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## VA Kappa Alumni Volunteer Corporation (AVC) Meeting Minutes 5:00 PM EST, December 27, 2016 Conference Call

1. Call To Order - Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Bill Thomas.
2. Roll Call: Attendees – Bill Thomas, Chris Swan, Todd Lewers, Ed Bishop (SigEp HQ Regional Director), Tom Eubank, Geri Yantis, Jeff LeHew, John Lawson, Paul Ostrye and Nels Pearsall. Absent – Steve Herbert, Scott Perkins, Joe Catalano, Don McNamara, and Wally Sale. Nine Directors were present, thus a quorum was in attendance.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - Motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous (11-29-2016) meeting with Paul Ostrye's correction to the AVC checking account balance to \$4,420. Motion was approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report - Paul Ostrye presented the attached Treasurer's report. It was noted that the 2016 expenses (\$2,498) exceeded the 2016 income (\$1,450 from member dues) by \$1,048. As shown in the report, the number of alumni contributing member dues (recommended \$40 minimum) was only 14 for 2016 compared to 53 for 2015. The attendees discussed the Annual Alumni Dues Program for several minutes and decided that the AVC needs to communicate a request to the Alumni for payment of Annual Dues. Paul Ostrye indicated that he would draft an appeal letter and send it out for comment.
5. Chairman's Remarks - None.
6. Chapter Counselor's Report - Ed Bishop gave the Chapter Counselor's report in place of Jay Sage, Chapter Counselor.
  - a. New EC officers have taken over the responsibilities of their offices during Christmas break.
  - b. The Chapter will continue to recruit the men on their current prospect list (~25 prospects) during Christmas break.
  - c. Officer transition retreat is scheduled for 1-21-2017, and will include meeting time with the respective officer Mentors.
  - d. Carlson Leadership Academy will be held in Atlanta 2-4 through 2-6-2017. All of the new EC officers, as well as the Balanced Man Scholarship Committee Chairman are planning on attending.
7. Vice President Housing Report - Geri Yantis, VP Housing presented the Housing Report.
  - a. The Letter of Intent for VA Kappa Chapter to move into the Oak Lane Chapter House (35 spaces) was submitted to the Ken Belcher, VT Housing Office on 12-15-2016.

- b. The name / contact list of the 22 men who have committed to move into the Chapter House was submitted to Ken Belcher by Matt Rowe, Chapter President. Ken will use the list to reach out to these men to provide them with housing contracts.
8. Vice President Development Report - None. Scott Perkins, VP Development was not present.
9. Vice President Alumni Relations Report - None. Joe Catalano, VP Alumni Relations was not present.
10. Reports from Other Officers / Directors / Committees - None
11. New Business
- a. Brother Lawson sent an email to several of the AVC member last week recommending that we have Friday night “happy hours” and Saturday receptions (tail gates) for the Alumni at the Chapter House for each football game weekend this Fall (2017). Brother Lawson indicated that this would be a great boost to finishing up our New House Capital Campaign, as well as strengthening alumni relations. The AVC discussed what would be required to hold events such as this at the Oak Lane Chapter House. Approval from the Fraternity / Sorority Life Office is required for special events, particularly if alcohol is served. The event approval request must be submitted well in advance of the date of the event. Everyone in attendance was excited about this idea.
- Note: Sam Lionberger has met with Byron Hughes, VT Director of F/S Life and Steven Henninger, VT Oak Lane RLC coordinator, to discuss this idea. Bryon concurs this would be a valuable activity for both the Chapter and the alumni, and gave Brother Lionberger the policy document for Oak Lane events.
- b. Ed Bishop discussed of the new opportunity to fund a SigEp HQ Special Regional Director to assist VA Kappa in achieving excellence in operation. Brother Bishop indicated that this Special Regional Director if funded would serve 3 – 4 Chapters in the region. Brother Bishop would prefer three Chapters, and the cost to each Chapter would be \$13 – 14K for the year. Brother Bishop will email the proposal to Brother Thomas for distribution to the AVC.
  - c. Brother Thomas reported that the AVC had received a hand written thank you note from Matt Rowe, Chapter President, for the \$600 Frank Booze Scholarship awarded to him at the 2016 Spring Game Weekend AVC meeting. The AVC greatly appreciates Brother Rowe’s thoughtfulness.
12. Closing Comments – Brother Thomas reminded the AVC that our primary goal is to assist the VA Kappa Chapter in becoming the premier student organization at VT. Brother Thomas passed on a quote he recently heard: “Truth has no agenda.” And Brother Thomas asked the AVC to always live by the cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love, which will be the basis for truth in all we do in serving our fraternity.

13. Adjournment – Brother Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:54 PM.

14. Next Meeting – Jan. 31, 2017, 5 – 6 PM