

MINUTES FROM ALPHA MEETING AT LIA JULY 23, 2011

- The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM
- Sondra Holbert informed the group that are 16 members and 1 advisor present today
- Sondra Holbert gave a quick run through of the minutes from the Regional event back in March. Frank Holmes III made a motion to approve the minutes. Julie Sproul seconded the motion. The group voted and the minutes were approved.
- Sondra Holbert induced the 2011 – 2013 officers:
 - President – Sondra Holbert
 - Vice President – David Kerr
 - Secretary – Heather Clippinger
 - Membership Secretary – Connie Myers-Kerr
 - Member at Large – Julie Sproul
 - Member at Large – Nick Gessell (who is at a family event this weekend)
 - Cindy Carbone – Alpha’s advisor
- Events Recap:
 - David Kerr – explained about the Alumni Advisory Council and his position on the council. He’s the first one from Ohio to be elected into the position.
 - Connie Myers-Kerr – informed the group that Alpha of Ohio received the Alumni Association Award of Merit at International. She informed the group that this was a total surprise to the Alpha members who attended International and this was the second time that Alpha submitted a Hallmark
 - Julie Sproul – gave a recap on the Alumni Retreat that was held in June at Magic Mountain in Columbus. There were between 22 to 25 people there representing 10 chapters and everyone enjoyed themselves.
- Marketplace Report:
 - Heather Clippinger informed the group that at International we raised a total of \$371 and we sold out the old Ohio region pins before we had our regional meeting, 24 water bottles, 16 Kesler Cancer Pins, 29 Flag pins and 3 alumni polos. We had 21 people who volunteered at the table.
 - Heather Clippinger presented Sondra Holbert her certificate of appreciation for helping at the table. The rest of the certificates will be passed out later.
 - Heather Clippinger informed the group that while at International, several alumni came up with ideas for next year’s marketplace. She showed the group the two samples of the candles that we are taking orders for.
- Connie Myers-Kerr informed the group that last year we had 31 active members. This year, so far, we have 32 active members which signed up today which two signed up before the meeting. By the end of the conference, we had a total of four new members and one member upgraded to lifetime membership.

Old Business:

- Sondra Holbert informed the group that Alpha will be paying the region back the \$296.45 that Alpha borrowed to pay for the polos last year.
- Sondra Holbert informed the group that we're combing the funds with the region, due to non-profit rules with the banks. However, Cindy and Sondra have the breakdown of what actual Alpha has in their account (which is about \$1,000).
- Hallmark Workshop – Sondra Holbert talked to the group about our first workshop and asked everyone to check their calendars to see if January 7, 2012 or January 14, 2012 would work for them. Cindy did mention that it will also depend on her board meeting with Headquarters, but she will let us know the actual date of her meeting.

New Business:

- Sondra Holbert explained Alpha's goals and how we came up with. The goals were revealed to the group.
- Cindy asked Alpha to help promote the regional convention. She is working on the guest speakers (Coaches Boone and Yost). Cindy wants to bring back past regional officers. We're going to be helping her chapter on the regional convention.
- Scholarship Rubric meeting – Sondra Holbert informed the group that there's no clear cut format on the scholarships. Sondra asked the group to check their calendars again for a meeting to start on the rubrics. Sondra informed the group that Rick Clever e-mailed her with a suggestion which was: one cover sheet for all of the scholarships.
- Theme for HIA basket – Connie Myers-Kerr made a motion that the theme for HIA would be R & R (reader theater and retro-candy). Deanna Clark seconded the motion. The group voted and it was approved. (Reader Theater is something that is linked to International Honors Institute and what Marcia's chapter is doing to prepare for HIA and the retro candy is having candy from 25 years ago to keep in the theme for the 25th anniversary regional event)
- David Kerr said he would bring the basket
- Sondra Holbert thanked Julie Sproul, David Kerr and Connie Myers-Kerr for judging the Lanier Scholarship.
- David Kerr informed the group that he will be doing a newsletter soon and would like articles from members. In the past it's mainly been the president and the secretary and it would be nice to have members submit something.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM