this scholarship.

All materials need to be submitted along with active chapter members applying for other CE&CF scholarships/awards (same due date), and these materials will be forwarded to Kyle and Jeff Quinn via email for their review of the videos/resumes. They will select the winner. Videos may be put into any readable format and sent electronically; however, videos uploaded to YouTube are preferred. Applicants must supply the internet URL link for the YouTube video.

THOMAS SIFFERLEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Matthew Murphy

Active member sophomore and above that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

JOSEPH R. “BUZZ” VOLZ SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Benjamin Robinson

Active member sophomore and above in the College of Business with at least a 3.0 overall GPA that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

“Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation Endowed Funds” - \$3750

MICHAEL DEVER LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$650) – Robert Zenni

Active member sophomore and above that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

CHRISTOPHER JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) – Jaashir Morris

A member of the most recent Fall Pledge Class recommended by Alpha Xi active chapter and approved by Steve Jones (father of Christopher Jones) and/or the CE&CF Scholarship Committee. No scholarship application required.

WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS BROTHERHOOD AWARD (\$600) – Luke Parker

Active member sophomore and above that best represents **Fraternal Brotherhood**. Candidate is selected by Alpha Xi Active Chapter, reviewed by the CE&CF Scholarship Committee, and approved by Steve or Brian Nester. No scholarship application required.

WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS EDUCATION AWARD (\$600) – Alex Davis

Active member sophomore and above that best represents a **Pillar of Education**. Candidate is selected by Alpha Xi Active Chapter, reviewed by the CE&CF Scholarship Committee, and approved by Steve or Brian Nester. No scholarship application required.

WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS MENTOR AWARD (\$600) – Jack Johnson

Active member sophomore and above that best represents a **Positive Mentor**. Candidate is selected by Alpha Xi Active Chapter, reviewed by the CE&CF Scholarship Committee, and approved by Steve or Brian Nester. No scholarship application required.

JACK VAN FOSSEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$300) – Donnie Bruemmer

Active member sophomore and above that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

“Funded by Individuals” - \$2000

BROOKLINE SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Trevor Kirbabas

Recipient chosen by a group of Alpha Xi Brothers that have donated to this scholarship. Scholarship will be awarded to the Alpha Xi undergraduate who has exhibited academic promise, committed zealous energies to our fraternal brotherhood and represented the ideals of Pi Kappa Alpha. A separate scholarship letter with the application will be forwarded to Alpha Xi active chapter to apply for this scholarship.

CONTINGENT NETWORK SERVICES ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) – Kyle Behringer

Active member sophomore and above with highest overall GPA in the College of Engineering. No scholarship application required.

WILLIAM SIMENDINGER SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) – Brett Carlin

Active member sophomore and above that exemplifies strong leadership at Alpha Xi and on/off the UC campus.

**All scholarships/awards have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA requirement unless specified otherwise.*

2016 – 31 Scholarships/Awards (7% Increase) for a total of \$19,750 (10% Increase)

***Does not include Bearcat Scholarship**

2015 – 29 Scholarships/Awards (27% increase) for a total of \$17,950 (24% increase)

2014 – 22 Scholarships/Awards for a total of \$14,500