

Theta Chi of Penn State Inc. Alumni Board of Directors Annual Corporation Meeting

Sunday, April 23, 2023 – 13:00

Alumni Attendees:

- Br. C.Bartnik
- Br. J.Damcott
- Br. J.Hoffman*
- Br. J.Marshall
- Br. C.Scheible*
- Br. A.Speagle*
- Br. E.Wallace*

**Alumni board member*

Undergraduate Attendees:

- Br. Padilla

REPORTS

Undergraduate Reports

- As of spring 2023, the cumulative chapter GPA is 3.18, right below the IFC average
- The chapter has 39 brothers as of next week (04/28), with only 1 graduating in May
 - 19 brothers are expected to be living in-house in fall 2024
- Accomplishments for the 2022/2023 Academic year:
 - Homecoming champions in fall 2022
 - Greek Sing runners-up
 - THON total: >\$21,000
 - Br. K. Sobczek is the Overall THON Executive Committee's Supply Logistics chair for 2023-24

Alumni Reports

- The state of the chapter has stabilized, and the undergrads and Alumni Board are excited for the future
- The Board extends its deepest gratitude to those who have contributed time or funds over the past few years to get us through a chapter restart, vacancy, and COVID. We could not have survived without your support
- House-related upgrades recently accomplished:
 - Fixed the routers issue and obtained upgraded Wi-Fi mesh system
 - Purchased new couches/furniture to welcome residents back
 - Re-felted and refinished the pool table
 - New laundry machines
 - Purchased and began install of exterior security CCTV system

- **Financials**

- Alumni Accounts
 - The Board is now sufficiently funded for several months' expenses, including a large tax bill and this year's mortgage payments
 - Normal mortgage payments have resumed as of January 2023
 - A sizeable mortgage principal remains outstanding with Norwich
- 6-12 Month Outlook
 - Rebuilding funding - needed now as there are more brothers in-house
 - Norwich Housing Corporation [the mortgage owner, National] is being extremely flexible, in no small part due to Br. Alter's legacy.

New Business

- The Board is transitioning to a more forward-looking stance now that the chapter financials and membership numbers have stabilized.
- **2-5 year Outlook – Rekindle/build alumni relationships & involvement**
 - Increased focus on alumni engagement:
 - Alumni group events – please tell the board if you have outings/or trips with your fellow alumni!
 - Social media outreach
 - encouragement to visit chapter house & meet undergraduates
 - House improvement work (carpet replacement, landscaping, painting, etc.)
 - Alumni & undergraduate shared events/activities
 - **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - The Board is looking for brothers with background or strengths in PR or outreach that is willing to help coordinate alumni engagement.
 - The Board will continue to make small improvements/repairs to the property to ensure the house is safe, as comfortable as possible for undergraduates, but substantial renovations are needed.
- **5-7 year outlook – Chapter house revitalization**
 - Formal fundraising period – Focus on substantial chapter house repairs and improvements to support the next 100 years of Omega
 - Bathrooms, Kitchen, Plumbing, electrical, insulation, brick re-pointing, mechanical systems, all need replacement/modernization
 - Board will hold several open discussions to gather input for items/changes that will be set as goals for fundraiser

- The Board will leverage any and all alumnus brother connections to the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) industry to help plan and enact these updates
 - Br. Bartnik asked if there were any historical societies that could provide money or support
 - Br. Bartnik's wife knows a preservation firm in Hollidaysburg that could assist
 - The Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing (SPGH) is a potential option
- Communications
 - Steve in Portland reach-out per Br. Bartnik
 - Br. Bartnik will be assisting the alumni board of The University of Tennessee - Knoxville chapter with founding & chapter building
 - Br. Rich Green needs a kidney transplant
 - Awards/Recognition - Alumni
 - Br. Damcott received the David E. DeVol Award for "volunteers at the local, regional, or international level who provide outstanding volunteer service to the Fraternity."
 - Br. Burke received "The Silver Legion of Theta Chi" for 25 years of devoted alumni service
 - Br. Hoffman received "The Golden Guard of Theta Chi" for 50 years of devoted alumni service
 - Br. Romanoski received "The Golden Guard of Theta Chi" for 50 years of devoted alumni service
 - Chapter Eternal
 - Br. Dick Jones—Memorial Service in Connecticut is to be held, Br. Speagle to attend

Open Discussion:

- N/A

Decisions:

- N/A

Actions:

- N/A

For the Good

- Manny Diaz, the current Penn State defensive coordinator, is a Theta Chi from the University of Miami