

Minutes of the Alpha Rho Chapter Association Meeting
May 17, 2003

The Alpha Rho Chapter Association held its second meeting on Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 3:30 pm at the Delta Zeta Lodge, 136 West Winter Street, Delaware. Present (with year of graduation): Sualeha Ansari '04, Terri (Andary) Cooke '98, Michelle Duncan '97, Robbi Helser '99, Betty Hwang '03, Sonya Kench (housemother), Traci Kennedy '01, Carrie Lippert '94, Mollie McCready '00, Betsy Jo Pentiuk '01, Danielle Probst '03, Kristen Reigler '03, Denise Sabo '00.

Welcome and Introductions

Reports

Collegiate Chapter

Sualeha Ansari gave an update on Alpha Rho Chapter (AP Chapter)

- 9 new Spring initiates
- Numerous philanthropy events and socials
- Formal recruitment is January 15-18, 2003
- Chapter room will be renovated prior to the start of the fall Semester – new window treatments, furniture, and painted walls.

150 W. Winter Street

Sualeha Ansari and Denise Sabo gave a wrap-up on the AP Chapter Association efforts to encourage the purchase of a new lodge for AP Chapter. The Chapter Association was nearly successful in its efforts, and established many new and important contacts with Delta Zeta National Headquarters and the National Housing Corporation.

Stove Fund

Currently we have \$225.00 in donations and/or pledges for the purchase of a new stove for the AP Lodge – Thank you!

- Carrie Lippert - \$100
- Glenda Wucher - \$50
- Traci Kennedy - \$50
- Laura McCunn - \$25
- Stove is down to 3 working burners.
- A new stove and installation would cost at least \$500.00.
- Discussion of possibility of AP Chapter fronting the funds with the goal of replenishing prior to fall semester – funds are available.
- Discussion of possibility of using/matching AP Furnishing Fund monies – contact with Headquarters is needed.
- Goal for having a new stove before Fall Semester begins was set.
- Consensus – send message to AP alumnae email list outlining specific uses for the stove, specific details of what is needed, and specific goals for replacement. Use this as a solicitation to gather the remaining funds and/or

resources needed to take care of the issue. Volunteers to help with installation and/or reconstruction of kitchen cabinets may be needed.

Collegiate Website

Denise Sabo encouraged alumnae to visit the AP collegiate website at www.owu.edu/~deltazee and update their information.

Chapter Association Website

Denise Sabo reported on summer goals for updating the AP Chapter Association website at www.geocities.com/owudzalumni.

- Goal is to list all Alpha Rho Initiates since the recolonization by New Member Class on the website, with links to email addresses or other information. This is similar to the format used by other Chapter Associations.
- This could be a lead-in to a Mentoring Program.
- Future possibilities for establishing a structure for a Mentoring Program were discussed, ie: the New Member Educator "Pen-Pal" program.
- Any suggestions of ways to make the website more helpful should be sent to Denise Sabo at dmsabo@hotmail.com.

Alpha Rho Advisory Board

Alpha Rho CCD Michelle Duncan discussed her plans for establishing an Advisory Board to help encourage guidance and consistency for AP Chapter.

- Advisory Board would help to create a "mentor" figure that remains consistent through the annual transition of officers.
- Advisors would be needed for specific positions – ie: Recruitment, New Member Education, Treasurer.
- Advisory Board would meet approximately once per month.
- Time commitment and contact with advisory board member's coordinating officer would basically be up to the advisory board member.
- Examples of responsibilities would include offering guidance, keeping respective officer on track with duties, reports, etc, and continuing traditions from officer to officer.
- Volunteer names should be sent to Michelle Duncan at mduncan52@hotmail.com.
- Goal would be to convene prior to Fall Semester 2003.
- Non- AP members are welcome and would encourage diversity and new ideas.
- Interested parties may be invited to a Tuesday Night Summer Dinner.

- Michelle will send a message calling for volunteers to the AP alumnae email list.

Committee Discussion

Many volunteers – most had no preference. Those with specific interests:

- Recruitment – Robbi Helser will again act as point of contact and alumnae coordinator.
- Special Events – Carrie Lippert
- House Improvements – Betsy Pentiuik
- Fundraising – Karla McClain and Terri Cooke.

Fundraising Ideas

Fundraising ideas were discussed among all.

- American Bistro – dinner fundraiser - Wednesdays only
- Cat's Meow – selling small wood ledge figures of the AP Lodge
- Nationwide Arena Clean-up
- On-campus marketing – organizing care packages purchased by OWU parents
- Discussion of possibilities of use of funds:
 - Socials
 - Food for recruitment
 - Postage for AP Chapter Association mailings

Announcements

AP Summer Housecleaning is July 12. Alumnae are welcome to attend – bring your gardening materials!

Two annual permanent meeting times were agreed on:

- Saturday of Homecoming Weekend (fall semester) at 10:00 am at the Alpha Rho Lodge.
- Saturday of Alumni Weekend (spring semester – weekend after graduation) at 10:00 am at the Alpha Rho Lodge.
- Efforts will be made to make this a permanent part of the OWU Homecoming and Alumni Weekend schedules.

Next meeting will be during Homecoming Weekend – Saturday, October 18, 2003 at 10:00 am at the Delta Zeta Lodge.

Refreshments were served and alumnae members reminisced!