

Grand Council Regular Meeting

Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity

October 23, 2016

Attendees

Phil Buckberg, Worthy Grand Architect
Hao Phung, Worthy Grand Associate Architect
Emily Lewis, Worthy Grand Estimator
Christina Anderson, Worthy Grand Scribe
Risa Schoenfeld, Worthy Grand Lecturer
AJ Kessinger, Worthy Grand Inspector
Vicki Horton, Grand Advisor

Meeting called to order, October 23, 2016, at 4:04p.m. PDT.

The WGA motions to suspend the order of business to discuss Domitian AA suspension.

- The WGI seconds the motion.
- The motion passes 7-0-0.

Domitian Alumni Association

- The WGA opens discussion.
- Two members of the Domitian AA have reached out to discuss how they can get into good standing.
- 6-8 recent graduates are interested in keeping the Domitian AA in good standing, however they do not have access to the bylaws.
- Salma and Katrina from the Domitian AA join the call
 - None of the newer alumni brothers were aware of the suspension.
 - One of the alumni emailed Mike Marvin and Rosanna Collars and received a copy of the suspension letter later in the month.
 - The younger alumni held a meeting on 10/20.
 - They are eager to keep the alumni association in good standing however they are not clear on how the alumni association is run.
 - The current board is willing to transfer the responsibilities of running the alumni association to the younger members.
- The WGA motions to defer the suspension of the Domitian AA until December 31, 2016 or until they come into compliance with our bylaws.
 - The WGAA seconds
 - The motion passes 7-0-0
 - The WGA will send a follow up letter.

Old Business

Budget

- The WGE motions to approve the 2016-2017 budget.
- The WGA opens discussion.

- The WGE has received and implemented the comments she received on the 2016-2017 budget.
- The WGA calls to question.
 - The GA seconds the motion.
 - The motion passes 7-0-0.

New Business

Taxes

- Taxes are due on 11/14.
- The WGE is trying to submit before 11/8.

Jewelry Costs

- The WGE received an updated price list from Herff Jones.
- The prices listed on our website are not in line with the costs from Herff Jones.
- The WGE recommends to raise the cost of jewelry based on the attached chart.
- The WGE recommends that we update the language on the badge orders to reflect the current costs of jewelry.
- The WGE and WGS will work together to update the website to reflect the new pricing and the order process.

Committee to Remove Religious Symbolism from the Ritual

- One application has been received from Worthy Grand Scribe Emeritus, Rick Jenkins.
- The Rise will be sent to Alumni Associations later this week.

Theodorus Colony

- The colony is ready with their petition.
- We can plan to send the petition out to the Chapters and Alumni Associations in the coming weeks for approval.

Seshait Ritual Workshop

- Chapter is not allowed to hold initiations on campus so they are renting an Airbnb.
- Rules with the university are unclear, and National Directors are not allowed to interact with the pledges on campus.
- The WGI will work with the WGL and RD8 to get clarity on the university rules.

Andronicus Ritual Workshop

- The workshop went well in regards to the ritual.
- There are some concerns with the pledge education process bring in line with our national standards.
- The WGI, WGL, and RD2 will work with the chapter to rectify any concerns.

Certificates

- Brice is working to get us caught up with certificates and badges
- If requests are coming in from chapters let them know that we are working to get all of the certificates out by the end of the year.

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- The WGL, WGI, and GA are attending.
- The GA is prepared to say a few words on behalf of the Grand Council since she was the WGA when they were installed.

Alumni Days

- All alumni Days events went well
- The pictures are up on social media

Alumni Dues Letter

- WGAA would like everyone to look at the alumni dues notice by midnight on 10/28.

Convention

- WGAA is recommending the Ecotrust Building for the welcome reception, the cost is lower than the other venues. They provide tours and catering will be all local Portland food. The outdoor space is at an addition cost and we can decide if we will be using it the week of the event.
- The convention meeting room will work better than what was previous planned for.
- The WGAA is excited about the food that will be provided.
- The convention planning assistant was offered to have her flight and registration covered for convention based on the typical convention budget's allocation for convention director travel and registration fees.
- WGAA would like to open registration for convention in December.
 - Guest registration available only for non-brothers only.
- WGAA will put together the registration costs based on the food costs and have the information ready in the next month.

Spam Emails

- WGE received an email that appeared to come from WGA@alpharhochi.org, the email did not come from Phil.
- WGE forwarded to the webmaster to figure out how to avoid this.

WGA motions to adjourn the meeting.

- GA seconds the motion
- The motion passes 7-0-0.

Meeting adjourned, October 23, 2016, at 5:46 p.m. PDT.