

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

PLACE OF MEETING: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 330 WEST 42ND ST., N.Y.C.

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, Sunday, June 21, 22, 1941

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, Chairman
Lloyd S. Cochran
Dr. Hugh M. Hart
Maurice J. Pierce
Edmund B. Shotwell
George E. Worthington
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

GUEST PRESENT:

Melvin E. Franks

128. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

MOTION was presented, duly seconded and passed that the reading of the minutes of the November 30, December 1st meeting be dispensed with and that they be approved and filed.

129. Report of the Executive Secretary:

The Executive Secretary read his report. Items contained in the report were discussed in the order outlined by the agenda.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and passed that the report of the Executive Secretary be accepted and filed.

130. National Finances:

A. Statements as of May 31, 1941

The Executive Secretary gave up-to-date figures on the cash budget statement. It was noted that the cash figure for initiations was only \$80.00 less than that estimated in the budget for the year. It was further noted that the payment of \$1722.23 from the Tomahawk Trustees would reduce the loss for the year's operations to the approximate cost of the national convention.

The Grand Council requested that the Executive Secretary send to all Council members a balance sheet, cash budget statement and operating statement as of June 30, 1941.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that the \$1500.00 sent in by the Illinois men be converted into defense bonds and the parties sending this in be so notified to that effect.

All agreed these bonds should be handled and marked as a separate fund.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that the name of Brother Burrage be taken off the Tomahawk mailing list and the charge of \$10.00 be written off the books.

It was agreed that on the statements the phrase "Profit on Jewelry and Shingles" should be substituted by "Service Charge."

B. Approval of Expenses:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and passed that the checks for the Grand Council Meeting of June 21, 22, 1941 be dated July 1, 1941 and the expense for this meeting be approved and charged against next year's Conference account.

Discussion followed concerning the payment of the \$100 balance due UCLA for year 1940-41 plus the \$150 expense for 1941-42. Brother Burns reported the facts as stated in the letter sent by the Dean at UCLA. General success in the program is indicated though the Council noted this has not been true in the case of our chapter.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that payment of the \$100 balance due UCLA for the year 1940-41 be made and that the Executive Secretary be directed to write to the Fraternity Advisor at UCLA stating that this payment was being made with great reluctance due to the fact that it appears that the program has not been sold sufficiently to the chapter and local alumni to secure their support.

C. Alumni Dues:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that the entire alumni membership should be billed and that the letter going out to the alumni in the alumni dues billing should be drafted by the Executive Committee of the Grand Council; the letter to contain one paragraph on the endowment fund and a transcript of the letter to be sent to Dr. Cramblet for his approval.

D. National Pledge Fee:

Brother Burns reported that the legislation proposing a national pledge fee of \$2.00 had not been passed by the chapters and chartered alumni councils. Decided to discuss this at the next convention.

National Endowment Fund:

It was agreed that twice a year a letter should be sent to all chapters acquainting them with the Endowment Fund. Endowment fees should be billed separately to each chapter.

E. Tomahawk Fund:

Discussion followed concerning the report of Brother Shotwell on the

Tomahawk Trust Fund Mortgages. Concern was expressed as to shrinkage in the investments.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that in view of Brother Shotwell's work and contact that he draft a letter to the Tomahawk Trustees the letter to be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; letter to recommend amortization clauses in the present mortgages, further investment in mortgages not to be taken until we have a more balanced portfolio, investment of idle funds, and an adoption of a policy of investment.

Brother Shotwell suggested that a portion of the cash available might properly be invested in defense bonds.

F. Budget 1941-42:

The Budget Committee submitted figures. It was realized that the picture may change by fall and that the estimated figures might have to be adjusted.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried approving the tentative budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed authorizing that the salary of the Executive Secretary be advanced to \$3000.00 per year as of the beginning of the fiscal year 1941-42.

131. Chapters & Alumni:

A. Report of Grand Secretary:

The Grand Secretary read his report. He stressed that for alumni councils to maintain themselves they must have a definite program. He further stressed the necessity and the importance of alumni interest and support in building and maintaining the strength of the individual chapters and the fraternity as a whole. All members agreed that the alumni drive and its objectives was important and worthwhile.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the report of the Grand Secretary be accepted and filed with appreciation of the excellent work being done by Brother Hart and the recommendation of the Grand Council that the program be continued.

B. Chapters for Consideration:

Brother Burns reported briefly concerning the chapters listed for consideration on the agenda. He stated that it may be necessary for him to visit Case and Iowa State in the fall to assist them in their rushing.

Brother Burns recommended no definite action be taken by the Grand Council on the chapters concerned until the November meeting.

Brother Worthington stated that he would be in Madison, Wisconsin for one month this fall and would report to the Grand Council on conditions as he finds them.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried accepting the resignation of Brother Hofelich as Alumni Advisor for Theta Chapter and instructing the Executive Secretary to send him a letter of appreciation for the work he has done in representing the Grand Council as Alumni Advisor for Theta Chapter.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and passed appointing Brother Hammial the representative of the Grand Council as Alumni Advisor for Theta Chapter.

It was agreed that Alumni Advisors in the future should have the title, "Grand Council Chapter Advisors."

132. Extension:

A. Report of the Chairman:

Brother Worthington read his report. He stressed that in this period of uncertainty it was essential to follow every possible lead with respect to mergers. General discussion followed. Dr. Cramblet stated he would be in Chicago during July and would be happy to meet with Brother Clarke and make any contacts advisable in connection with prospective mergers.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed that the report of the Chairman of Extension be received and filed with grateful appreciation for his work and that we recommend on the three possibilities of merger that they be followed as vigorously as good diplomacy will permit.

B. Mergers -- Grand Council Policy:

It was agreed that the Grand Council had no definite policy with respect to mergers but was interested and willing to negotiate.

133. Miscellaneous:

A. Ritual Committee Report:

Brother Clarke as Chairman of the committee read the report.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed accepting the report of the Ritual Committee and the continuance of the committee without recommendation; all members of the Grand Council to be furnished with the old and new ritual prior to the Grand Council Meeting at which time it will be further discussed.

B. Centennial Celebration:

Dr. Cramblet suggested a series of articles to be published in the Tomahawk concerning the centennial in 1945; these articles to stress the early history of the fraternity.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried that a Centennial Committee be appointed.

Members of the Committee on Centennial Celebration: Lloyd Cochran, Chairman; Hugh Hart, and W. H. Cramblet.

Brother Shotwell reviewed the facts concerning the History prepared by Brother Musgrave. He commented that the only source of material is the History and in view of the centennial it is important that this situation be cleared and recommended no further action at this time.

MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, seconded and carried that the matter be continued in Brother Shotwell's hands.

C. Delta Beta Xi Nominations:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried that the nominations made at the June 21, 22, 1941 meeting be carried over until the December meeting and that in connection with all nominations the Executive Secretary request the parties making nominations to fill in the proper forms provided for that purpose and that the filing of such forms be a requisite for said nominations.

It was agreed that the Delta Beta Xi men should be circularized with respect to nominations.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed that the smaller Delta Beta Xi Key be adopted.

D. Phi Pi Phi Alumni:

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried that the Grand Council authorize the initiation by chapters and chartered alumni councils of former Phi Pi Phi members into Alpha Sigma Phi and that the Grand Council issue a shingle for \$1.00 to members so initiated and that upon initiation such of these men who have been life members of Phi Pi Phi shall be furnished with life subscriptions to the Tomahawk without charge and others may obtain such life subscriptions upon payment of \$10.00; all of such initiates may obtain badges from national headquarters upon payment of the current charge for the same.

E. Members of Old Locals:

The MOTION concerning the initiation of members of old locals was the

same as the above motion concerning the initiation of Phi Pi Phi alumni with the exception of the increase of the \$1.00 figure to \$5.00 and approval by the active chapter of which they are alumni.

F. Defense Program:

Dr. Cramblet spoke briefly of the defense program and its relation to the fraternity. Brother Shotwell suggested a letter be sent to all actives outlining how they can best serve their country by continuing their college work until they are called for service. Decision was that such a letter should be sent and that a draft of said letter should be sent to Dr. Cramblet for his approval.

G. Resignation of Grand Junior President:

Dr. Cramblet reported that Brother Pierce had presented his resignation for action by the Grand Council.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried accepting the resignation of Brother Pierce as Grand Junior President and expressing sincere appreciation by the Grand Council for the splendid service rendered by Brother Pierce and further expressing their regret at his leaving.

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried appointing Brother Shotwell as Grand Junior President.

MOTION presented by Brother Worthington authorizing Brother Pierce to continue to countersign checks when necessary.

MOTION presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried that if Brother Burns and Brother Shotwell believe there is need of a change taking place i.e., new member of the Grand Council elected this summer that the Grand Council be contacted by letter for their vote.

H. Executive Committee Meetings:

MOTION presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried that the local group meet every 60 days and send out minutes of meeting for approval and vote.

I. Resolution of Sympathy:

MOTION presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried that an expression of regret and sympathy be sent to Brother Gantt on the death of his wife.

134. Adjournment:

MOTION was presented, seconded and passed that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 P.M. Sunday, June 22, 1941.