

## Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue University

### House Corporation Annual Meeting 8:30 A.M., Saturday, September 28, 2013 202 Littleton Street, Library West Lafayette, IN

**Attendees:**

Bob Andreone	'81	Jim Dora	'58	Bernie Sergesketter	'58
Jay Andrew	'98	Max Fischer*	'16	Frank Speak*	'15
Ralph Bline	'71	Tom Hall	'81	Phil Steele	'77
Butch Brose	'09	Jake Henry	'96	Jim Vruggink	'70
Greg Burns*	'14	Todd Kaminski	'82	David Woodruff	'99
Pete Clark	'58	Tom Leslie	'68		
Stu Corcoran*	'15	Tim Maloney	'74		
Alex Dexeus*	'15	Steve Schmidt	'76		

\*Denotes undergraduate

**Call to Order:**

House Corporation President Bart Burrell was unable to attend, so House Corporation Secretary Bob Andreone called the meeting to order at 8:40am. An attendance sheet was distributed to create a record of those members participating in the meeting.

**Reading of Minutes:**

Todd Kaminski made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2013 House Corporation Meeting. Jim Dora seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Finance Committee Report:**

Scott Brenton was unable to attend but did provide a written report prior to the meeting. The House Corporation Finances remain healthy. Fall 2013 Payment Status shows that 42% (28/67) of Live-In Brothers are "Paid In Full". This is pace is on par with prior years. Expecting \$261,825 of income in Fall 2013 from Outstanding House Dues and the remaining Large Expense for Fall 2013 is a \$166,400 Remaining Undergraduate Reimbursement. Fall 2013 Insurance Premium of \$23,895 due September 15, 2013. 2013-14 academic year was the worst year on record for property damage inflicted by the undergraduate brothers. This is a serious problem and is being addressed by both the undergraduates as well as the House Corporation. This will be resolved swiftly.

**Fundraising/Mortgage Report:**

Bernie Sergesketter and Jim Dora reported that we have collected all \$7.4 million total that was pledged, and that the mortgage has now been paid in full. The mortgage was burned at the 202 Centennial Celebration on September 14<sup>th</sup> in a Special Presentation ceremony with Keith Krach '79, former Grand Consul, as the master of ceremonies. Many thanks to Bernie, Jim, and their teams that for their outstanding work and devotion to this project.

**Legal Committee:**

Pat Drewry was absent, but provided a report prior to the meeting. There are no pending issues with the Legal Committee other than the Sewer Line tort claim notice to the City of West Lafayette and to INDOT. No new news to report on that tort claim.

**Scholarship Committee:**

Brian Ballard, Scholarship Committee Chairman, reported that twenty undergraduates have applied for the various scholarships that we have made available. The selection process is underway.

**Archives Committee:**

Ralph Bline reported that there were many archival items on display in the Eldridge Room for the 202 Centennial Celebration, thanks to the help from Phil Steele, and undergraduates Greg Burns and Spencer Swarts. Also, there is an outstanding 38 minute video from the 202 Celebration that was created by Bernie Sergesketter posted at [www.thesighouse.com](http://www.thesighouse.com) showing the speeches from the 202 Celebration and celebrating the successful completion of the fundraising efforts as well as the burning of the mortgage.

**Alumni Relations Committee:**

David Woodruff provided a report which included: the Delta Delta Data published and mailed to over 1700 alumni, undergrads and parents, along with monthly e-mail blasts to every alumni e-mail address we have in our database with current Delta Delta news & events. The Delta Delta website, [www.thesighouse.com](http://www.thesighouse.com) looks great and continues to improve. The 23rd Annual Delta Delta Golf Outing was held June 8, 2013 with over 80 brothers in attendance. Hosted the Annual Brotherhood Dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Chapter House with Dave Schellhase '66, former All-American Purdue basketball player was the guest speaker with over 75 undergraduate and alumni in attendance. The 202 Centennial Celebration in September was a huge success with over 200 attendees. The Homecoming activities this year include a brunch at the House and a Halftime and Post Game Tailgate in the T Lot just north of Ross-Ade stadium. Look for the Sigma Chi flag.

**Chapter Advisor Report:**

Jay Andrew, Chapter Advisor, reported that Rush 2013 was successful, with 26 new members to our pledge class of 2017. Nick Bafunno will be the Magister for this pledge class. A parent letter was authored by both Nick and Jay welcoming and introducing the new pledge's parents to Sigma Chi. This letter outlined the Pledge Program Goals, the expectations of both Academic and Financial responsibilities, as well as encouraging them to learn more about the Chapter House. There is a Journey Retreat scheduled for September 29, 2013 to outline the Chapter's Strategic Plan. A Chapter Advisory committee is also being formed to further assist the undergraduates.

**Faculty Advisor Report:**

Jim Vruggink, Faculty Advisor, reported that the Chapter's Grade Point average continues to improve, and they now rank 8<sup>th</sup> in Fraternities for Spring 2013. Plans are in place to continue to improve the GPA with the goal of being in the top five. Jim is also working with the undergraduates to vastly improve the Pledge Program and to improve the Chapter's community service and philanthropic efforts.

**House Committee:**

Chairman Todd Kaminski and Director of Maintenance Butch Brose reported on several items, including:

**Summer Recovery Work**

- This is the fifth straight year of doing this, funded from the House Corporation budget and Damage Deposits.
- Very pleased with the quantity and quality of the work that the crew accomplished. Total labor cost was \$8854.

**Purchases for House**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One Dining Room Table. \$2360</li><li>• Custom Built Oak Table for Great Hall. \$1475</li><li>• 5 additional task chairs for Study Rooms. \$3375</li><li>• 8 Oak straight back chairs with upholstered seats. \$1520</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New custom drapes and rod for Game Room. \$2915</li><li>• 2 Martin-Brattrud leather chairs for Great Hall. \$3400</li><li>• Bed Springs &amp; miscellaneous hardware. \$1220</li><li>• 12 New Armoires. \$6840.</li></ul> |
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**Move-In/Move out policy**

- Established a new policy and process for house managers to implement
- Meet with the Executive Team and allow them to move in the day before we open up the House
- Room inspections to insure proper bunk set up for safety and to minimize damages

The Great Hall, Dining Room, Game Room, and Activity Rooms are being managed and utilized effectively and appropriately. Improving our move-in and move out procedures every year.

**Chapter Report:**

Greg Burns, Consul, reported that 26 new pledges have accepted their bids and the Chapter is committed to working with them and Nick Bafunno, Magister, in the coming months. The chapter has developed a three step plan to improve the overall GPA. Work is underway to continue the outstanding relationship with the University.

**Board and Officer Elections:**

Nominations were received for the following individuals to serve as first term House Corporation Directors: Tom Hall '81 and Chris Horney '08. Both were elected for a term of three years. In addition, Bob Andreone, Pat Drewry, Todd Kaminski, and Bernie Sergesketter were re-elected to three year terms. Nominations were received and accepted by the Directors for the following individuals to serve as Officers: Bart Burrell – President, Bob Andreone – Secretary, and Scott Brenton – Treasurer. Retiring from the Board were Jim Dora, Jim Andrew and Tom Shurig. We'd like to thank all of these brothers for their many years of service.

**Future Meeting Dates**

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2013 at 3:00pm at 202 Littleton.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Andreone  
House Corporation Secretary