Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Chapter Houston, Texas October 4, 2016



- -The meeting was called to order by Polaris John Branch Jr. at 6:35 pm.
- -Prayer was led by Bro. Torrey Thompson Sr.
- -Quorum was determined to be achieved.
- -Recitation of Stars was led.
- -A motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility was moved by Vice Polaris Ryan Johnson Sr. and properly seconded by Bro. Freddie Green Jr. (Motion Carries)
- -A motion to accept the minutes from the prior meeting with necessary corrections was moved by Bro. Gibbs Hightower IV and properly seconded VP Johnson Sr.
- -A report on the Fall Equinox was presented and discussion about the possible damage to the piano. During the last event there was piano that sustained damage. It is believed but not verified that a member of our event party caused the damages. There was another event going on at the same time.
- -Treasurer's Report
 - -\$250.00 PayPal
 - -\$1929.72 Chase
 - -\$389.17 in pending deposits
- -Bro. Hightower IV discussed Conclave 2017. The conference will take place in Orlando, Florida on the dates of July 16, 2017-July 23, 2017. In addition he gave an update on South Texas...there will be a mandatory meeting on November 5, 2016 at Texas Southern University. This meeting is open to all new members of the fraternity.
- -Bro. Green Jr. gave his monthly reports which included Super Regionals, NPHC Houston, and Scholarship Gala. The Southern and Far West Regions will collaborate on the Super Regional Conference which will take place March 30-April 2, 2017. The Registration breakdown is as follows: Early-\$100, Regular-\$125, Late-\$140, and there will be no onsite registration. The host hotel is the Whitehall Downtown Houston. The NPHC Houston will be having an Alumni Step Show on February 25, 2017 at Texas Southern University. There will also be a Halloween Pub Crawl on October 29, 2016.

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The REACH for the Stars Scholarship Gala will take place on November 5, 2016 at Crown Plaza NRG at 7:00 pm. Tickets are still available at \$55. The ANO Alumni Chapter will award 2 scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. One scholarship will be funded by the chapter and the other will be a memorial scholarship funded by the family of our Bro. Narada Lovings (AIO).

-The report on ANO Intake was presented by Bro. Jarret Woodley. One candidate did interview and the other was not present. There are 2 interested individuals from San Antonio. Bro. John Lem can possibly bring them in under ANO provided he pays \$125 for ANO dues. Intake voting will take place in the December meeting.

Undergraduate Reports

-The Epsilon Alpha chapter at Texas Southern University has Homecoming later this month. The chapter will be participating in the Step Show on October 21, 2016. 6 brothers are participating in the show. Tickets are \$15.

The EA Chapter has an outstanding balance owed to ANO in the amount of \$350.00, after discussion a motion was made to consider allowing EA to use gala ticket sales as a substitute repayment for the balance owed to ANO. Bro. Thompson Sr. seconded the motion. That motion was tabled and remade. The new motion read that the debt would be forgiven if the chapter sold 20 tickets totaling \$1100.00. The new motion was seconded by Bro. Dion Craig. (Motion carried)

The NPHC at University of Houston Downtown has extended an invitation for ANO to participate in an Informational Meeting and Panel Discussion. Bro. Hightower IV will respond to the invitation.

The Lambda chapter of Prairie View A&M University will host a tailgate in conjunction with their Homecoming on October 8, 2016.

The EA chapter will also be hosting a Homecoming Tailgate on October 22, 2016.

Bro. Hightower gave the report on ANO St. Jude's 2016. He also noted that \$55 was raised for JDRF at the Kickball game during Founder's Day Weekend.

A proposal for the Houston Iotas to host a Poetry Slam was presented and approved. The event is preliminarily scheduled to take place at UH/UHD/TSU on December 10, 2016. Bro. Hightower IV will coordinate this event.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by Polaris Branch Jr.

Minutes submitted by Bro. Justin Manuel ANO Secretary