

Meetings open at 9:05 AM

Sister Vinci entertains a motion to waive the order of meetings.

Sister Eaton so moves.

Sister Clouse seconds.

Discussion – don't need to worry about reports/old/new business will make things easier

Motion passes.

President's Report

Hope summer went well and you are ready for everything, have a lot of stuff to get through so lets get started with update from National Convention:

Alcohol Policy

Not allowed at sorority events, for other things, maybe able to if able to get a 3rd party vendor, there is a checklist of what you can and cannot do, will be up on the listserve to review later.

Life membership dues will be raised as of January 21st 2010 350 dollars, 2011 500 Dollars, reason is the trust fund going low, can ask NED treasurer for a breakdown of what the money is for. Steph as VPSP is looking into a scholarship.

Dropped by our insurance company, so national dues will be being raised. Delegation decided to raise dues for 10 dollars to prepare for what is going to be an even bigger raise in dues next year or the year after. So national dues are now \$85 dollars. Currently chapter dues are \$10, so for now the year will be \$95. Chapter dues don't have to be ten dollars, so we can change them, but someone needs to say something. Currently trying to work with Kate to figure out where that money goes to. Current understanding is that it is a cushion so we won't be in the hole. Think about it and information will be disbursed later.

Nationally, there is a push for everything to be electronic – podium (life members will get hard copies from their dues).

Presentation for nationals went extremely well. We created a scrapbook of "their MC book", which is basically our process. Also did a report that was over 20 pages long full of essays, service and fundraising projects. Steph Chueng is trying to get a video of the presentation.

Reading final report for national award.

To My Sisters,

We were bestowed the honor of being nominated for the Grace and A Frank Martin Chapter Leadership award for the 2007-2009 biennium. I cannot say how happy that we were nominated for this award. The amount of effort and time that we put into our chapter and serving the music community has not gone unnoticed.

When we dived into the project, we met a few challenges. The first and greatest was the fact that we were not allowed to use multimedia as a presentation method. But, that didn't stop us. We created a "scrapbook" based off a Gig book an mc would receive from her/his big sister. We completed this book in Arizona with a picture of those who went.

The presentation could only be 10 minutes long. Danni, Steph V and I presented. Sadly, we didn't finish the presentation completely, but we did get our point across loud and clear. We were allowed to record the presentation, which you can find on facebook.

We covered the happenings of the past two years. We went in depth into the changes in the MEP and officer terms. We highlighted the hardships we face with the UMMB and not having a home for it. We talked about the amazingness of the bond we strengthened in the spring of 2008 and of course we touched upon District Convention 2009.

The award also included a report that was a collaborative effort by all past officers and sponsors. The report ended up to be 20 + pages and lots of time put in. Everything is kept on file so that should we have the honor to be recognized again, we will have something to base it upon.

All in all, this was a wonderful first experience for the chapter. The scrapbook is to be kept with all of our history things and to be displayed whenever possible. :D

I charge...

All officers to keep detail records of their activities/events hosted so that in the future we are nominated again, the report is easily compiled.

All sisters and future sisters of this chapter to continue this level of greatness so that we will be nominated again. This includes, but not limited to filing all paper work on time, choosing worthwhile projects, which are in line with our purposes and mission statement and always-moving forward.

A special thanks to the committee members:

Caitlin Baker

Samantha Eaton

Danielle Marone

Stephanie Vinci

All past officers

And anyone who contributed by listening to us, reviewing the book/report and everyone who has made the chapter who we are today

Also a special thanks to Liz and Mr. Parks for their glowing recommendations they wrote us.

I want to also mention the amount of work your President did for this award. This project took all of the summer up until our presentation time midway through the week of convention. Steph Vinci did an amazing job and I want you all to thank her personally for representing the Delta Delta chapter with such class and grace. She may have not been our delegate representation, but as President she always represents the chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Chueng

Delta Delta Tau Beta Sigma Alumna

Beta Phi- Fall 2005

Any questions about national convention? None.

Treasurer

Let me know if you are planning on paying with a payment plan, will be sending out a survey monkey about dues.

Membership

Not enough packets for everyone to have their own, but passing packets. First question – do we want to have an MC class? No objections, will be having an MC class in the fall.

The packet is here for your approval, there are a lot of significant changes, the major one is that it is in week order. Will be changing the dues, local info is not correct because chairs aren't set. Anything you see you don't like or want to change, let me know.

Does everyone agree that post membership education wise online quizzes didn't work? General consensus that it didn't work, a few people liked it, a lot of the room hasn't taken it.

What were the cons – no time to study, ended up having a packet available in front of you. People given too much leeway to get away with missing things. Not comprehensive quizzes.

Pros – within the week you can do it on your own time. Meetings were far shorter. Doesn't make people who take five minutes to take the quiz have to sit through the full quiz, and others don't feel pressured.

Jackie: If you do it this way, you really need to know your stuff. There will be stuff missing from the packet that they will have to come and ask you about.

Other thoughts on PME: having at least one workshop on practical ways of educating people. Game/way to apply it, will be throwing this to Brittany. Trying to come up with something more fun so its not just quizzes, and doing games helps people remember. Haven't decided if it will replace a quiz or if it will just be an extra thing. If written quizzes, replace, online quizzes, it will be an extra thing.

Sarah B: If you miss a quiz, its still required, but it can replace the quiz that you didn't do well on.

Kaitlyn: If you miss a quiz, you have to do it in a hardcopy before meetings.

Steph V: Big issue with online quizzing is the availability of the packet to you. Especially if you have to help MC's fill things in.

Sam E. : At Wheaton College, had an honor pledge about plagiarizing, and cheating etc. Can we start our semester here with something like that?

Dana : Send out a reminder email that you need to put away the packets.

Strawpoll on who wants online quizzes: majority of the room would like them, though not the entire room.

Steph V: may be best to table to the Membership committee, discuss combinations

Steph M: If it starts to become a problem, have a short addendum that can be taken during meetings, but won't be as long as a regular quiz.

Jackie Z: Going to have a membership meeting to discuss, will likely be moving to online quizzes.

Next, need to look at dates:

First of all, second degree with third vs. splitting them, last semester it was because of convention that they were put together, really taxing for the performers to go through both of them. Second degree right now is where it is supposed to be, but it will be more time. Does anyone have any thoughts about where second should be?

Sam E: Reason to have second and third together was because of the change occurring in the process, and if an MC had been dropped, they would have known a lot of secrets, along with Convention.

Jackie: In order to be dropped that late, they would have to be having a lot of problems, been on probation most of the process.

Sally: Scheduled at week five?

Jackie: Dates

1st September Friday 25th or potentially the 26th, week 1 starts on the 28th

2nd Friday the 30th of October

Steph M: That is the FIRST free weekend, so a lot of people would want to go home, especially with the freshmen.

Steph V: Also the option of having the week before.

3rd Friday the 4th after Merry Maple into Saturday the 5th

Band Banquet weekend, but while its late, it may end up making it more special, and there really isn't a better option to put it at.

Steph V: MCs will be at the second set of meetings, so we aren't starting terribly late, just feels late.

Jackie: Rush Events

September, week of the 7th

BYOBanana Monday the 7th 7pm in Bartlett (day before first day of classes)

Video Game Night Thursday 10th need game consoles and tvs (Amanda, Steph M. may be able to bring tv) may need to switch to something else because we don't have tvs, but could go to an apartment (after band, after people eat after band, TBD – 7 ish)

Game Night Tuesday the 15th (Scene it/Trivial Pursuit) need an apartment

Steph M: Comcast on Demand has built in Game

Movie Night Friday 18th chillaxin, relaxin all cool

Tea will either be Monday the 21st or Tuesday the 22nd, most likely the Monday so people have time to make books, because first is that Friday.

Sister Ziegenfus moves to have the TBS Informational Tea on Monday September 21st in Bartlett at 7pm.

Sister Cheetham seconds.

Discussion: None

Motion passes, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Sister Ziegen fus moves to have the first degree ritual on Friday September 25th at 7:30pm

Sister Clouse Seconds.

Discussion: 7:30 so people have time to set up, is it in our normal place? Place tba

Motion passes.

For now, all I'm going to move, but please come.

Sam E: If you are planning to take a little, it's a good idea to come to rush events.

Steph V: On second, there is nothing wrong with it, they are meant to go together. The keeping of the secrets is another reason. If you have any strong thoughts, send them to Jackie, and we'll discuss at first set of meetings.

Jackie: any comments on packet now?

Steph M: I like them having to ask us, gives them more of a challenge and gets them talking to people. I liked how you put a box around the purposes, makes them easier to find.

Sally C: I'm not sure the blanks are a great idea, say someone gives it to them wrong, what if there's a mistake?

Jackie Z: Hopefully will fix that at MC meetings, sisters should be somewhat forgiving

Sally C: Still would like something be consistent.

Steph M: would be online.

Sally C: Parliamentary Procedure and order of meetings should be in the same week, people will divide them, but they are very similar, interconnected ideas.

Jackie: Thought it was a lot to put in the same week.

Steph M: Only so many questions you can ask.

Jackie: They are in succession, can't find a good way to put them in the same way that doesn't feel like its overloading.

Steph V: They also need to know the order of meetings for meetings.

Sally C: Could swap greek alphabet.

Jackie: Will look for things in week 1 to switch.

Sam: I really appreciate how this is set up, the by weeks thing is really good.

Jackie: If you didn't notice, the process hasn't really changed at all, quizzes per week is now at 5. Originally making it see each sister 3 times. GNP says its 20 more requirements they have to do, uncomfortable with that. Doing it by week spreads out the quizzes more, forces people to retain the information by not focusing on quizzing on certain weeks.

Sam E: Is there a way they will be seeing sisters for filling in the packet, can't go to the same sister every single time?

Jackie: We will discuss that with them.

Steph V: We've been aiming to lead to more discussion and retention on both sides, MCs and Sisters. Hopefully it will be an incentive to keep you on your toes and also increase communication. Doing this by having things filled in and one extra quiz. Ballot is essentially the same.

Fundraising

Kate: Trying to do one fundraiser per month, depending on peoples schedules. Want to do a bake sale by late September, will probably have to be during the weekday, will send out a survey monkey. Still have ongoing with ink cartridges, if you are going home, ask people for them. Campus Fundraiser stopped during the summer, but has started up again, so if you get them, continue doing those. For now, want to push for bake sale in the Campus Center, since we don't have weekends.

Sammie: You can't do it in Campus Center because you can't sell food.

Steph V: May be able to do it through the RSO.

Sarah: Kin department does do them in the campus center.

Kate: All for now, will get together committee and do a Halloween sale, because it seemed to work well. Check out the agenda for some ideas to be discussed later.

Service

Read letter from Jen about the VPS position.

To my lovely Delta Deltas,

After a lot of thinking, I have realized that I can no longer be the Vice President of Service for our chapter. This decision has not been easy, and I have spent countless hours thinking about it. Please listen to my reasoning with an open mind.

During my internship, I realized that I am not on track to become a CPA with the rest of my hiring class at KPMG. Until that point, their expectations for new hires were very unclear and, despite my questions about the matter, were not clarified for quite some time. When I was interviewed for a position during the last week of July, I was asked to state my plans for CPA certification by the end of the week. I had three days to make a decision about the next 2 years of my life – if I didn't go to grad school to finish my education requirements, I would have to find another way to complete an extra 21+ credits in very specific course areas as soon as possible.

After deliberating with my recruiter and doing a lot of introspection, I decided that it was necessary for me to go to grad school and complete a masters degree in accounting. This last-minute commitment became real when I was offered a position at KPMG for 2011 –

meaning that they have deferred my offer for a year so that I can go to grad school and fulfill the education required to sit for the CPA exam.

That long-winded explanation boils down to one thing... I need time for myself to complete my grad school search, study for and take the GMATs, and apply to schools. I am also enrolled in 17 credits without band, including the research portion of my Capstone class. I know that other people have taken on this burden while holding an office, but I do not want to compromise the Sisterhood's standing as a service organization because of the time that I need to commit to myself.

I will complete all band camp related service projects with Justin as planned, because I do not think it is fair to send that burden to someone else with such short notice. I will also serve on the Service committee and help the new VPS as much as possible.

I apologize from the bottom of my heart for this. I feel as though I have let down the Sisterhood and myself with this decision, but I need to do what is best for me. I hope that you all understand.

With much love in the bond,

Jen Iaconetti

Steph V: so this means that at the first set of meetings we only need one set of nominations and then we can go into elections. So at the first set of meetings, there will be nominations and elections. In order to fill this position you need two active semesters, you can talk to Steph V, Jen I, Steph Chueng or Sarah Albright. So, think about that.

Sally C: So no one younger than Gamma Alpha can do it?

Steph V: It is always an option to waive the constitution, but that is up to the sisterhood.

Caity: Waiving the constitution needs to be done before nominations.

Sam E: Can you do it for one person or for everyone?

Caity: Either

Steph:

Hellow, my lovely Sisters! I apologize for my absence – I had to make the difficult choice between a wedding and retreat – and I hope that you all understand.

Ia m very excited for the upcoming semester and the many service opportunities that our busy band schedule will bring. Please use your time during retreat to bond with one another so that we may

Keeping Community Warm and Fuzzy

Caity: Will be donating to the Battered Woman's shelter, date of collection is at the end of band camp unless anyone objects.

Goodie bags @ Band Camp

Fun treat for people because they get candy, Jen will need some help, so if you will be in Amherst/Sunderland before Vets have to go to camp, let here know. Jackie, Kaitlyn will be in the area to help with this.

Midnight Social @Band Camp

Are there different ways we can promote this more so more than the joint chapter comes?

Sally C: Is there a different space?

Steph V: It depends on space and Coolidge.

Kaitlyn: Can we have more than one room?

Steph V: Its hard to coordinate as opposed to four rooms.

Sam E: Are we creating a page for band camp packet? Can we make it a full page? Half page?

Steph V: Depends on how Ad Staff throws things together

Sam E: Word of mouth is really good, wearing letters, etc, better way to spread the word than relying on a piece of paper.

Steph V: On that note, wear letters every day, do we want to pick a good day to wear chapter letters? Social will be on Wednesday.

Jackie : Chapter letters on Wednesday

Sam E: Letters can go on everything except underwear, bras not okay in the past, do we want to do this this year?

Sarah B: I don't wear a shirt during camp, so I'd really like to do this.

Steph M: Could put them on the back.

Steph V: Strawpoll, how many feel its inappropriate to put letters on sports bra? Only a few objections. Could put it on the back of your bra.

Jackie: Everyone needs to just be careful.

Steph V: We can try it, If I see anyone doing it in an inappropriate way, it will end immediately, even if I have to announce it over the long ranger. Use your discretion, be smart about it, and this is not mandatory, but it is okay. And we will double check with liz.

Allentwon Prep Night

This will be taking place the week before Allentown. If we do go to Delaware, do we want to do it after Allentown for the trip to Delaware?

Sammie: Do we know if we are doing both?

Caity: Yes.

Steph V: Is there anyone who has any major qualms with it being the week before Allentown? (No objection).

Tour is usually a week before classes, as well as the poster night which is usually done the week before the first major away trip.

Jackie : Do we want to replace one of the rush events with the poster making night? Video game is the least popular.

Steph M: We have lost them in the past....

Brittany: Is it possible to make the posters during the prep night since Allentown is the first trip?

Kaitlyn: There should be a service event as a rush activity.

Sammie: What about the parade?

Steph M: This will be in the town.

Sam E: So all together, six rush events.

Jackie Z: I have a suggestion, why don't we push BYOB earlier, and then have campus tours right after that. Does anyone oppose? (No objection) BYOB is moved to 2, then campus tours will be after ice cream.

Sam E: Bring Umbrellas just in case.

Steph V: Poster night will be during Allentown

Caity: Food pantry

Sammie is going to do the food pantry.

Kaitlyn is going to do the paint cans

Correspondence

Dana: Who still talks to their district pen pal (silence)? Okay... just remember to forward me any correspondence, there will be a paper in the active member binders to help you keep track. Here are some of the things that will happen – making a folder on google groups or yahoo groups, so we can have one collective file of pictures and correspondence. Want to talk with JMU, Maine etc if they can visit while they are down here. Video chat sessions with other chapters since we have very little time to travel, or at least it doesn't look too good. I'd like to also start an internet blog for other chapters to see.

Steph V: So if any sounds exciting and thrilling to you, sign up at first set of meetings.

History

Jackie: So not everyone has done a composite picture (composite picture is sister in front of the flag). If you have not gotten your closeup, the ritual chair will need to give me a flag, but the tea is where you will be taking these pictures. So, there is always a history night, I want opinions, is going back to a game format, history pictionary, also want to know if you want another opportunity to look at the trunks?

Sam E: History charades

Sammie: Is there a way we can combine these two activities?

Michelle: If trunks are there, it has to be sisters only, and the trunks are a pain in the butt to drag them out. So you can wait until you have neophytes to make it worth the while.

Brittany: Can we make this a once a year thing since its such a big task? The trunk viewings can be a once a year.

Jackie: so we'll just do some kind of fun history event. We'll have a history committee meeting and talk about all those things. Kaitlyn had a great idea of posting pictures on the website, as long as its okay with the website chair. Does anyone like the idea of having pictures up on the website.

Sammie: I think it was discussed last year to do this, because right now there is a dead link on the website, but people could see what's going on with the chapter, and could definitely put pictures up when there is a members only site.

Jackie: Committees, please be on history so we can have an awesome fac board. Really think about being on history, we will need 3 people.

Steph V: Interrupting agenda to announce the chairs. After we finish business, which will be done by lunch, I would like to meet with the chairs. If they choose to accept the chair, Sunshine, Ritual and Website will be Sammie, Sunshine will be Sarah, Song will be devon. Receptions chair is being reopened, it doesn't mean that you have to be at every reception, you just need to coordinate it. We had problems before in getting things there, and not having someone to coordinate it.

Kaitlyn: Can I waive the constitution so I can be a chair?

Sister Gheary moves to waive clause 2.906 of the constitution so she can be eligible to apply for a chair on the grounds I was clinically depressed last semester.

Sister Ziegenfus seconds.

Discussion:

Motion passes, 1 opposed.

Steph V: We will be opening up dress for progress as well because we still have a surplus of dresses and we had decided last semester that we wanted to have another sale to get rid of them. Dress for Progress would entail basic set up, finding a date, getting a committee together for that. Those letters for dress for progress or receptions will be due to me on Thursday September 10th.

Parliamentarian:

Copy in from before

Steph V: Executive board talked about physically making them more compact for what you actually have to carry around with you. I need to know who has an active member binder. Who doesn't? (Neophytes)

Michelle: Do I need to give mine back, because I am an alumni?

Steph V: Yes. And we are going to try and make them so that people know more about them and know what to do with them.

Jackie: Will we be able to say we want a folder instead of the chunky binders?

Steph V: Yes, I am going to poll people about what they want in them, you will have two weeks to fill it out, and if you don't, your opinion will not be taken into account.

Now, for the schedule for meeting dates, these are based on FAC schedule, band schedule, etc, and these will not be moved until joint meetings, but for right now they will be starting with Joint meetings.

Meetings:

Sunday September 13th at 6pm

Monday September 28th at 7 pm

Monday October 12th at 6 pm (no classes)

Monday October 26th at 7pm

Sunday November 8th at 6pm

Sunday November 22nd at 6pm

Monday December 7th at 7pm

Will not be moving these now because they have to be moved by the Joint chapter, but nothing says we have to have them after joints, we can move them to four before, or a different day, look at your schedules to see if you have any suggestions. Remember we will be doing elections for at least two major offices, so keep that in mind for the last set of meetings.

Now, take out a piece of paper. You are going to make a long term and short term goal for the chapter and for yourself.

I want to talk about agendas – nearly everyone has said they prefer paper agendas to a powerpoint. However, I use the band apartments to make all these copies, and we use a lot of their paper to make these, like at least two or three boxes of paper, and we did not pay for that. We have become part of the budget, but I would like to suggest that we pay for paper that we use at the apartments.

Sally : Is that something that our ten dollars could go towards?

Steph V: That is something we could do.

Brittany: I know people said that they prefer paper, but can we have people print it on their own?

Steph M: That will make it due earlier, which might work better.

Steph V: People would get distracted by the powerpoints, but maybe we can put up just the word document. Do we want to do that? I can post the agenda on the yahoo group, and you can print it out on your own time if you want it? (general consensus is yes)

Sally: Can you email it, groups are hard to deal with.

Steph V: any other business before presentation?

Active member profiles.

Google groups presentation by Caity BogDAN ☺

Goals for having a list-serve:

Effectively disburse information through mass emails

Track our calendar as a group

Make files assessable

Use technology to help us grow

YAHOO:

- send mass emails
- - build in calendar
- - share files
- one question poles

Google Group:

- Mass emails
- Share files
- Create and track pages
- Cross functionality with other google tools

DIFFERENCES:

- google doesn't have a built in calendar, but it's still possible
- Google: has cross-functionality with other applications

Cross Functionality:

- attendance online
- performance tracking
- online sign-ups: for committee lists
- group document editing

Going to Google Group on Internet

Dana moves to close meetings.

Sally seconds

Motion Passes

Meetings close at 11:50am