

Columbus Alumnae Panhellenic Association
Thursday, June 9, 2005
At the home of Judy Watson

Attending:

Susan Ballinger – Theta Phi Alpha
Jessica Blevins – Delta Zeta
Denise Brenner – Delta Zeta
Laurie Connor – Kappa Alpha Theta
Cheryl Davis – Alpha Omicron Pi
Melissa Haff – Delta Gamma
Jennifer Johnson – Chi Omega

Katie Lucas – Alpha Xi Delta
Penny Purviance – Delta Delta Delta
Jane Sotak – Alpha Chi Omega
Kelly Tamerlano – Sigma Kappa
Judy Watson – Alpha Phi
Liz Wood – Delta Zeta

Penny called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked Judy for hosting us in her home again. She also thanked everyone for their work during the past year, and those who worked the Columbus Arts Festival.

Denise Brenner introduced Jessica Blevins. She will be replacing her as Delta Zeta rep, but Denise will continue assist with flyers and membership roster.

February Minutes – No changes – Minutes Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Penny Purviance

We do not have an exact amount.

\$400 raised at the card party.

\$1000 raised by serving at the Columbus Arts Festival.

Game Night Review – Judy Watson

Friday, March 10 – 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm at the Clintonville Woman's Club

Overall the feedback was quite positive. Forty-five (45) people attended this first game night. It was quite a group effort. Thanks to all who had various responsibilities.

Definitely to become an annual event.

2006 Date – Friday, March 10 beginning at 6:30 pm

at the Clintonville Woman's Club

Judy Watson will reserve space and same menu.

Cheryl Davis, Katie Lucas and Marianne Gray will be responsible for door prizes.

Denise Brenner will create a flyer.

Melissa Haff will work on publicity.

Cheryl suggested that we all make it a goal to bring five new/additional people to this year's event.

Programming Update – Penny

Comedy Club – a table full went and enjoyed the evening.

Franklin Park Conservatory – only three attended but had a wonderful time.

Penny asked if we want to repeat any events from 2005 (scrap-booking/food pantry)? All agreed that these two were very successful and we should organize them again. She also asked that

each of us ask our alumnae groups if there are any special interest topics we should consider having.

Membership

Penny asked if there are any other new representatives for the upcoming year. Denise passed around a current roster and asked for updates/corrections.

Penny said a thank you to Tina Tracy and Jill Trowbridge for all of their service over the past few years. They will not be returning as representatives in the fall. They will be missed.

2005-06 Slate of Officers

Anyone interested in serving as an officer for the next year should e-mail Penny Purviance her intent. Katie will be e-mailing out job descriptions in the coming week.

Nominating Committee: Penny Purviance, Cheryl Davis, Katie Lucas, Susan Ballinger
Nominating Committee will meet via e-mail/phone prior to annual meeting to create slate.

Council will vote on slate at the Annual Meeting/Retreat in July at Liz's home in Lancaster (directions will be e-mailed later). There will be a 1 pm potluck lunch.

House Tours – Jane Sotak

Sunday, September 11, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

\$10 per person/\$5 student rate

This was last held in the 1980's. Many are excited to have this taking place again. FMA provided contact names. Currently there are 14 houses at OSU. Five (5) will be participating this year. Jane has had questions regarding security – there have been some security issues with a few of the houses this year. Tour will be advertised to Greek community only. Greek Affairs Office is very excited about the tour.

Cheryl asked how many people are we hoping to attract? What is our goal? All believe that 100 people participating in the tour would deem it a success.

Publicity would be done mostly through e-mail and our taking it back to our organizations. We will offer pre-sale and day of tickets. Each representative will get tickets at the July 16 meeting.

Programs – Denise Brenner

Tickets – Katie Lucas

Refreshments/House Identifiers (balloons) – Cheryl Davis

Participating Houses: Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta, Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa, Pi Phi

Houses will be given the option, which rooms to show. Penny asked if we needed to get a one-day insurance policy.

Jane will check with non-tour houses to see if their parking lots are available for use.

There was much discussion on the program. It was decided that Denise would make one small pamphlet and each house will be responsible if they would like to provide more in-depth information. Penny suggested that we give something to each participating house as a "thank you" – bring ideas to July meeting.

Scholarship

There was then a discussion regarding OSU recruitment this year and the growing concern of low rush numbers. This led to our discussion regarding scholarships.

What do we want to do regarding scholarships this year? Do we want to continue to give one or two to cover the cost of sorority membership or look to do something broader such as "programming" grants for the organizations?

Normal timeline:

January Applications Available

May Scholarships Awarded

Melissa suggested that we wait until fall quarter.

Jennifer works for PrimAmerica and would like to do financial seminars for the organizations. This led to a discussion – Judy asked should we create/provide a speakers' bureau/list?

Susan will talk with OSU Greek Life and see what they suggest is the greater need. Also how can we spread the news about our scholarship better?

One suggestion was to move the scholarship timeline to fall – rewarding those who have been members for sometime, especially the juniors and seniors who chapters are losing.

Penny suggested that we speak with Alumnae Chapter and House Corps for their opinions.

Laurie suggested with the Greek Affairs Office to see how we can assist in programming. She loved the "Great Women Go Greek" but is the university targeting the wrong crowd by requiring already affiliated women to attend – shouldn't this be targeted to non-affiliated women?

Other Notes

Alpha Omicron Pi's alumnae have been discussing ways to assist their chapter with rush. They are very concerned with the number of women who dropped out during rush. Yes, there was snow, but nearly 50% who began rush did not see it through, and are waiting for informal rush or snap-bids. Should there be a financial commitment (\$25 or so) to go through the rush process? Should the restrictions on informal rush be enhanced? Just things to think about.

Laurie reminded everyone of NPC's Women in Higher Education Award. It is presented bi-annually. It is an opportunity for organizations to recognize women who are doing great things. Also, the NPC green book is now available on CD. Finally, she asked if anyone attended the reading/discussion at Barnes & Noble by the author of the Recovering Sorority Sisters, and that another book "Smashed" will be coming out as well.

Next Meeting – 1:00 pm Saturday, July 16 at Liz's in Lancaster

Agenda

- Recruitment
- Programming
- House Tour
- Scholarship
- Presentation of Slate

Cheryl Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Melissa Haff seconded.