



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
12th District
Omicron Mu Chapter

January 12, 2022

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Chapter (Koinonia) Fellowship: 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:00M (SHARP) *Opening Prayer:* Bro. Charles Clemons, Chapter Chaplain

Zoom Etiquette Names Mandatory/ Mute if not Talking/ No eating on screen/Please Read Previous Meeting's Minutes

Adoption of Agenda /Additions: GENERAL BODY Approval motioned/2nd .. Adopted by the Body

Review/Adoption of Immediate Past Meeting Minutes: GENERAL BODY Approval motioned/2nd ..
Adopted by the Body

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITING BROTHERS: Brother Ricky Lewis, 1st Vice Grand Basileus
Brother 1st Vice was welcomed by Bro. Broughton on behalf of Omicron Mu and greeted the Body. Bro. Lewis proceed to provide the following report on the fraternity's status and outlook...

- The Fraternity is Financially Solvent and secure
- Fraternity is donating \$500K for HBCUs
- Upcoming Conclaves: 2023 Nassau, 2024 Tampa
- The Divine 9 was provided a Grant for \$2.7M to promote Covid Awareness within our communities
- St Judes relationship remains strong, notes that 40% of the children treated at St. Judes are African-American
- SEC issues persist as these are an essential part in regulating events where the Frat could be held liable. Issue is generally under control leading to reduced insurance premiums.
- 501C4 Status allows the Fraternity to donate towards political causes unlike the 501C3. Plans are to remain active and provide support to issues and representatives that uphold the fraternity's interest values
- Bro. Lewis is actively campaigning for the office of Grand Basileus... His platform is based on *Retention *Fraterhood Initiative *Protect Our Brand *Solicitation of High Profile/Character Brothers coming back or joining the fold *Note: 70% of new Brothers disappear after 3 years.
- Chapter MSP Programs Chapter must be approved to have an MSP Program, ONLY Trained Bros. can participate

Lamp of Knowledge... Bro. Buddy Lewis

- Bro. Lewis shared the history of his family in Omega. Good Men that set examples of true Manhood and established standards that he desired to imitate. Buddy's Father 14-Eta Psi -57' (Fisk), Uncle -7-Eta Psi 51', ½ Brother 13-KL-13, ½ Brother 2-AK-07, Cousin 4-Psi-83' ... 3 generations of Omega men started by his father and uncle.... The ideals of Omega have been perpetuated by men in this family. "I'm a proud member of Omega Psi Phi and the men who came before me."

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

➤ Basileus Report: Bro. D. Witcher

○ District/Chapter News and Information

- Winter 12th District Council Meeting – February 25th and 26th ... Info distributed via District KRS
- 77th 12th District Meeting – May 12-15, 2022 Las Vegas – Westgate
- 2022 Conclave – July, 21-26, 2022 Charlotte N.C.
- Memorial Service for Bro. Livingston on Fri. 1/14/2022
- Art Exhibit by Bro. Kinsey at Pepperdine University starting 1/15..Info distributed via District KRS

➤ Vice Basileus Report: Bro. B. Broughton

○ Chapter Committee News

- Bro. Broughton is requesting Financial Budgets for the various committees, Committee Chairmen pls have budgets submitted to Bro. Tolbert by the 3rd week of February and ready for review in March...the budgets should be formed as if we will have in person events. Template??
- Encouraged brothers to bring at least one other brother to our February Meeting and continue the effort to reclaim brothers

➤ Keeper of Records & Seal Report: Bro. K. Thomas/ Bro. R. Bickerstaff

- Fraternity Dues
 - Que Zone Presentation - done
 - Encouraged brothers to Log On and update your information... Demo'd
 - Chapter's Current Status for International Fees and OM Members
 - 27 members are currently Financial – Shown
 - Dues are still being accepted
- National and District News and Correspondence
 - Memorial Service for Bro. Livingston - Discussed
 - Membership Cards & Omega Mobile App- Discussed/Presented
 - Fatherhood Initiative – Deadline of March 15th for submission of articles
 - Proposed District Bylaws - Discussed
 - Region XII - Omega Life Membership - Discussed
- Keeper of Finance Report: Bro. Gatewood / Bro. R. O'Neal
 - Account Activity and Balance - Discussed
 - Bro. Gatewood review the attached report (See Attached)
 - Looking good from a financial perspective...
 - Union Bank Account Bal \$3494 PayPal Account: \$1042.27
 - Chapter received \$3000 from the 12th Dist 'Ready to Rise' Grant Fund deposit pending
- Chaplain Report: Bro. C. Clemons/ Bro. P. Simmonds
 - Message from Bro. Chaplain
 - District Services
 - Annual Memorial Service – NorCal March 12th
 - Prayer Call Reminder (1st Sunday and 3rd Wednesday)
 - Bible Study – 4th Sunday at 7:30PM
 - Word from the Chaplain
 - This Sunday at 3pm there is a Joint District MLK Program that Bro. Clemons will be the Keynote Speaker
 - Bishop Love: "The world doesn't need more great men, it needs more good men." ..As I look on the line, I see good brothers. Let your light shine

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS A. Thomas & B. Broughton
- Divine Nine – no updates at this time...
- PPE Community Outreach Program – Bro. Gatewood (Christmas Event)
 - Bro. Gatewood acknowledged the Brothers who showed up on Christmas Morning (6)
 - Photo were shared on Group Me
 - Through the rain the effort persisted ...Thank you to those who continue to support our efforts
- Food Bank – Tuesdays at 4:00p to 6:00p Rock of the Valley Church (Bro. Sims)
 - Bro. Sims indicated that he sent out a notice on the Group Me Thread
 - Encouraged brothers to come out on Tuesdays when possible..
- YALA - 2022 OPENING SESSION Saturday September 19TH
 - **OM Brothers participation welcomed!!**
 - "CAREERS OFF THE PLAYING FIELD"
- TALENT HUNT – Bro. M. Sims
 - Bro. Sims has already started meeting
 - Presented a report... solicited brothers to fill in some roles that are defined in the report
 - Budget has been submitted with the report... Chapter's estimated cost of \$2K
 - Reviewed the budget and discussed fund raising strategy
- ACHIEVEMENT WEEK 2021 – K. Thomas & D. Ligons
 - Awards for Achievement Week Winners have been designed will be ordered in the near future
 - Committee was approved for \$250 in order to purchase the 6 awards
 - Reimbursement of the Seed Money for the Area Meeting has yet to be received, Bro. Thomas will follow-up
- HEALTH AND 'Omega' WELLNESS Chairman – Bros. Clemons & Witcher
 - Bro. Doug Williams is taking the Lead on setting up Golf Outing on January 29th will be assisted by 'CP'
 - Recommendation of Norwood Golf Course...

- **MENTORING PROGRAM** - Bro. T. Williams
 - Omicron Mu received \$3000 for Mentoring Efforts “Ernest E. Just Youth & Community Services, Inc.”
 - Millikan Middle School in Sherman Oaks
 - Next Meeting of 2021 Monday, January 24, 2022
 - The program has the potential to grow... We’ve been asked to expand to a local High School, but we’ll need more participation in order to accommodate that expansion.
- **RECLAMATION & MSP** - B. Broughton
 - Reclamation.... “Friendship over Finance”
 - Discussed desire for Brothers to reach out and bring brothers back to the fold
 - Recommendation for Welcoming Event for local brothers in an attempt to recruit/reclaim
 - Also discussed need for a ‘Welcome Package’ that includes Names, Numbers and Calendar of Events for OM
- **BUDGET AND FINANCE** - S. Tolbert
 - Committee Budgets and Info needed
- **EDITOR TO THE ORACLE** – Bros Buddy Lewis / R. Bickerstaff
 - Oracle/Newsletter deadline
- 501(c)3 Update - J. Dixon

OLD BUSINESS

- District Meeting Registration – 3 Chapter Purchased Registrations (Simmonds, Gatewood, E. Taylor)
- Chapter Communication Tool ‘Group Me’ – Bro. R. O’Neal/ J. Dixon
 - Bro. Dixon has established a Group Me App presence
 - 38 Participants on the List ...
- COTY- Chapter of the Year Application Process (M. Sims)
 - Bro. Sims encouraged us to record and document each of the chapter events that could be used to build the chapter portfolio.
 - Bro. Sims presented a spreadsheet of the scoring system used to calculate the points that go toward this award
 - Recommendation that we begin to document and accumulate as many ‘checked’ boxes as possible
- Chapter By-Law Amendments
 - The By Law amendments previously provided to the brothers via email in late November amending the term limits for Chapter Officers to 1 year in lieu of the 2 year term in the previous version was **Approved by the Body.**
 - Issue to be tabled until an initiative is brought before the body by the Executive Board
- Christmas Toy/Family Drive (L. Gatewood)
 - REPORT... Viewed pictures and discussed the event and plans for next year. Partnering with Project Fly LA to gift 4 families with gifts.
 - Discussed a Clothes Drive for the Homeless.....
- Fund Raiser.... “Popcorn”
 - Bro. Broughton is taking the lead on the Popcorn Fund Raising Event.... Aimed at February “Black History Month”
 - Emphasized that we need participation and commitment from the Brothers in the Chapter

NEW BUSINESS

- **MLK EVENT for AALO January 17th** (See Flyer)
- Next Meeting February 9, 2022

INFORMATION ONLY GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brian Broughton	Tony Williams	Doug Williams
Marvin Sims	Paul Simmonds	Roderick Bickerstaff
Charles Clemons	Richard O’Neal	Steven Tolbert
Kevin Thomas	Eric Taylor	Danny Ritter
Buddy Lewis	Doug Ligons	Jeremy Dixon
Jay Rodriguez	Andrew Thomas	Daniel Harris
Courtney Armstrong		