

National Fall Gathering Meeting Minutes

Oct 24-26, 2003

Fall Gathering Itinerary

Watched video from Willow Creek Community Church Workshop
“5 disfunctionalities of a team”

Shannon, National Vice President and acting Chaplain, opened us in prayer

National Officer Reports

Chad, National President-

- Reported on his several chapter visits

Shannon, National Vice President-

- National Officers are united
- Hosted SWONKY
- Has been providing the National Devotion
- Has organized the committee for the creation of the National Statement of Faith
- Has been working on the organization of the Temp Club
- Has been an active moderator on the discussion boards

Michael, National Secretary-

- Information needs are important in the overall communication between the National Officers and the individual chapters. Has been working to obtain up-to-date information from each chapter.
- The objective of the directory is to ultimately provide a database that each member can update themselves.
- Update on Shingles- As soon as the National Officers has the money to order shingles, it will do so.
- Reported on the option of creating DKR shingles.

Chris, National Financial Director-

- Sent out dues statements to email addresses of each chapter.
- Created a new form for calculating dues for actives and pledges.
- Pledge pins- each chapter needs to establish a “bank” of pledge pins-
-perpetual supply of pledge pins
-pricing available from Chris
- Deadline for dues- within 45 days of the beginning of semester/quarter

Isaac, National Expansion Director-

- Update on OU activation- will need to fulfill obligations of pledge process in completing pledge requirements with 8 members.
- Future Expansion- has contacts at Northwestern, Univ. of Houston, and Cornell
- Has been organizing the Big Brother program for Temp Clubs

- Has worked with Dan Divelbiss and CSI for the planning of Jamaica Missions.
- Has created Info Packets and an Expansion video to aid in providing interested universities with information about Sigma Theta Epsilon.
- Has created a revised Pledge Manual and National Pledge Test

Justin (Consuelo), National Alumni Director-

- 838 Alumni that we know of.
- Revamped newsletter program (bi-monthly)
- 150 Alumni are obsolete
- Working with David Kohl to find holes in alumni lists
- 2,500 missing names in our member lists
- David Temple- creation of ECAA Charter, officially recognizing them
- SWONKY- Paperwork is a little behind, more issues to work on in their constitution- will be submitted at Conclave
- Database will allow STE to reconnect with our alumni
- We've been receiving donations—Yeah!

Josh, National Information Technology Director-

- Getting settled in Virginia and has joined a young couples group
- Website- newly redesigned and posted
- Database is now available to sign up- members are encouraged to set up an account and update their information
- Email Routing- was forwarding mail to personal accounts with SPAM
- Contact Josh with requests for email changes
- Account Size- there seems to be no apparent limit yet, haven't reached it

Chapter Reports

Due within the first week of the month- Chapter Presidents need to post updates on the bulletin board

Delta-
Epsilon-

- Being plagued by actives going Associative
- Expecting 7-10 pledges
- Working on a commitment program and communication between members
- Dues Program being revamped
- Party last night!
- Have hosted 2 alumni events, and have 1 more next month

Alpha Gamma-

- Reported 4 attendees on boards to be attending Fall Gathering
- Not present at Fall Gathering

Beta Alpha-

- Nationals has been trying to get a hold of them

Beta Beta-

- In the past, has gone through hard times
- Presently, has 5 Associates, 8 Actives, and 2 pledges
- Will be getting a house next year at 715 S. College; 4 person house
- Has been experienced the most forward planning than ever before
- Next Spring- Paradise Bound being changed up to be a differently styled outreach
- Holy Roller Derby- coming soon!
- Parents Weekend- hosted parents for weekend event- went extremely well in getting parents involved

Beta Gamma-

- Rush occurred 3 weeks ago.
- No pledge class this semester
- Has been more intentional about inviting non-members to STE events
- Looking forward to winter rush
- Next weekend events-
Fri Oct 31st- 6th Annual Canned Goods Drive
Sat Nov 1st- 7th Masquerade Party
- New officer elections will be occurring at the end of the quarter

Beta Delta-

- 3 strong prospective pledges
- Participated in service project this morning at 5K race
- Has been doing a lot of service around campus and in the community
- More unified at the goal of gaining visibility on campus

Beta Epsilon-

- 16 pledges this semester
- 21 Actives
- Service- recently participated in fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity
- Social- Cactus Jack Party, around 200 people in attendance
- New House- 9 members living in the house
- Great Oaks Camp- spending weekly time with inner city kids
- Nov 1st- Hosting campus-wide Dodgeball Tournament as a fundraiser for Great Oaks Camp
- Participating in a Fall workday to clean up leaves and fall debris from neighborhoods and local community
- Is going on a Kingdom retreat in November for the unity of the chapter
- Has collected many resources for its Library- dictionaries and concordances
- This coming summer, would like to extend an invitation to all STE members to attend Rock Ridge camp in Colorado. Please visit www.rockridgeoutdoors.com for more information.

Beta Zeta-

- 4 Actives
- 2 Alumni
- 7 Pledges
- Has been working at building brotherhood through intentional interaction of Brothers.
- Has been continuing weekly Bible Studies
- Hosting a big bonfire on Nov 7th
- Chapter retreat- camping
- Working closely with Kappa Phi and the Wesley Foundation
- Trick or Treating for Canned Goods- pledge service project
- Elections will be occurring at the end of Nov- changes occur in December

Beta Eta-

- Focusing on Pledge class
- Looking for numbers- 3 new pledges
- Chad Burdette has been serving as Pledgemaster
- Size has been bouncing around a bit
- Formulating budget program
- Developing recruitment strategies
- Increasing involvement with Habitat for Humanity

Set Date for Conclave-

Primary- April 2-4th

Secondary- April 16-18th

- Michael will be organizing hotel accommodations and will report by Nov 28th reservations.
- Chapter Presidents need to immediately check conflicts and contact Mike.

Offices up for election at Conclave-

President-

Secretary-

Finance-

Information Technology-

Housing Corp- Marks position up for re-election

Statement of Faith

- Disagreement on first line of Statement of Faith
- Proposal to strike “consisting of the sixty-six books”
- Will be discussed on bulletin board and put to a Mail vote
- Mail vote due to Mike 30 days from post (November 27th)
- David Burden stressed the need for revision of minor stylistic problems
- Comments/Questions regarding the Nat’l SofF can be directed to Shannon Wagers.

Timothy Scholarship

- will need to be enacted by a National Officer Vote
- Awarded at Conclave
- Create a section in the Standard under “Awards” changed to “Awards and Scholarships”

Proposal: 14.02

The Timothy Scholarship shall be awarded by the National Officers in the amount of \$300 for the purpose of missions. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by the National Vice President, shall determine the application deadline, number of scholarships awarded, and scholarship recipient(s). The Timothy Scholarship is available only to active brothers and Alumni who have received the Degree of the Knotted Rope. In determining the scholarship recipient, the National Officers shall consider the following:

- 1) mission destination and duration
- 2) financial need
- 3) seniority
- 4) offices held in the fraternity
- 5) GPA of active brothers

Covenant Eyes

- Ministry on the internet that builds accountability of website addresses and internet pornography.
- Logs and rates internet activity
- Sends log to accountability partners
- \$4.95/month; 10% of which goes to STE

Housing Corp

- Meeting scheduled for the 8th of November
- Need someone from Beta Epsilon to explain housing situation/opportunities

Dues and Pledge Pins

- Accountability of Chapters
- Vote at Conclave on imposing penalties on Chapters who haven't paid dues

DKR Shingles

- On “glorified letterhead” like the Activation Shingles, DKR shingles are an option that will be discussed at Conclave. DKR shingles will be printed off of the same estimate as the shingles and will not increase our costs, but will help us in maintaining a fluid inventory of shingles.

Philo

- Unable to send out newsletter until National records are updated; Michael has gotten member information from those who attended Fall Gathering and will be sending out requests for updates immediately.

National Cabinet Votes

- If Ohio University completes its pledge requirements, it has been voted (2 no's, majority yes's) that they will be activated upon completion.

Issues to be discussed at National Conclave

- Probation and Disciplinary Actions for Individual Chapters
- Revision of the Standard