Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. – AX Chapter

# Date: January 16, 2021

# Location: Virtual

# Attendance: 21

Submitted: Scott G.T. Sloan, KRS

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. – AX Chapter was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on January 16, 2021 via virtual teleconference by Basileus Nate Shaw. Opening prayer was led by the Chaplain, Bro. Chet Johnson.

## Roll Call

Financial Roll call by KRS Bro. Scott Sloan.

## Recognition of Visiting Brothers

N/a

## Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

## Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes were accepted as distributed.

## Officers Reports

Basileus: Bro. Shaw provided an update on the chapter website. Based on a prior vote by the chapter, it was decided to discontinue the website. Bro. Greg Lewis has decided to maintain the website to show the potential/viability of it until our enrollment period ends March 2021 at which time, he would give a report.

Regarding the budget, a reallocation of the Basileus Contingency fund was presented: of his $350, $100 would be reallocated to the KRS and $50 to the KofF.

Vice Basileus: Bro. Comer reiterated that AX would not have a spring 2021 MSP. Preparations would be made to ensure all brothers in the chapter would be MSP certified in time for a Fall MSP. We have received 6 letters of interest to date. All brothers should be registered on the IHQ website to continue any MSP activities. Bro. Comer will be conducting a virtual mandatory MSP training on January 30, 2021 at 6:00p.m.

One change of note is that brothers must meet all requirements to participate at any level of MSP.

Bro. V. Thornton was informed that the MSP training taking place on the 30th would fulfill the annual training requirement. He confirmed that the online test was good for a period of 5 years from the date of last successful completion. It was proposed that every January, we would conduct the annual training.

The current qualifications to vote, sponsor, or participate in MSP are:

1. Must be currently registered on IHQ website: oppf.org
2. Annual Training must be completed
3. Online training must be within 5-year completion status
4. Attendance of least 60% of local fraternity meetings
5. Attendance at District or Fall Council Meeting
6. Attendance at International (Conclave or Leadership) Meeting
7. Financial at all levels

Keeper of Records & Seal: KRS thanked the chapter brothers who participated in the Soul Children Santa’s Village. District meeting will be April 30 – May 1, 2021. Brothers can register ($90 registration fee/ new initiates and 60+ Golden Bridge builders are exempt) at 10thdmeetings.org. Last day to register is April 9, 2021.

There are currently 35 brothers fully financial plus one partial. The budget for FY21 is based on 43 brothers.

The Basileus welcomed Bro. Alex Dunlap III to Alpha Chi.

Keeper of Finance: The financial report was disseminated via email by the KRS to the chapter for the review and any questions. Bro. Comer moved that the report be accepted pending audit. Bro. V. Thornton seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

## Standing Committees

Chaplain: Bro. Jones thanked Bro. Newsome and H. Jones for his assistance in distributing the plants to the 5 AX Widows. He also requested that any items requiring his participation can be emailed directly to him.

Birthdays: Bros. Burl Thornton and Lloyd Fisher 1/13

Bro. Comer thanked the chapter for their acknowledgments for the passing of his uncle. Bro. Oliver was grateful for the attention given to him during the passing of his mother-in-law. Mrs. Pat Borders sent a card thanking the chapter for her gift.

Social Action: Bro. Stephens was not in attendance. Bro. V. Thornton reported on his behalf. 25 gift cards ($70 each) were distributed for the Christmas Gift Drive. Bro. L. Fisher shared a thank you letter from Cassandra Canon, CEO United Urban Network, thanking us for our generosity.

Social Committee: Bro. Darryl James thanked the brothers who participated in the Virtual Watchnight Service.

Talent Hunt: Bro. D. Cole was not present. Bros. H. Jones, Cole and Watkins met earlier in the week. Bro. Jones contacted a contestant and was planning to connect with West Side High School for additional contestants. For this year, contestants must make a video recording of their performance and upload it to YouTube. The judges must not be associated with the fraternity and would review the video performances of the contestants. Bro. T. Sheriff volunteered to get information to the students and teachers at West Side, being an employee of the school. Bro. Jones offered to meet with him directly.

Bro. V. Thornton recommended making a definitive decision on whether to even have an event this year as soon as possible so that we could engage potential sponsors as early as possible. This matter should be discussed and finalized at the February meeting.

Bro. A. Dunlap elected to participate on this committee. His mother, Ms. Judy Dunlap, is on the Merrillville School Board.

## Old/Unfinished Business

N/a.

## For the Good of the Order

None

## New Business

None

## Announcements

N/a

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. by Bro. Shaw. Closing prayer by Bro. C. Jones.