

Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue University

**House Corporation Annual Meeting
8:30 A.M., Saturday, October 13, 2012
202 Littleton Street, Library
West Lafayette, IN**

Attendees:

Bob Andreone	'81	Pete Clark	'58	Jeff McKean	'86
Jim Andrew	'71	Brandon Cortez	'11	Jim Parrish	'62
Jay Andrew	'98	Jim Dora	'58	Steve Schmidt	'76
Mark Back	'13	Bob Elsperman	'58	Bernie Sergesketter	'58
Scott Brenton	'94	John Ester	'62	Stan Shimer	'61
Butch Brose	'09	Brian Griffiths	'95	Tom Shurig	'81
Kevin Brown	'14	Guenter Haines	'95	Phil Steele	'77
Patrick Burke	'87	Eric Helt	'62	Brian Wehrhahn	'15
Bob Burlas	'86	Frank Jones	'87	David Woodruff	'99
Greg Burns	'14	Todd Kaminski	'82		
Bart Burrell	'81	Joshua Lizama	'14		

Call to Order:

House Corporation President Bart Burrell called the meeting to order at 8:36am. An attendance sheet was distributed to create a record of those members participating in the meeting. Bart noted that a quorum of members was present.

Reading of Minutes:

Todd Kaminski made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting. Butch Brose seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Tom Shurig made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2011 Regular House Corporation Meeting. Phil Steele seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Finance Committee Report:

Scott Brenton reported that the House Corporation Finances remain healthy. During the 2011-12 school year, Income exceeded Expenses by approximately \$60,000. This is much better than the positive \$13,000 that we experienced during the 2010-11 school year. This improved Income vs. Expense performance during the 2011-12 school year was driven by the larger live-in undergraduate roster. Financial results at the House Corporation level will remain healthy during the 2012-13 school year due to the record undergraduate live-in numbers. Fall 2012 Payment Status shows that 83% (64/78) of Live-In Brothers are "Paid In Full". This is slightly behind last year's pace, but is in line with prior year's collection rates. Expecting \$28,191 of income in Fall 2012 from Outstanding House Dues and the remaining Large Expense for Fall 2012 is a \$48,100 Remaining Chapter Reimbursement.

Fundraising/Mortgage Report:

Bernie Sergesketter reported that we have collected \$7,042,276 of the \$7.4 million total that was pledged. There is \$337,461 in outstanding pledges remaining. The Class Leaders have been contacted to assist in collecting the balance of payments owed so that we can retire the remaining debt we carry, which is a mortgage of \$365,000 with an account balance of \$82,124. We had 176 brothers respond to the first of three mailings for this year's Annual/Future Fund. Contributions to date total \$40,500. The goal is \$75,000. The third and final solicitation letter will be sent in late November.

Legal Committee:

Pat Drewry was absent, but provided a report to Bart Burrell prior to the meeting. Bart reported that in general terms, the only legal item pending is payment surrounding repair work done to the sewer line. The repairs were needed as the result of work done by either the City or INDOT during highway expansion several years ago. An invoice of approximately \$21,000 from Atlas Excavating to Craft Mechanical needs to be paid, but it's unclear right now if it's the City, INDOT's, or the House Corporation's responsibility. The House Corporation has made the decision to proceed with paying this, and pursue a tort claim against the City of West Lafayette and INDOT.

Scholarship Committee:

Tom Shurig, Scholarship Committee Chairman, reported that the Fall 2012 and the Spring 2013 George Ade Scholarship process has been successfully completed and all of the appropriate undergraduate brother's accounts have been credited. The John Puterbaugh scholarship recipient has been selected and will be awarded by Jim MacDonald '80 at the October 28th Chapter Meeting. The Class of '08 has decided to extend the deadline for the Thomas Jeschke Award, and a winner will be selected the week of October 8th. The Thomas Jeschke Award will be presented by Brian Ballard '08 at the Chapter Meeting on October 28th.

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

- One Dining Room Table. \$2360
- Custom Built Oak Table for Great Hall. \$1475
- 5 additional task chairs for Study Rooms. \$3375
- 8 Oak straight back chairs with upholstered seats. \$1520
- New custom drapes and rod for Game Room. \$2915

- 2 Martin-Bratrud leather chairs for Great Hall. \$3400
- Bed Springs & miscellaneous hardware. \$1220
- 12 New Armoires. \$6840.

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 every year, which is important now that we have the high occupancy rate (80).

Archives Committee:

Ralph Bline was absent but provided a report to Bart Burrell prior to the meeting. Bart reported that the Archives Committee is working on a solution to post the backlog of archival items onto the www.thesighouse.com website. Outsourcing some or all of this work is being considered. A flip page device which holds each large composite safely in plastic and can easily be moved into the Great Hall for events is being obtained so alums can find and access their composites. This solves what was an ongoing problem of safe storage and access to these large composites.

Alumni Relations Committee:

Bob Burlas provided the report summarizing the activity for 2012. Highlights include: the Delta Delta Data published and mailed to over 1300 alumni, 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 looks great and continues to improve. Christmas cards were sent to all alumni and undergraduate families in December 2011. The 22nd Annual Delta Delta Golf Outing was held June 9, 2012 with over 80 brothers in attendance. The 23rd Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for June 8, 2013 at the Purdue University Golf Course. Hosted the Annual Brotherhood Dinner on March 21st at the Chapter House with Doug Schreiber, '86, and Head Baseball Coach of Purdue was the guest speaker with over 65 undergraduate and alumni in attendance. Hosted the Christmas gathering of Delta Delta brothers at Champps, Indianapolis with 25 to 30 brothers in attendance. 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 2012 was successful, with 33 new members to our pledge class of 2016. Congratulations to the Undergraduate chapter for winning the 2012 Peterson Award for the 8th time in the last 9 years. Hosted a dinner at the Chapter House with the newly appointed Dean Office Representatives to introduce them to the active chapter and tour the facility. Attended an All-Campus Chapter Advisors/Mentor meeting, along with Jim Vurgink and the Dean's Office Representatives.

Faculty Advisor Report:

Jim Vrugink, Faculty Advisor, was absent but provided a written report to Bart Burrell prior to the meeting. Jim has four items he is monitoring:

1. The Chapter's Grade Point Average
2. The Pledge Program
3. Community Service/Philanthropy efforts
4. Upcoming 202 Celebration

All of these efforts are aimed at improving our effort and focus on these key areas. The 202 Celebration is to celebrate the rededication, mortgage burning, and 100 years at 202 Littleton. The event will be on the weekend of September 13-15, centered around the Purdue home football game with Notre Dame. Plans are still coming together but we'll have a celebration dinner/program on Friday evening catered at the House. Blocks of guest rooms at various hotels are available, as are tickets to the football game. Much more information will be forthcoming.

Chapter Report:

Mark Back, Consul, reported that pledgeship is underway and going well so far. Work is underway to develop and maintain outstanding relations with the University, with an example being a formal dinner with Dr. Danita Brown, Dean of Students, and several members of her staff. Risk Manager, Daniel Hatfield, has been working with the Executive Committee to develop an improved risk management system, which has been very successful. Our mission this year is to "continue to be Purdue's most respected fraternity, contributing to our national organization, producing influential leaders on campus while developing bonds that will last a lifetime." The chapter has developed a three step plan to improve the overall GPA. Participation in chapter activities is near perfect and relations between pledge classes are at an all-time high. We hosted a very successful philanthropy event called Greek Olympics in September, with more philanthropy events, including Derby Days, still in the planning stages.

Board and Officer Elections:

Nominations were received for the following individuals to serve as first term House Corporation Directors: Brian Ballard and Matt Gadus. Both were elected for a term of three years. In addition, Scott Brenton, Tom Leslie, Phil Steele, and David Woodruff 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 Corby Thompson and Bob Burlas. We'd like to thank both of these brothers for their many years of service.

Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 3:30pm at 202 Littleton.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Andreone
House Corporation Secretary