

## **Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260**

**Memorial Hall 103**

**September 24, 2015, 5:15 pm**

### **Bookstamping -- Born to Read Program**

As members came to the 5:15 pm meeting, everyone became busy with the bookstamping for our literacy project “Born to Read.” Members attached labels and put inserts into approximately 1,000 books. These books will be donated to the two hospitals, SoutheastHealth and St. Francis Medical Center to give to the newborn babies when they leave the hospital. Phi Kappa Phi has been involved in this literacy project for approximately 15 years.

### **Welcome**

President Marge Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She welcomed students and faculty to the meeting and introduced officers that were present (officers listed below). She also thanked everyone for their help in getting inserts and labels in the books.

### **2015-2016 Phi Kappa Phi Officers**

- Marge Phillips, President (2015–2017)
- Doris Dumey, President-Elect (2015–2017)
- Twylla James, Public Relations (2014–2016)
- Shawn Guilling, Treasurer (2014–2016)
- Cecilia Larson , Secretary (2015–2016)
- Suhair Amer, Past President (2015–2017)
- Student Vice Presidents for 2015-2016:
  - Alicia Ticer
  - Misaki Makino

Phi Kappa Phi is having a fundraiser for “Born to Read” at Culvers in Cape Girardeau on Wednesday, October 7, 4 - 8 pm. We need your help. Needed: workers who will greet people as they come to Culvers and help deliver food to the customers. We are asking for workers – a person does not have to work the entire four hours, even one hour would be great. Even if members cannot work, they could support Phi Kappa Phi by coming to Culvers to eat.

Mary Elizabeth Ambery, Chair of “Born to Read” has secured a grant of \$2,500 to buy more books for this project. In the last few years the number of babies has doubled and we need help so we can continue this project and buy the books. Mary Elizabeth also reported that the Riverside Regional Library in Jackson, MO has also agreed to partner with us. They are going to order an additional amount of books (750 to 937 books—they are negotiating the buying price). She also has been discussing our project with Elizabeth Shelton, Executive Director of United

Way SEMO. United Way may agree to partner with us also. Twylla James, Public Relations Officer, was able to purchase 61 “Little Golden Books” for \$1 each to be used for this project.

### **Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports**

Since this is our first meet for the semester, we did not have reports available at this time.

### **Homecoming Parade**

In previous years Phi Kappa Phi members have walked in the Homecoming Parade to promote Phi Kappa Phi and give candy to children. We have had cars and trucks decorated with parade theme accessories. It is usually a lot of fun, so if members are interested in participating, please let Marge or Twylla know before October 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can pay the entry fee. The theme of the parade is Board Games.

### **Honors Convocation and Commencement**

Phi Kappa Phi has been asked if we would be interested in ushering for the Honors Convocation and Commencement on December 19, 2015 so we need ushers for both ceremonies. If a member is on the commencement committee, she or he cannot really help with this but other members can help. A member could work the Honors Convocation or the Commencement or both. For Honors Convocation, please show up by 9:15 am – hand out programs and direct students to the check-in table and families to the sitting area. For Commencement, members should show up by noon, place programs on floor seats, hold “reserved” area, distribute programs to guests and direct students to the Rec Center for their lineup. For those working during the Honors Convocation, they are usually finished by about 10:30 am. For those working during the Commencement, they are usually finished by about 2:00 when the ceremony starts. Phi Kappa Phi will receive approximately \$160 for ushering both events.

### **Committees**

There are several committees that students can participate. A sign-up list was distributed among those attending. Committees are:

- Initiation Committee (Initiation – April 10 or 17, 2016, Academic Auditorium; joint initiation ceremony with Phi Eta Sigma)
- Born to Read – Literacy Project
- Web Committee & Facebook (Needs Updating)
- Membership Committee
- Fellowship Committee (open to faculty and staff only-pending approval)
- Fundraising Committee – “Born to Read” and any other projects
- Activities Committee/Public Relations – Homecoming Parade, any other activities
- Newsletter (consider submitting news/articles/information/essays/announcements to jray@semo.edu) – Articles needed by Jayanti Ray -- October 30

## **New Business**

Marge asked if anyone would be interested in having an evening meeting with President Vargas. It would be a time when students/faculty/staff could meet with the president and ask him questions or just meet him if they have not met him yet. We could have refreshments such as hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies. All in attendance had a positive reaction to this suggestion so Marge will check with his office to see if he has available times.

It was announced that there was a volunteer opportunity—Junior Achievement in the Classroom. If anyone is interested they could contact Dr. Indi Braden, [isbraden@semo.edu](mailto:isbraden@semo.edu).

Phi Kappa Phi has many Award and Grant Opportunities. These were quickly discussed and a list was distributed for those interested.

## **Next Meeting**

We will send a notice to inform everyone about our next meeting. Thursday seems to be the best evening for the meetings for this semester and Memorial Hall 103 is where we will meet unless announced otherwise.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cecilia V. Larson  
Secretary