

Sigma Tau Chi/Sigma Tau Chi Alumni Association

Bi-Annual Business Meeting December 2, 2006, Fallbrook, Oswego, NY

Minutes

Meeting called to order 9:15AM

Minutes unanimously approved (1st – Frank, 2nd – Ron)

- I. College update – Mike Pastella
 - a. Commented about the condition of the house, very impressed
 - i. Change of Officer/Mailbox custodian forms given to John Roberts and community service report forms (need the form) (now a requirement of the Greek Council as of F06)
 - ii. Giving credit to Derek and John about some parents calling about Parents Weekend. Parents contacted Mike about students being away. (Pick a different weekend next year)
 - iii. Sexual Assault program... good turnout by Actives
 - iv. Sig Tau should be @ Greek Council more often – someone who can speak for the org.
 - v. Phi Kappa Tau & Phi Lambda Phi are going through reinstatement procedures
 - vi. Risk MGMT training Jan. 29th (week of) for Pres & PM
 - vii. Deferred Recruitment (incoming Freshman cannot pledge)
 1. a lot of talk about instating this policy
 2. Will be happening sometime in the next 3 years
 - viii. Benefits to possibly pledging once per year (spring semester)
- II. Filling the house with tenants – Frank Murano
 - a. Financial reasons for cost of rent
 - i. Utility bills out of control
 1. shut off stuff when leaving your room
 2. heat on the 3rd floor – turn off when leaving for break
 - ii. Mortgage has been paid off
 1. BOUGHT INSURANCE FOR THE HOUSE!
 - a. Fire and Liability
 - b. Rent Proposal – Mike Caldwell
 - i. Numbers going to go down again for next semester (opportunities for parties as a way to make money)
 1. Rent off campus is \$250-275 + utilities
 - ii. Raise rent to \$275, Frank can pay all bills with 15 in the house
 1. Choose to have a roommate, \$200/month
 - iii. Frank has a bigger cushion to work with in case of emergencies (new furnace, new hot water heater, etc)
 - iv. Whitey says ETX was complimented by cops. They are happy with the way our actions are handled. DON'T STOP NOW.
 - v. Motion made to approve – 1st Ron, 2nd Whitey
 1. Tabled for Active Discussion to be voted on in Spring semester to be implemented in the Fall.

- vi. Actives trying to come up with money that they owe us because not enough bros in the house.
- III. House Projects
- a. Big renovation project
 - i. Some small details to finish up on it and we are talking to contractor.
 - ii. Some areas on floors to be redone, accessible during break
 - 1. Howard in charge of working w/ active to set up policy for cleaning the wood floors
 - iii. Miami Bathroom – start work soon (shower, toilet, sink, vent/fan)
 - 1. currently have ½ money
 - b. Close-down procedure during the winter break (House Pres)
 - c. Tyler looking into Energy Assistance Program for the house.
 - d. Electrical
 - i. No in bad shape. Replacing panel box behind refrigerators in kitchen
 - e. Fire Safety
 - i. Bought 6/7 extinguishers and batteries for smoke detectors
 - ii. Escape Routes (blue prints to design escape routes) (Gerry)
 - iii. Actives would like checklist of items that need to be taken care of for insurance review
 - f. Window Program
 - i. Pretty much done!
 - g. New project?
 - i. Deck built on the back of the house (l-shaped) with roof
 - 1. Project could be completed by active/alumni/parents
 - 2. Could be completed in 2 weekends
 - 3. Need to check with city for requirements (Whitey)
 - 4. Dan Lupa going to look into fundraising activities for actives
 - ii. Rebuild front porch to original state
 - 1. Possible grant money due to historical significance?
 - a. Ron going to look into for April meeting
- IV. Point Man (Scott Georger)
- a. Database from Frank
 - i. A point of contact to keep track of your pledge class
 - 1. Getting them to attend events, pay dues, etc.
 - ii. Would keep email address, mailing addresses, etc.
 - b. Possible move to teleconference meeting to get Jamie Hogan's, Gary Mahar's of the world to attend these meetings (maybe video conference, etc)
- V. Parent's Weekend
- a. Actives to form a committee to see if this is something that we want to do
 - i. Possibly on graduation weekend or weekend before while parents are already in the area?
- VI. Finance Reports
- a. Situation is getting better; no one is critical payments
 - b. Alumni Weekend report
 - i. Net of ~\$3500
 - ii. Money going to Miami Bathroom

- VII. Community Service
 - a. Now have obligation due to Greek Council, have been doing it, but need to follow up with the forms to get credit for it
 - b. Should follow up with Kristen Aust for media coverage – helps our image
 - i. Dan Lupa and Jason Martin will keep in contact with her based on events
 - VIII. Neighbor Relations
 - a. What is current process for informing neighbors of party/developing relations
 - i. Jason Martin/Dan Lupa – go to neighbors and leave name and phone number. Informing them of times of party and when we expect them to leave.
 - ii. Revamped duty list – doubled number of brothers working outdoors to monitor people leaving the party
 - iii. Speak with Mercier’s about what neighbors are having the issues and can talk to them
 - b. Community service events have helped the image.
 - c. **Motion:** Rules committee. 1st – Frank, 2nd – Matt Natoli
 - i. Create a rule book that governs conduct at the house.
 - ii. Driven by actives, supported by alumni
 - 1. Actives – Derek Columbus, Matt Gardner, Jason Martin, Matt Natoli, Kandu Agbimson
 - 2. Alumni – Bob Squire, Adam Kapp, Nick Drogo
 - IX. Newsletter
 - a. To be out in January
 - i. Stuff from actives (community service events, etc)
 - X. Pet policy
 - a. Tyler is the last active with a dog, when he graduates, no more dogs.
 - XI. Insurance
 - a. Fire Insurance
 - i. \$760,000 with loss of rents
 - b. Liability
 - i. Fraternity and Alumni Association
 - ii. Do not have liquor legal liability
 - iii. Assault and Battery exclusion
 - c. Directors and Offices, don’t have
 - XII. Policy Statement
 - a. Updated for active signatures
 - XIII. Spring Meeting
 - a. New officer elections in April 28th meeting
 - XIV. Calendar of Events
 - a. Draft of new rules
 - b. Parents weekend
 - c. Golf Tournament – like to get it going again with Whitey.
 - d. Vermont skiing in early spring (March 1 -3)
 - XV. Actives doing composite!
- Motion to adjourn. Whitey, drew. 1:20 PM