



Charlotte Chi Omega Alumnae Association

Meeting Minutes: September 15th, 2011

I. Welcome and introductions

- a. Samantha Starling, President, A.H. (Present)
- b. Emma Balmain, Vice President, A.T.B. (Present)
- c. Becky Pietro, Secretary, A.K.A. (Present)
- d. Manisa Capling, Treasurer, A.N.V. (Excused, Traveling)
- e. Vacant, Membership Director, A.M. (N/A)
- f. Ronda Gooch, Philanthropy Director (Not Present)
- g. Cyndi Thilo, ARI director (Excused, Meeting conflict)
- h. Barbara Davis Stein, APH Co-Director (Present)
- i. Nicole Stacy Solis, APH Co-Director (Present)
- j. Chantal Gerst, Collegiate Relations Director (Present)
- k. Elizabeth Bond, IT Director (Present)
- l. Vacant, New Member Director (N/A)
- m. Cassie Carden, Marketing Director (Present))
- n. Molly Nass, Book Club Chair (Not Present)
- o. Alli Gruntz, Lake Norman Subgroup Chair (Not Present)
- p. Stephanie Hillcher, Lake Norman Subgroup Chair (Present)

II. Announcements – Samantha (Present)

a. Welcome and Recognition

- I.** Welcomed and recognized everyone on the board for all of their hard work and dedication.
- II.** Moving forward, the meetings will be led and rotated among the officers. Sister Becky Pietro led the meeting and Sister Samantha took minutes.
- III.** Molly Nass has stepped down as Book Club chair due to availability and capacity with new job. Thanks to Molly for all of her leadership and dedication in pulling together the Book Club meetings. We will miss you.
- IV.** Alli Gruntz has also stepped down as co-chair for the Lake Norman Subgroup due to work conflicts. Thanks to Alli for all of her hard work and leadership in co-chairing the LKN events.

- V. Please continue to market and reach out to our sisters to join the Alumnae association and welcome new members. Continue to keep up the great work with marketing our different events and reaching out to everyone via Facebook, email, and Linked-in.

III. Events/Socials

a. September

- I. **Night Owls, 9/16, 7PM @ Whiskey Warehouse** – Confirmed and everyone is looking forward to the event.
- II. **Owl Prowl; Sat., Sept. 24, noon @ Carolina Raptor Center.** Non-member adults will be \$10; children \$5. Lunch will be a traditional picnic menu. – Stephanie
 - 1. Stephanie is continuing to work on finalizing the details for lunch and will provide an update early next week.
 - 2. Encourage the local chapters to attend event.

b. October

- I. **Book Club** – Update needed – Samantha
 - 1. Next event will be on 10/13 @ 7 pm at Mimi's Café near Lake Norman Mall. The book for the month of Oct. is "*The Monkey's Raincoat*" by Robert Crais.
- II. **LKN Event** – Amazing Maize Maze @ Rural Hill, 10/8 @ 7:00 pm – Stephanie
 - 1. In process of finalizing the details. They do not offer group discounts, but there are coupons available for those who have the Entertainment Coupon Book. The cost for the Night Maze is \$15, and you need to provide your own flashlight(s).
 - 2. This event will be held on Friday October 8th and we will meet up at 7pm and then go through the maze together.

III. **Chapter Event** – Melting Pot, 10/18 (or other suggested event) – Becky, Samantha

- 1. Group finalized that the event in October will be at Melting Pot and event co-chairs will work with Melting Pot on a special for Cheese and Dessert and request a private room or section.

IV. **Night Owls** – Update needed – Samantha

- 1. Working on ideas for the next event. Will send out Evite details shortly.

V. **SC Event** – Update needed

- 1. No official event planned. Board still working to identify chairs for the group. There is a group that is meeting occasionally and organized by Carrie Hucks if anyone is interested in reaching out to her to participate.

IV. Philanthropy – Ronda (Not Present)

- a. Walk for Wishes Update
 - i. Event was a big success. Chi Omega had the most participants attend the event and was recognized for the most participants.
 - ii. \$825 was raised via the website not including the shirt sales. Final numbers to be provided in next report.

V. Budget presentation – Manisa (Not Present)

- a. Budget Review – No update. Review will be presented at Oct. Meeting
- b. Membership update – No update Review will be presented at Oct. Meeting.

VI. Membership / Subgroups – Emma (Present)

- a. Updates from database emails and Roster Review
 - a. Please continue to reach out to everyone to encourage joining and participating in our future events.
- b. Sub-group updates – No Updates. Event details above.

VII. Collegiate Relations – Chantal (Present)

- a. Advisors for local chapters – No Update
- b. Needs for local chapters
 - a. October 15th and 16th, UNCC-Delta Kappa Chapter is holding their 7th annual Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. For alumni, contact Philanthropy Chair, Auburn Volz at 704-904-9196 for more information and registration.
 - b. Parents Dinner and Auction is at 6 pm on Sat, Oct 15th
 - c. Golf Tournament is on Sun, Oct 16th at Highland Creek Golf Course. Registration is at 12pm. Golf tournament costs \$80 and includes: Green fee, cart, range fees, range balls, dinner, and event T-shirt
 - d. Information will be shared in the next monthly email and posted on the Charlotte Chi Omega Alumnae website.

VIII. RIF forms – Cyndi (Not Present)

- a. General updates – Everything is going well and hundreds of requests have been sent and addressed accordingly.

IX. Alumnae Panhellenic – Barbara / Nicole (Present)

- a. General Updates
- b. Panhellenic chapter dues need to be paid at next meeting: \$40
The next meeting location: Nancy Fulmer's house.
- c. Recruitment:
 - iii. UNCC: (this week: Wednesday-Saturday) 370 people have registered. Panhellenic has decided to waive upper classman recruitment until after the Kappa Delta colony has been established.

- iv. Queens:(this week: Wednesday-Saturday) 80 people have registered. Despite the challenge of having no place to meet (as sorority lodges were bull-dozed in June), there has been a great turn-out for
- d. Chapter Notes:
 - v. Alpha Gamma Delta: "Go for the Gold" party was a huge success. Attendees brought their old gold jewelry and made a donation to designated charity.
 - vi. UV Cards (a Charlotte-based company): highly recommended by Alpha Gamma Delta.
 - 350 glossy invitation post cards for \$150; a great way to send out invitations without a large financial out-lay (~ 43 cents per card).
- e. Up-Coming Panhellenic Events:
 - vii. Spring Fundraiser: TBD
 - viii. X-mas party: Panhellenic will meet for dinner in lieu of meeting
 - ix. Badge Day: Greek Isles Restaurant (South End)
 - x. Greek 101: 1st weekend in June. Goal: to increase publicity and turn-out for 2012!
- f. Chapter events:
 - xi. November 5th : Zumba-Thon; 10:00AM to noon; \$12/per person (Alpha Gamma Delta)
 - xii. November 9th : Holiday Bazaar (Pi Phi)

X. Marketing – Cassie (Present)

- a. In process of reviewing Marketing needs. Requested that everyone send one idea to Cassie for marketing before next meeting.
- b. Becky to send Cassie the meeting minutes from the retreat in Feb. so she can begin building an events calendar.

XI. IT/Web site – Elizabeth (Present)

- a. Update
 - a. Emails will be added for everyone.
 - b. Please send updates to the site as needed and be sure to include the content desired.

XII. Other Business / Open Discussion

- a. None discussed.

Next Meeting

Date: October 15th, 2011

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Pewter Rose - 1820 South Boulevard , Charlotte, NC 28203