

ALPHA THETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY, INC.

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September 27, 1998

Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Board, held April 22, 1998.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM in the Chapter House Library.

Present: Adam Kropp (Consul, Board), Gene Pyo (Work Week Mgr), Herb Mower (Board), Phil Kim, Joseph Cheng, P. K. Hadley (Board), Mark Curtiss (Board), Josh Littlefield (Board).

Minutes of the February 24, 1998, meeting were accepted as distributed.

REPORTS

President's Report – Mark Curtiss

1. Mark met recently with the president of Stewart Howe, who mentioned that the Fiji house is shutting down for three years (by vote of their board). A primary reason was to avoid licensing board hassles. When they come back it will be as a dry house.

AIFC Report – Herb Mower

1. AIFC insurance premiums are increasing by 3.5%. A commitment to alcohol free events by a house can get a 10% discount (net 6.5% from current), and also eliminates a \$5000 deductible. Eligibility is based on making this commitment by 5/15/98 for the period from 5/15/98 through the beginning of the Fall, 1999.
2. Herb passed out copies of President Vest's plan for R/O week in 1998 and beyond, dated 12/9/97. It mentions that "faculty advisors" will be required for 1998.
3. The AIFC wanted six graduate resident advisors this Fall (Neal Dorow has funding for six). There are more than six houses interested. Herb suggested there is a possibility of compensation for this through the Sigma Chi general fraternity if we choose a Balfour Fellow as an R/A.
4. Herb also passed out copies of the first draft of the "MIT Residential System Principles Statement."

Consul Report – Adam Kropp

1. The rush retreat will be held the coming weekend. The Chapter just held its Spring Formal, a boat cruise. Elections are coming up, and the last Chapter meeting will be by May 10.
2. There is some concern over property taxes. The house has received three bills. Mark Curtiss believes the bill has been paid.
3. The house is OK financially (though rent is owed to the Corporation). They still haven't gotten rid of the apartment. It's been vacant since December. The lease is up in August. The may sub-lease it for Summer House if the landlord hasn't rented it yet.
4. The Chapter has no real knowledge of the need for a faculty advisor. If they can choose one, they have someone in mind how may be appropriate.

5. The details of the Fall 1998 rush schedule are still firming up. Basically everything is pushed back a day.

Alcohol Policy

1. The Chapter approved a 5 point alcohol policy. It is in basic agreement with the IFC policy. It specifies that four sober party monitors will attend social events where alcohol is present; that two house members must be present, sober, and CPR trained at such events; that Chapter funds will not be used to purchase alcohol; that alcohol will only be served in accordance with MIT IFC policy; that four specific house officers will be TIPS trained and sober at events with alcohol.
2. Houses must be certified by the IFC to have parties with alcohol. The Chapter is not yet certified.

Report on Capital Systems Assessment and Evaluation – Herb Mower

1. This report (discussed in the last meeting) was distributed. A copy is on file with the Clerk.
2. The priority one items were discussed. Some seem worth doing.

BUSINESS

Work Week

1. Gene presented a proposal for Work Week tasks and budget. Only a few larger-scale projects were mentioned. The main budget is carpet, exterminator, and a new back door.
2. It was suggested that manpower should be focused on some cosmetic issues to support what may be a difficult Fall rush.
3. A budget of \$6560 was approved by the Board, subject to the approval of P.K. Hadley and Carl Büttner on details.

Fundraising/Endowment – Mark Curtiss

1. Mark will talk with Stewart Howe about getting some fundraising advice. We're paying them a retainer anyway as part of our contract, so we might as well get some advice. Mark suggested an endowment could be sustained through a small rent "tax."

Miscellaneous Items

1. Senior Dinner still needs to be scheduled. It may be the week of the 14th.
2. The 1998-1999 Board meeting schedule needs to be worked through e-mail.
3. The Pledge Dinner needs to be scheduled for early in the Fall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua B. Littlefield
Corporate Clerk