

Minutes of the Southeastern Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Executive Committee Meeting Monday, August 29, 2022 10:00 am. Google Meets

President Dr. John Boulahanis called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Chapter Officers Present

President – John Boulahanis
Past President – Alan Cannon
President Elect – Amber Narro
Secretary/Initiation Officer – Lisa Moody
Public Relations Officer – Carol Madere
Member(s)-at-Large – Dayne Sherman
Members: Eric Johnson, Janie Branhan, Paula Varnado Sullivan, Claire
Procopio (Honors College), James Winter

Chapter Officer Absent

Awards & Grants Coordinator -

I. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes from the spring Executive Committee Meeting were unanimously approved. Note: After checking the by-laws and discussing our history, it was proposed last spring that our chapter move forward with just two formal meetings per year, combining the Executive Council and General Membership meetings for each semester.

II. Membership Report – Lisa Moody

Moody reported that in 2020-21, we invited 620 student and faculty members, with 56 accepting membership: 21 juniors, 14 seniors, and 21 graduate students. We did not have any new faculty members in the 2021-22 academic year.

III. Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Breaux

End of the Fiscal Year Reporting: Chapter 990-N filed on July 27, 2022 July 1, 2021 – June 31, 2022 Fiscal Year Report (submitted on 8/1/2022) Total Revenue for Fiscal Year \$2,585.74 Total Expenses for Fiscal Year \$3,256.66 Difference -670.92 Bank Balance on June 31, 2022 \$11,713.22

Chapter Dues Collected, 2021-2022

New Initiates Chapter Dues (45 new members): \$675.00

Renewing Member Chapter Dues and Chapter Life Dues: \$870.00

Induction Ceremony, Spring 2022
Fall and Spring Invitations \$494.12
Aramark Catering \$339.65
Medallions (23 @ \$12 ea) \$276.00
Programs, Document Source \$72.57
New Member Packet Shipping Charges \$17.47
Total Expenses \$1,199.81

PKP Honor Student Awards, Spring 2022: \$1,100.00 Includes College Underclass, College Upperclass, and Honors Student Awards

Regalia Sales, 2021-2022

Total sales for fiscal year 2021-2022: \$457.30

Current Inventory: 23 medallions, 26 cords, 6 stoles

 ${\bf Endowed\ Scholarships\ -\ Lou\ Ballard\ Scholarship\ and\ Henry\ Earl\ \&\ Carole\ Corkern\ Scholarship}$

Scholarship receipts for fiscal year 2021-2022: \$50.00 Scholarship funds paid to SLU Foundation in 2021-2022: \$50.00

Current Checking Account Balance, 8/25/2022: \$11,728.22

John Boulahanis asked about the possibility of obtaining a chapter credit card for chapter expenses such as attending conferences, printing, etc. A motion was made and voted on in favor of having Cheryl Breaux request and maintain a chapter credit card.

IV. Publicity Report - Carol Madere

Madere reported that last year, we publicized new initiates and this year, we will advertise the upcoming Quiz Bowl. There was some discussion about continuing to promote and publicize upcoming Phi Kappa Phi events and opportunities.

V. Events: Quiz Bowl is set for Tuesday, October 4, which is during homecoming week as is traditional. The event will be in room 2207 of the Student Union as the SU Theater was not available.

Money prizes will continue to be awarded but only for first-place winners. Some other changes will be separating student and faculty brackets with adding a "fun round" so that challengers may face off. The cost for teams will return to the pre-pandemic cost of \$20 per team (for faculty teams).

Also discussed was having honors faculty ask their students to write curriculum-related questions such as Greek Mythology and Ancient Epic for the English 101h (Ancient Epic) Honors class, etc.

Dr. Procopio asked for volunteers to help out with the event.

VI. Induction and Banquet – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was decided that the ceremony would once again be an induction and recognition ceremony but not a banquet. We agreed that the induction ceremony might be followed with a reception as circumstances allow with perhaps just coffee, water, and cookies. A date for the spring induction ceremony was set for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm (with a 5:15 pm line-up time). Amber Narro offered to complete the requisite paperwork to secure the Student Union Theater for the event.

No speaker has been named yet for this event.

VII. There was discussion about increasing the number and scope of Phi Kappa Phi Recruitment Events. A number of options were discussed such as co-sponsoring existing events such as the Honors Research Showcase and possibly creating a PKP room for a 3-minute thesis with either students or faculty presenting.

Moody mentioned recent events such as the Equali-tea, the Poetry Slam, and the PKP Display in the library during Phi Kappa Phi Week in February. Ideas mentioned for this year included a pizza party, a film night, possible service projects, etc.

There was discussion about the aim and scope of the events: to increase enrollment, which is currently 9%, to increase engagement among members (primarily Juniors), or to "boost our brand" as an honor society. It was decided that the discussion on recruitment and event sponsorship would continue via email.

- **VIII.** Induction Ceremony: This was discussed above under critical dates.
- IX. Updates from the PKP National Biennial Conference
 John Boulahanis attended the conference on behalf of our chapter. He noted that a
 major conference theme was Engagement with nontraditional students and
 inclusiveness. The keynote speaker was Kathy Baker. Major themes were
 recruitment and increasing campus engagement. Several of these ideas were
 discussed earlier under item VII (above).
- **X. Other Business:** We ran out of time, but we once again need a student vice-president, so perhaps we can recruit from last year's new members, especially last year's junior

class.

XI.

We adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lisa Moody