

# CE&CF BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2017 - Losantiville CC

Present: Dick Fenstermacher, Bill Giesler, Wayne Gilsdorf, Eric Haines, Jerry Lang, Bernie Meese, Jim Sparrow, John Strohbach and Barry Wanninger

Minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

## **President's Report – Bill Giesler**

### **Active Chapter - Christian Przezdziecki, Chapter President**

This will be my last report to CE&CF as SMC of the Alpha Xi chapter, before I go into details I just want to mention how much of a pleasure and honor it was serving with our tremendous alumni. Anthony Durso has been elected as the new SMC for the 2017-2018 academic year and he has formally been transitioned into the role along with new exec. I am extremely excited to see what Anthony and new exec will do in order to bring our great chapter to even greater heights.

The spring semester just concluded last week and it was one of the most successful semesters for our chapter in recent memory. Our chapter currently stands at 180 brothers following the initiation of our Nu 10 spring pledge class two weeks ago. Our chapter completed the alumni charge for our graduating 27 brothers so we will enter the summer recruitment season with a little more than 150 active members. This is a great number for our chapter and should allow our chapter to continue to grow in numbers come the fall and remain the largest chapter at the University of Cincinnati.

Internally our chapter saw tremendous success the last several months under the leadership of Internal Vice President Brad Chamblin. Our chapter earned the title of the best overall GPA amongst IFC chapters for the fall semester in January with an overall GPA of 3.321, our highest chapter GPA in years and our first time earning top GPA in several semesters. This was extremely exciting as our exec had set a goal for chapter to accomplish the top GPA all year. We hope this is a title we continue to win each semester and this becomes routine for our brothers to set high academic standards for themselves. Our chapter also remained committed to strong alumni engagement between our active brothers and alums. The annual Founders' Day celebration was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of our alumni and the heavy presence from active chapter. This year's celebration was held at The Phoenix downtown on March 4<sup>th</sup> and saw an attendance of 110 brothers from active chapter, the highest active attendance ever. The event was very well run and capped off another incredible year for the CE&CF scholarship program. This year 72 brothers filled out applications for the scholarship program, we hope this number of involvement from active chapter only grows next year. It should go without saying but active chapter is truly grateful for this outstanding scholarship program and all the work put in by our alum brothers in order to give back.

Externally we had several successful events led by External Vice President Nate Kunkel. Socially we continue to remain socially preferred on campus while holding safe events for our brothers and chapter while respecting the Nester Home. We also enjoyed the most successful semesters for philanthropy ever. Two weeks ago, we kicked off the annual PIKE philanthropy week, however this year we drastically changed the event in order to ensure a more successful week. These changes led to the first annual PIKE Karen Wellington Foundation Benefit Week. This foundation, the Karen Wellington Foundation (KWF) for LIVING with Cancer, was started by our active brother Robby Wellington's family in remembrance of his late mother who lost her battle with cancer. The foundation sends families who are dealing with cancer on vacations and is very close to our chapter's heart and it is the first time our philanthropy week has benefited KWF. The week included a number of events including a food fundraiser, powderpuff football tournament, stand-up comedy show, and charity concert. We are extremely excited to say that the week has helped us raise over \$12,000 for KWF, which is over 12 vacations for families fighting cancer. That easily topples our previous philanthropy record for money raised and are pleased it was raised for a local philanthropy we are passionate about. We hope this sets

a trend for our philanthropy efforts in the future.

In conclusion, this has been an extremely successful year for the Alpha Xi chapter and I believe our chapter is in a great position to continue enjoying great success in the future. There is always room for improvement and our chapter could certainly use work in higher active chapter involvement within chapter. Outgoing exec and myself are hard at work on the Year End Summary application in order to win our 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive Smythe Award. I look forward to the amazing things Anthony and new exec will do in their new positions.

### **SHA - Mark Wood, SHA President**

SHA is pretty light right now. Bill Giesler is taking over Founders' Day 2018, with SHA providing support as needed. Not that we'd be doing anything planning wise for the next 7 months, but thought it's worth mentioning :) UPDATE: Founders' Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Kenwood CC.

Next up is our summer golf outing. Planning will kick off in the next month as we try to hold an outing earlier in the summer. Brad Sierer ran it last year with the help of Ryan Boggs. I expect one of the two to take full control this year.

### **UCPHC**

- Alex Glutz and Dan Schroyer were elected to UCPHC Board on April 27, 2017. Alex was elected President. Jim Sparrow and Bill Giesler will continue as Board members.
- Design drawings for Phase 2 have been completed by PCA Architects and Hubbach Architects and Interiors (see attached drawings). The project is being managed by Turnbull Walhert. This project includes expanding the deck on the back of the house and increasing the size of the Vogel Library, as well as a general fix up of the first-floor finishes. Hubbach is also preparing a package for all new furniture on the first floor. Budget for this Phase is \$100,000.

### **Treasure's Report – Jim Sparrow**

There is approximately \$90,000 in the UCPHC management account. AC has been prompt in paying rent. House occupancy has been increased from 27 to 28 beds. Rent increase plus expense reduction is approximately \$10,000 for the upcoming school year. Cable & internet upgrades have been made throughout the house by TWI (Spectrum) and next year Active Chapter will pay for both services (previously AC paid cable, we paid for internet). Johnson Investment portfolio is \$900,100, and Checking account is \$14,000. Through April, we have \$80,000 in contributions through Johnson and another \$12,000 through Omega Fi. Total contributions \$102,000.

### **Fund Raising Report – Bill Giesler**

#### **Annual Fund Raising Program (AFRP)**

The 2016/2017 AFRP results to date is \$10,150 donated from 30 Brothers, of which \$9,650 has been collected.

The 2015/2016 AFRP resulted in \$28,810 collected from 89 Brothers.

The 2014/2015 AFRP resulted in \$17,752 collected from 74 Brothers.

#### Endowed Scholarship Funds (ESF)

As of May 3, 2017, \$79,280 has been donated to specific Endowed Scholarship Funds.

A \$10,000 gift (included in the total above) is expected from the will of Daniel B. Wharton to create the Daniel B. Wharton Endowed Scholarship Fund.

#### General Scholarship Fund

We received donations for \$3,315 from 13 brothers/family members to the CE&CF General Fund. In addition, the \$4,762 raised at the 2016 Christmas Scholarship Luncheon was also added to the General Fund.

### **Investment Committee Report – John Strohbach**

The value of the Portfolio is \$900,100. Approximately \$36,000 will be available for scholarships this year. Contributions for the fiscal year-to-date are \$79,334.

The market has had some upward movement.

Following our next committee meeting in late July or early August, we will have more details for the Board.

### **Scholarship Committee Report - Barry Wanninger**

At the most recent Founders Day Celebration 30 scholarships/awards were presented for a total of \$26,200 (33% increase over 2016). See final report.

#### UC Foundation Endowment Fund

Brother Wanninger made contact with Dee Robinson (VP of development) and Nicholas Stafford (Director of Development, Academic Affairs) about starting up an endowment fund at the UC Foundation. An endowment can be started with a minimum contribution of \$50,000 and can be funded over a five year period (\$10,000 contributed per year to reach the full balance). There are currently 1.25% in administration fees per year to manage the fund and CE&CF can decide how the funds are used (i.e. scholarships). See endowment agreement template. After discussion, the board recommended not pursuing this UC Foundation Fund idea now, but to expand the base of scholarship recipients ourselves without involving UC. (see following)

#### New Scholarship for Alpha Xi Relatives

There have been many emails exchanged between the scholarship committee members over the past couple months to create a new scholarship that will be for Alpha Xi relatives. Below is the committee's final proposal.

**Name of Scholarship?** The CE&CF "UC Bearcat" Scholarship

**Who can apply?** Any relative of an Alpha Xi alumnus or active chapter member that will be attending or is currently attending the University of Cincinnati as a full-time student.

**When will the scholarship be introduced?** At the 2017 Alpha Xi Christmas Scholarship Luncheon.

**How will the scholarship be promoted?** Electronically via email blasts, at all applicable Alpha Xi events, word of mouth by brothers and by any other means that are available.

**How will candidates apply?** By submitting an application along with a copy of their current grade transcript electronically via email. A hard copy application will be available, but electronic submissions will be highly encouraged in order to streamline the process and avoid the extra scanning needed to create electronic files for processing.

**When will the scholarship application be due?** In late spring before the start of the 2018 UC school year. The final application submission date will be finalized once we confirm the presentation date.

**How will the recipient be chosen?** The scholarship will be based on academics with activities and leadership only being taken into consideration to break an academic tie.

**When will the first scholarship be awarded?** Looking at presenting this scholarship at the Alpha Xi Scholarship Dinner starting in the fall of the 2018 school year. Bill Giesler moved that CE&CF establish and fund this “UC Bearcat” scholarship beginning in 2018. Bernie 2nd, Approved.

### **Election of Officers**

Bill confirmed that the four board members with expiring terms, Mike Dever, Wayne Gilsdorf, Bernie Meese, and John Strohbach, agreed to another 4 year term. He also moved that the 2 year terms for officers Giesler and Sparrow be extended to June, 2019 to stagger the terms of officers on the board. Strohbach 2nd, Approved.

**Old Business** – None

### **New Business:**

**Communications** - John Strohbach suggested that in addition to the Annual Report, CE&CF send out a second report beyond the financial, emphasizing what we’re doing and how we’re doing it. At a cost of only \$3000, it would enlighten our base and allow another opportunity for fund raising. The board encouraged the effort.

**Subsidize Scholarships** - John moved that we use the General Fund to subsidize all scholarships, so that none are less than \$1000 (8 currently) and preferably \$1500. 2nd Gilsdorf, Approved.

**Jerry Lang – Secretary**

**Next Meeting: Aug. 11 (Exec Bd); Nov.3 (Exec Bd);**

# ***2017 CE&CF Scholarships/Awards***

**(Final Report)**

**CE&CF PRESIDENTIAL BROTHERHOOD AWARD (\$1500 GF) – Jack Johnson**

**CE&CF TIM BARKER CAMPUS ACTIVITY AWARD (\$1250 GF) – Bashir Emlemdi**

**CE&CF C. THOMAS CLIFTON AWARD (\$1250 GF) – Michael Fitzgerald**

**CE&CF HOWARD HEBBLE AWARD (\$1000 GF) – Brian Kemper**

**CE&CF CEDRIC VOGEL LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$1500 GF) – Nick Partie**

**CE&CF FALL PLEDGE GPA SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1500 GF - \$500 each) – Jeffrey Bogenschutz, Adam Deuber & Danny Kleier**

**DENNIS R. CLEETER UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$1000 = \$500 ESF + \$500 GF) – Nick Jones**

**ANNE G. & ROBERT W. DORSEY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$500 ESF + \$500 donation) – Matthew Evans**

**JOHANNIGMAN MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP – Senior (\$1250 ESF) – Andrew Hannah**

**JOHANNIGMAN MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP – Junior (\$1250 ESF) – Kuzi Makore**

**JOHANNIGMAN MOST IMPROVED GPA SCHOLARSHIP – Sophomore (\$1250 ESF) – Jacob Lamb**

**JOHN MANG “SLAG” AWARD (\$500 ESF) – Brett Carlin**

**JACK PECSOK SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$500 ESF + \$500 GF) – Dominic Vamosi**

**GARY PIES SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000 = \$500 ESF + \$1500 donation) – Anthony Durso (\$1000) , Timothy Kemper (\$500) & Taylor Rhoten (\$500)**

**THE QUINN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500 ESF) – Jaashir Morris**

**THOMAS SIFFERLEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$500 ESF + \$500 GF) – Jay Rugg**

**JOSEPH R. “BUZZ” VOLZ SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$500 ESF + \$500 GF) – Brett Carlin**

**MICHAEL DEVER LEADERSHIP AWARD (\$650 PF) – Nick Wessels**

**CHRISTOPHER JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$448 PF + \$552 GF) – Nick Zalla**

**WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS AWARD – Brotherhood (\$600 PF) – Dom Vamosi**

**WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS AWARD – Education (\$600 PF) - Taylor Baumeister**

**WILLIAM R. NESTER BROTHERHOOD & IDEALS AWARD – Mentor (\$600 PF) - Nick Wessels**

**JACK VAN FOSSEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 = \$333 PF + \$667 GF) – Brad Chamblin**

**BROOKLINE SCHOLARSHIP (\$500 ESF) - Chris Cascella**

**MARCH FIRST ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000 donation) – Jack Perez**

**WILLIAM SIMENDINGER SCHOLARSHIP (\$500 donation) – Matthew Murphy**

**ESF - CE&CF Endowed Scholarship Fund**

**GF - CE&CF General Fund**

**PF - Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund**

**2017 – 30 Scholarships/Awards (3% Decrease) for a total of \$26,200 (33% Increase)**

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

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

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