

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC. 1945

PLACE OF MEETING: HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK.

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, APRIL 14 at 2:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY, APRIL 15 at 2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. W. H. Crambleb, Chairman; E. B. Shotwell, Benjamin Clarke,
L. S. Cochran, H. M. Hart, G. E. Worthington and R. F. Burns,
Executive Secretary.

204. Minutes of meeting of November 25, 1944.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved upon a MOTION made by Brother Hart, duly seconded and carried.

205. Report of Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary read his report as it appeared in the Agenda for the meeting and the following points were discussed:

- 1) Initiation at Omicron: The Council was informed that the alumni at the Pennsylvania chapter had secured ten pledges who were to be honored at a pledge dinner on Monday, April 16, to which the Executive Secretary had been invited and would attend. It was pointed out that the procedure followed by this group of alumni in reactivating their chapter and securing these pledges, might serve as a guiding line for future chapter revivals.
- 2) Conditions of all chapters: A discussion was held covering the condition of the various chapters, those now active, those active prior to the war in their own houses, those active in rented houses and those inactive prior to the war and the advisability of reactivating all or part of them as soon as men return to the campuses throughout the country. The following chapters are now active: Ohio Wesleyan, Washington, Westminster, Illinois Institute and Purdue. The following were thought to be fairly easy material for reactivation: all those who owned their houses prior to the war, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa State and Middlebury among those who rented (there were various degrees of question about Yale, Marietta, Ohio State, Columbia, Kentucky, Missouri and Alabama, altho it was thought that they could be reactivated), and finally, among those which were inactive and have no houses: Colorado, Minnesota, Iowa, Carnegie Tech, West Virginia and Case (with some questioning of Oklahoma and Wisconsin. It was thought that Harvard and Chicago and Dartmouth were definitely out.)

206. Extension.

Brother Worthington reported upon his meeting in Washington with representatives of Delta Sigma Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi at which time the merger with that fraternity was presented to the members of Delta Sigma Phi who apparently wield much influence over the entire fraternity. It was felt that any future move regarding a merger with this particular group will necessarily have to come from them.

MOTION was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, that in any merger discussions of the future, it be clearly understood that the name of Alpha Sigma Phi not be surrendered wholly or altered in part.

MOTION was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, that the matter of merger with Delta Sigma Phi be left in the hands of the Chairman of Extension and that any future discussions be carried out and arranged for by him.

The matter of Alpha Kappa Pi was discussed by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary who had had contacts with Rev. Wilson representing that fraternity. It was pointed out that Alpha Kappa Pi is rather favorably disposed towards a merger, including the giving up of their name, but that nothing can be done in their group while their men are in the service and therefore it appears that the matter will be left in abeyance until at least September 1945. It was further pointed out that, to date, Alpha Kappa Pi seems to be the best prospect for a merger on all points.

MOTION was made by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried, that all efforts should be made to facilitate a merger with Alpha Kappa Pi at the earliest possible date.

The Chairman laid before the members present the qualifications of Missouri Valley College at which we are considering the chartering of an old, well-established local group. The college has inaugurated a policy affecting all locals on its campus in that they are instructed to affiliate with national groups or disband. There is one other national, Sigma Xi, on the campus at this time. The college has been approved by our chapters by mail vote.

MOTION was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, that a favorable attitude be recorded on the part of the Council towards the establishment of a chapter of AEP on the campus of Missouri Valley and that the expenses of Dr. Cramblet to inspect the college be approved.

The Chairman also brought to the attention of the members present the fact that Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. has on its campus a local established in 1915 which might be good AEP material. This local as well as the one at Missouri Valley, had been brought to our attention by Rev. Wilson whose fraternity, Sigma Xi, has chapters on both campuses.

207. Trust Fund.

The matter of the educational fund had been referred to Brothers Fussell and Hine and at the time of the meeting only a summary of their ideas was available for the members present. However, it was agreed that the framework of the fund should be of the broadest possible construction, that it should be flexible.

MOTION was made by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried, that the regulations for the establishment of the fund be drawn up and that they should present a broad and flexible basis for the investment of the principle and the use of the income from the fund.

Discussion was held on the various points necessary to consider with regard to the fund.

MOTION was made by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried, that Brothers Burns and Shetwell inform Brother Fussell of the Council's desires and instruct him to study and prepare a set-up for a trust fund of a flexible nature whose control shall be held by the Grand Council.

208 Gold Star Certificates and Plaques.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to continue with his policy of writing letters to the parents of members killed in action or in the line of duty and to inform the chapters that the Grand Council was considering a uniform memorial for deceased brothers of the chapters.

209. Reactivation.

It was pointed out in discussion of this matter that many colleges will regulate the reactivation of fraternities on their campuses and that we will need information on this regulation as well as on conditions prevailing on all campuses where we had or have chapters. The Chairman suggested that the fraternity plan to begin reactivation in the Fall of 1945, especially on the campuses of the larger colleges and universities.

There was discussion as to the various methods of securing information and of assisting alumni in their work and it was suggested that it might be of advantage to the fraternity to hire one or more men to assist in this work (these may be returned soldiers who might wish to take on work of this type before settling down to a business or professional career and in this case they would be, most probably, graduate assistants on a given campus and responsible for the chapter being revived on that campus.)

The role of the chapter custodians was discussed and their value in formulating individual programs for their particular campuses was stressed.

The ~~re-~~ re-establishment of chapters which were inactive prior to the war was discussed with the Chairman pointing out that there may be difficulty on some campuses in reopening these chapters along with those which were active. The N. I. C. has ruled that cases of this type are being left to the discretion of the individual colleges.

It was suggested that a printed manual be distributed to the alumni giving them out goals and hopes and with, perhaps, suggestions as to how they might carry them out on their campuses.

The Chairman summarized the situation as follows: 1) There must be a survey made of local situations on each campus; 2) The procedure to reactivate a chapter must be studied in the light of the information gathered in the survey, and 3) The pledging, initiating and the operation of all chapters with a completely new group must be studied and advice given to the alumni.

210. Centennial.

Discussion of the regional dinners, the national dinner, a possible radio broadcast and the distribution of recorded speeches to regional dinners was held.

Brother Clarke suggested that the date of the dinner was important and for purposes of sentiment and morale all dinners should be held on the date of December 6 rather than an evening near that time.

The matter of regional dinners was approved by the Council.

The matter of the radio broadcast with 15 or 20 minutes of time on a coast to coast hook-up was referred to Brothers Cochran, Worthington and Burns for further study.

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Recordings were discussed in the light of information supplied by the Columbia Broadcasting Company as to time, cost, procedure.

It was suggested that, tho the educational fund is to be established in connection with the Centennial Year Celebration, no tie-up be made between the regional or national dinners and the appeal for funds.

It was further suggested that publicity on the fraternity's centennial be given as soon as possible to all interfraternity publications.

It was also suggested that copies of all correspondence concerning the Centennial be sent to Brothers Hart, Cochran and Burns.

211. Budget and Finances.

~~MOTION was made~~

MOTION was made by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried, approving the financial reports as submitted.

212. Alumni Dues Drive.

MOTION was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, extending to Brother Cochran and to all brothers who participated in the support of the fraternity through their contributions to the alumni program, the appreciation of the fraternity.

There were several suggestions to be considered by future alumni programs for contributions:

- 1) Continue to use first class postage.
- 2) Specifically state how money is used and that is collected.
- 3) Clarify the fact to parents who pay for sons that sons are not delinquent when they do not pay.
- 4) Future drives should point out that there is legality for the drive stipulated in the constitution and by-laws of the fraternity.
- 5) Stress the objectives of the drive and also that contributions are being requested.
- 6) The results of the campaign should be given to the alumni in a four page folder or combined as a part of the June issue of the Tomahawk.

213. Re-employment of Executive Secretary.

MOTION was made by Brother Cochran, duly seconded and carried that a letter be addressed to Brother Cramblet by Brother Burns regarding his return to employment by the fraternity and that Brother Cramblet reply in accordance with the instructions contained in the following motion.

MOTION was made by Brother Shotwell, duly seconded and carried, that the Grand Council adopt the conditions and as stated in Brother Cramblet's letter of November 16, 1944 to Brother Burns regarding his re-employment. It was understood that the Executive Secretary would become the Editor of the Tomahawk and that Delaware, Ohio, be investigated as a site for the location of the national headquarters.

214. Reactivation of chapters.

MOTION was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, that a manual of instructions or suggestions be written by the Executive Secretary. The manual should be distributed to alumni or actives to assist them in reactivating their chapters.

There were a number of suggestions made to assist the Executive Secretary in proceeding:

- 1) That the policy of the institution be secured regarding the reactivation of the fraternities on their campuses.
- 2) Ascertain the policy and attitude of the colleges regarding the housing of men students.
- 3) Consideration of securing the aid of a number of alumni to be used on a campus and pay them a monthly stipend or the securing of one man who would be able to do a reorganization job.
- 4) The necessity of having custodians or an alumnus who would be responsible for the reactivation of the chapter.
- 5) Make contact with institutions where we have had chapters to ascertain their attitude to the reactivation of our former chapters.
- 6) Executive Secretary was instructed to use telephone in securing information.
- 7) That all chapters be assigned to members of the Grand Council for their supervision.

215. A resolution was formulated noting the passing of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

216. MOTION was made, duly seconded and carried, approving the expenses of the Grand Council meeting.

217. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned on Sunday, April 15, 1945 at 4:30 P.M.

MINUTES: GRAND COUNCIL MEETING, ALPHA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY, INC.
PLACE OF MEETING: HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK CITY
DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 at 3:00 p.m. and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 9:30¹⁹⁴⁵
MEMBERS PRESENT: W. H. Cramblet, Chairman
Lloyd S. Cochran
Hugh M. Hart
George E. Worthington
Benjamin Young
Ralph F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

216. Minutes of meeting of April 14, 1945.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed with a questioning of the first motion under Item 206: Motion was made by Brother Clarke, duly seconded and carried, that in any merger discussion of the future, it be clearly understood that the name of Alpha Sigma Phi not be surrendered wholly or altered in part. It was recommended that the motion be struck from the minutes, but, that due to the absence of Brother Clarke, this action would be taken only upon his approval. The approval of the minutes was held in abeyance.

217. Discussion of Housing Conditions on Campuses.

In conjunction with plans for reactivation, Brother Worthington read a report from the Wisconsin alumni bulletin on housing on that university's campus and discussion followed on the general housing situation throughout the country. It was suggested that, to fill the need for fraternal life, many new locals would be formed from men's housing groups; but it was also pointed out that fraternities would find it difficult to begin operation in locations where there are actually no housing facilities available.

218. Fraternity Foundation.

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The proposed memorial trust fund was discussed after a draft of a trust agreement, prepared by Brother Fussell, had been read. The following suggestions were made regarding the proposed draft:

- 1) It was felt that a statement of the purposes of Alpha Sigma Phi should be placed in a WHEREAS clause at the beginning of the agreement before the formal statement "This Trust Agreement, made and . . .". This would be for the benefit of contributors.
- 2) A Discussion was held of the method of control of the trust which, as now set up, allows for the possibility of non-members of the fraternity to eventually be elected to the board of trustees; it was suggested that this provision be eliminated so that control would always be in the hands of the fraternity, unless such limitation would affect the tax deductibility of gifts to the fund.
- 3) It was pointed out that restrictions on investments were broad and do not go beyond the legal specifications.

4) The suggestion was made that the trustees under the proposed agreement have too much control and therefore some statement should be made whereby the control of the trustees would be placed in the hands of the Grand Council, unless this also would affect the tax exempt features desired.

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5) Page 9, item 3.01, the statement is made, "so long as there is such a Grand Council or other similar governing board" and it was suggested that this statement apparently was made to conform to the laws of the State of California in which there may be a limitation on the life of a corporation; however, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Inc. is incorporated in the State of New York and under its laws, it exists in perpetuity.

6) It was also suggested that the election of the trustees should be subject to the approval of the Grand Council or similar governing board and that their actions should be subject to the approval of the Grand Council or other similar governing board and, if suitable, that all or at least two of the trustees should be members of the Grand Council. All provided that this action will not affect the tax exempt features.

7) It was asked if the trust agreement could not be set up in the same manner as the present Tomahawk fund which provides that property of the Tomahawk fund be held in the name of the fraternity - if no tax exempt question arises.

8) Under Article III, item 3.03, should have inserted "subject to review and report to the Grand Council" at the end of the first sentence on page 10, line 2.

9) Under Article IV, item 4.0k, the Grand Council should control the amending of the instrument, upon recommendations from the trustees.

10) Under Article V, item 5.03, it was suggested that the phrase, "approved by the Grand Council" be inserted in line 9 following, "Trustees shall pay . . ."

11) Under Article VI, item 6.0k, insert "reviewed by the Grand Council" as well as that the "Trustees should be subject to review and removal from office."

12) Under item 6.07, the question as to whether the advisability of incorporating in California or some other state was raised. A question was also raised as to whether the advantages of a trust over a corporation had been explored.

MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that the liquid assets of the Endowment Fund and Scholarship Fund be turned over to the memorial trust fund as a starting donation at the time the fund is effected.

It was suggested that, through Brother Worthington, the memorial fund agreement, when approved by the Grand Council, be submitted to the Internal Revenue Department for review and a ruling before the fund is announced to the fraternity.

might affect tax status; probably not.

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It is desired that the memorial fund be incorporated in the activities of the Centennial year and that the drive for contributions to it be made a part of the Centennial celebration.

should suggest names to him John G. Skot?
MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that one member of the board of trustees be Brother Fussell and that the other members of the board be chosen from among the fraternity members on the West Coast.

It was pointed out that the fraternity Constitution would have to be amended regarding the payment of \$1.00 to the present endowment fund by undergraduates when that fund no longer exists.

The disposal of the receivables of the endowment fund was discussed and it was pointed out that if they were also turned over to the memorial fund, any payment upon them would probably be subject to tax inasmuch as they could not be considered as donations, but rather as payment of debts.

219. Action on Recommendations from Executive Secretary.

- 1) MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that the recommendation regarding the appointment by the Grand Senior President of a committee to study reactivation and make suggestions to chapters regarding it be accepted.
- 2) The proposed purchase of a Vari-Typer machine was discussed. A decision was held in abeyance until further information was received as to the necessity and practicality of the suggestion. *too bad*
- 3) The question of moving the national office soon after January 1, 1946, was also held in abeyance until further information was received as to the availability of space and the practicability of moving at the time.
- 4) MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that the Grand Senior President appoint a Scholarship Chairman.
- 5) MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that the Executive Secretary and Grand Senior President together investigate the appointment of a fraternity counsel and do so. *(good idea)*
- 6) MOTION was presented by Brother Cramblet, duly seconded and carried, that a rushing and pledging manual be prepared by the Executive Secretary.
- 7) MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, duly seconded and carried, that the November issue of the Tomahawk be mailed to the entire membership of the fraternity.
- 8) MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, duly seconded and carried, that the Executive Secretary be authorized to invite Brother Speight, new dean of men at Cornell University, to serve as a delegate to the N. I. C.
- 9) MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried, that Brother Clarke proceed with a revision of the ritual, specifically to eliminate the suggestion of hazing features.

10) MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, duly seconded and carried, that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council be called for November 14 or 15 and also at the time of the N. I. C. on November 23 to discuss further matters of importance to the fraternity.

11) The expenses of the meeting were approved.

220. Centennial Program.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, duly seconded and carried, that the Centennial dinner in New York be held on Thursday, December 6, at the Roosevelt Hotel.

It was recommended that the charge be \$6.00 per man, giving the \$4.50 dinner; that a bar be set up on the Palm Terrace; that the bar open at 7 p.m. and that dinner be served at 7:45 p.m.; that photographs be taken and that congratulatory wires be sent to other dinners throughout the country.

It was also recommended that the members of the Grand Council attend as many dinners as their number would permit so as to spread their attendance.

Various members of the fraternity were considered as possible guest speakers, among them Justice Rutledge, J. L. Morrell, Representative Coffee. It was suggested that Brother Cramblet write to Brother Morrell and that the Executive Secretary write the others inviting them to attend and speak.

Among other guests, the names of Cleaveland J. Rice, the president of Yale, E. M. Waterbury, the ~~Chairman~~ of the N. I. C., the oldest living Sig in the area, Charles Kullman, Bert Wilson of Sigma Nu and L. G. Balfour were mentioned. Dr. Cramblet and the Executive Secretary are to invite interfraternity guests personally.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to secure at least two suites and 10 single rooms at the Roosevelt for the convenience of the guests.

Souvenir programs, with interchangeable center pages, were suggested for the Centennial dinners throughout the country. *gnd*

Brother Hart suggested that a plaque, parchment scroll or other similar memento be prepared for all chapters to frame, noting the celebration of the Centennial.

It was also suggested that an announcement of the Centennial be sent to presidents of all colleges where ~~ASD~~ has or has had chapters.

Brother Hart suggested that an exhibit table be prepared for the national dinner and that one of its features be a plaque honoring the Gold Star members.

221. Other Centennial Dinners.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to insert in the November Tomahawk a notice to the effect that the dinners will be held and that correspondence pertaining to them should be sent to Brother Hart.

222. Centennial Convention.

The months of June and September 1946 were considered for a Centennial convention and the desirability of a mid-western location was mentioned.

223. Alumni Dues Program.

The alumni dues program for 1946 will depend in a large measure upon the drive for contributions to the memorial trust fund and any action upon it was held in abeyance until further information is secured regarding the fund.

MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, duly seconded and carried, that the Executive Secretary inquire of the members of the Grand Council for suggestions as to how the appeal for contributions should be arranged giving them a full explanation of the proposed trust fund.

224. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 1945.

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my papers regarding the
Fraternity Foundation I
have sent to George Seam, tax atty
50 Broadway

I looked them thru + feel a good job
has been done. Cutting thru all details,
I believe if A&F Inc has 2 grand
council members on the board we
have all the fraternal protection we
need. Sorry not to be able to give
a considered opinion just now.

Ed. Shotwell.

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

PLACE OF MEETING: HOTEL COMMODORE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, APRIL 6 at 10 A.M. and SUNDAY, APRIL 7 at 11 A.M. 1946

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. W. H. Cramblet, Chairman

E. B. Shotwell

L. S. Cochran

Benjamin Clarke

H. M. Hart

G. E. Worthington

R. F. Burns, Executive Secretary.

225. Meeting called to order.

In the temporary absence of Brother Cramblet, Brother Shotwell, as Grand Junior President, presided over the meeting which was called to order at 10 A.M. in the South Room of the Hotel Commodore.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and carried, that all action of the meeting be held for the approval of the Grand Senior President.

226. Minutes of the meeting of October 13 & 14, 1945.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that the following motion of the previous minutes be reconsidered: "MOTION was presented by Brother Young, duly seconded and carried, that the liquid assets of the Endowment Fund and Scholarship Fund be turned over to the Memorial Fund as a starting donation at the time the Fund is effected."

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that a resolution be adopted thanking Brother Fussell for his work in setting up the trust agreement for the Memorial Fund and that a resolution be adopted thanking Brother Worthington for securing a favorable ruling from the Department of Internal Revenue regarding the tax deductibility features of the Fund.

After discussion the following two motions were passed relative to the above motion under reconsideration:

MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, seconded by Brother Cochran and passed, that members of the Grand Council had considered matters of the Endowment Funds transfer to the Memorial Fund prior to the completion of the Memorial Fund indenture and authorized the transfer of only one hundred dollars (\$100.) from the Endowment Fund until the Memorial Fund had been approved by the Internal Revenue Department.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded by Brother Hart and passed, that the Endowment Fund be kept intact for the present emergency and use of the chapters and not subject to the restrictions of the Memorial Fund.

MOTION was presented, seconded and carried, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as changed.

227. Report of the Executive Secretary.

1) Finances:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that the sum of \$63.32 shown on the Balance Sheet as Scholarship Funds be transferred to the

Endowment Fund; that sufficient cash be taken from the General Fund, together with the \$5. in War Stamps shown on the balance, to purchase a \$50. Bond to be placed in the Endowment Fund.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that all chapters be billed for national dues and endowment fees in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution for the school year 1945-46.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that a committee be appointed to study the financial statements and to present a budget for 1946-47 to the meeting.

Brothers Cochran and Burns were appointed to said committee and a budget (see attached Exhibit A) was drawn up and approved.

2) Chapters:

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and carried, that the Executive Secretary be directed to request that all chapters file with the national headquarters copies of their constitutions and by-laws to be studied and approved by the Grand Council.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that a committee be appointed to make a survey of chapter and alumni housing corporation conditions, said survey, with recommendations, to be presented to the Grand Council.

Upon the suggestion of Brother Cochran, the Grand Council directed the Executive Secretary to 1) submit his report in the future in writing to the members of the Council prior to the meeting and 2) to send to the members of the Council under whose surveillance individual chapters were placed, written reports of those chapters whenever issued.

Brother Clarke was appointed chairman of the committee on chapter housing conditions, with instructions to pick his committee.

3) Alumni Council:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and carried, that a resolution be adopted to define the term "alumni council" as it appears in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Brothers Clarke and Worthington were asked to consider the interpretation of the words "alumni council" as used in the Constitution and By-Laws with special reference to the problem whether a chapter alumni association or the stockholders or members of a chapter alumni corporation could be chartered under Title III Article III of the Constitution.

They observed that Section 1 of the article in question authorized the granting of charters to "alumni councils in existence for more than one year and having a membership . . . of 12 or more alumni members" Article II, Section 21 of the By-Laws authorized the Grand Council to have general charge of alumni councils and to prescribe rules and conditions under which they shall function. It was considered that this language was not appropriate to alumni corporations. Having in mind the history of

alumni activities it was determined that the words "alumni Council" as used above, were intended to mean a group of alumni meeting together with reasonable frequency, more often than once a year, and maintaining a program designed to promote the objects of the fraternity, particularly promotion of college loyalties, perpetuating friendships and cementing social ties within the membership.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, seconded and passed, that the Marietta Alumni Council which filed an application for an alumni council charter and met all constitutional requirements, be approved.

4) Visitation:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and passed, that the Executive Secretary be granted a 5¢ a mile allowance on visitation expenses when traveling by automobile.

5) Memorial Fund:

In a discussion of the questions raised by the Ohio State and Michigan chapters regarding the extent of national headquarters aid to them financially, it was suggested that Brother Clarke study the correspondence between the Executive Secretary and Brother Fussell, one of the Memorial Fund trustees, and compose a second letter of inquiry regarding the investment features of the Fund. Brother Clarke's correspondence is attached as Exhibit B.

It was pointed out that the article being prepared by Brother Fussell for the June Tomahawk regarding the Memorial Fund will also serve as material for the proposed brochure on the Fund to be sent to prospective donors.

6) Publications:

The need for a Pledge Manual, Rushing Book and Ritual was pointed out as well as the probable need for revisions in the Chapter Officers' Manual. A Song Book was not considered necessary at this time.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that copy for a Pledge Manual, Rushing booklet and revisions on the Chapter Officers' Manual be presented for ~~the~~ approval to the 1946 Convention.

7) Ritual:

The following men were appointed to the Ritual Committee: Benjamin Clarke, Chairman, George H. McDonald, Hugh M. Hart, Lloyd S. Cochran and Ralph F. Durns.

The Ritual Committee chairman submitted the attached report (Exhibit C) which suggested that the ritual be kept in its present mimeographed form until further decision is made regarding proposed revisions.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, seconded and carried, that the Ritual Committee bring in recommendations for substitutes for Scenes I and II.

It was recommended that the substitutions for Scenes I and II should include historical material or exemplification of the material now in the scenes.

8) Conventions:

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the 1946 Convention be held on September 5, 6, and 7 at Marietta, Ohio.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that a committee be appointed to study the recommendation of the appointment of a Grand Chaplain to be installed at the 1946 Convention.

It was recommended that publicity prior to the Convention stress the desirability of delegates from chapters being men who will return to school for at least one semester following the Convention.

9) Removal of headquarters:

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and passed, that approval be granted to the proposed trip by the Executive Secretary to Delaware, Ohio, for the purpose of securing a secretary and handling the details of moving.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and passed, that the president or vice-president and the Executive Secretary be authorized to execute a lease on the property in Delaware, Ohio, herewith presented.

MOTION was presented, seconded and passed, authorizing the Executive Secretary to execute the proper bank resolutions with the First National Bank of Delaware, Ohio, and transfer the checking account of the General Fund to said bank.

10) Grand Council vacancy:

MOTION was presented by Brother Hart, seconded and passed, that the vacancy on the Grand Council caused by the death of Brother Philip Johnson be filled by the appointment of Donald J. Hornberger, treasurer of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, subject to his acceptance.

Brother Hornberger was contacted by Brother Cramblet on Sunday, April 7, and accepted the appointment.

11) Proposed special committees:

The Executive Secretary in his report suggested the following committees upon which action was taken:

A. The Chairman appointed Paul Bickel of the Columbia chapter, from Cleveland, Ohio, as chairman of a committee on Scholarship.

B. Brother Clarke was appointed chairman of the committee to make a survey of chapter housing.

228. Annual Audit of General Fund and Tomahawk Fund books.

MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and passed, that the

services of L. Roy Campbell be retained for the July 1946 audit of the fraternity books and that before the close of the fiscal year 1946-47 an estimate be obtained from a New York auditor to handle the books of the Tomahawk Fund and from an Ohio auditor to handle the national headquarters books.

MOTION was presented by Brother Clarke, seconded and passed, that the preceding motion be amended to include a request for an estimate from L. Roy Campbell for an audit of both sets of books for the fiscal year 1946-47 to be compared with estimates from auditors in New York and Ohio.

229. Chapter Reports.

- 1) Yale - The Executive Secretary reported that there are now between 25 and 30 undergraduates at Yale, operating without a house.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the following resolution be adopted regarding the part national headquarters will play in the reactivation of the Alpha chapter.

RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council advise the trustees of Alpha that if they can purchase the property in New Haven for \$55,000 or less, the Grand Council will join them in a financial appeal for funds to reduce the indebtedness to \$25,000 and that the Grand Council would make the Alpha chapter house a national shrine of the fraternity, final decision between the Grand Council and the Alpha trustees to depend upon the results of the appeal for funds after 90 or 120 days from the beginning of the appeal.

It was pointed out in discussion that the aid of Congressman John Main Coffee, an affiliate of Alpha, be requested in any work of reactivation.

It was also strongly recommended that notification be sent to the Alpha men regarding the condition of the chapter. The Executive Secretary was authorized to help the Alpha trustees in every way with the facilities of national headquarters.

- 2) Mass. State - MOTION was presented by Brother Shotwell, seconded and passed, that it be recommended to the Gamma chapter that they should not sell their house, but that they should cooperate with the University regarding the sale of a lot they hold to reduce their indebtedness.

- 3) Ohio State - The Executive Secretary was advised to give all cooperation and help to the Ohio State chapter.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Executive Secretary and the Grand Council aid the chapters in reactivation work in every way possible.

230. Financial Reports.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the alumni dues of the fraternity be raised from one dollar to five and that one dollar of that five be transferred to the Endowment Fund.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that a new statement of cash operations be made and presented to the members of the Grand Council by mail.

MOTION was presented by Brother Worthington, seconded and passed, that the resolution under item 173 of the August 21-22, 1943, minutes be amended to omit the words "on the mailing list", subject to the acquiescence of the Tomahawk trustees.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that a fee of \$25. be assessed each chapter as a convention fee and that all delegates, active and alumni, as well as alternates, pay a registration fee of \$25.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the budget presented to the members be accepted.

231. Extension.

Brother Worthington reported on his visit to a petitioning group at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, and the possibilities of new chapters at several colleges and universities in the South.

Howard College is over 100 years old, is a typical small southern campus in Birmingham, Alabama, all liberal arts, student enrollment of about 800. There are 20 men in the group petitioning Alpha Sigma Phi; 11 single, 9 married. Ross Jones is president of the group, a pre-med student at Howard who expects to take medical work at Emory University. All men are from the South and are going on to universities in the South for work beyond the liberal arts level.

Brother Worthington suggested that Brother Ralph Herald, the organizer of the Howard College group, be subsidized upon his return to the University of Alabama in return for his work in reactivating Alpha Iota chapter there. No action was taken on this.

It was recommended that the group at Howard be notified of the necessary procedure to be followed by the Grand Council in considering its petition and tell them that the Council is moving as quickly as possible on the matter.

MOTION was presented by Brother Cochran, seconded and passed, that the names of Emory University, Howard College, North Carolina State and several others be presented to the chapters for their approval; that upon the receipt of completed petitions from the group at Howard College, these be mailed to the members of the Grand Council; and that the Executive Secretary secure a mail vote on the Howard group from the Grand Council.

Emory University has 2200 men in the liberal arts college and expects 3000 next semester. They need five or six fraternities. Dean of Men Rece has assured Brother Worthington that AΣΦ would be welcome.

There is one Phi Pi Phi man at North Carolina State. There are nine or 10 active fraternities on the campus and no objection to AΣΦ.

A local at Dartmouth with one man now on campus has been in touch with Brother Worthington since the change in attitude on the part of Dartmouth officials regarding fraternities and there is a possibility that this group, once reactivated, might be awarded the charter of Alpha Eta chapter.

The Chairman pointed out that throughout the country the trend is not against fraternities as such, but rather against them as housing units and is moving towards the preference of lodges, separate units for recreation, etc. He also suggested that Brother Worthington continue to make all contacts for new chapters in the various colleges and universities and that the Executive Secretary continue to be the spear-head for contacting other fraternity secretaries regarding possible mergers.

Possible new chapters were discussed at Kent State, Akron and Bowling Green as well as reactivation of old chapters at West Virginia, Carnegie Tech, Chicago, Colorado, Iowa, Case, Oklahoma and Iowa State.

232. National Interfraternity Conference.

MOTION was presented, seconded and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Grand Council congratulate our Grand Senior President, Dr. Cramblet, upon his election as Recording Secretary of the N. I. C. and is appreciative of the honor to AΣΦ.

RESOLVED THAT there be recorded in the minutes the mail vote of this Council approving the defrayment of his expenses in attending meetings of the Executive Committee of the N. I. C.

233. Expenses.

MOTION was presented by Brother Burns, seconded and passed, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the expenses of this meeting be paid from the General Funds.

234. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned on Sunday, April 7, 1946, at 6:30 P.M.

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