

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 260

Memorial Hall 207

February 15, 2018 Meeting

Welcome

President Marge Phillips called the meeting to order at approximately 5:20 pm. She welcomed students and faculty to the meeting and introduced officers that were present (officers listed below).

2017-2018 Phi Kappa Phi Officers

- Marge Phillips, President (2017-2019)
- Pam Gershuny, President-Elect (2017-2019)
- Jayanti Ray, Public Relations (2016-2018)
- Shawn Guilling, Treasurer (2017-2018)
- Cecilia Larson, Secretary (2016-2018)
- JoNell Cougill, Student Vice President (2017-2018)

Induction

Invitation letters will be sent to 526 students. They have to respond by March 29 since the website closes down after that date. If you know students who have received a letter, please encourage them to respond before the due date. There are 92 juniors, 248 seniors, and 186 graduate students. At this point, we only have one faculty/staff/alumni recommended.

Induction will be held at the University Center Ballroom on Sunday, April 15, 2018. We will need help with this ceremony, so please put this date in your calendar. Dr. Vargas is going to give the welcome speech and hand out pins. There will be a small reception after the ceremony and pictures will be taken with the president and students' families. We would like to have a special area where parents/friends can take photos.

Born to Read Literacy Project

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ambery reported that we still have about \$774 to buy books for the *Born to Read* Literacy project. Also, this spring we will be able to apply for a grant of \$2,500 from Phi Kappa Phi headquarters. Our chapter has been granted this amount each time we have applied. At our next meeting, Mary Elizabeth will have a new book series that we may consider instead of the *Little Golden Book* which have gotten very expensive. Mary Elizabeth also talked about expanding the project to the hospital in Sikeston. She will try to find out more about this and discuss it in our next meeting.

Fellowship Award

Applications for the \$5,000 and \$15,000 fellowship awards are due at local chapter on April 2nd and at national on April 16th. If you are interested in applying for one of these awards, please see Marge or go to the national website and fill up an application. Throughout the years, our chapter's submission has been successful in receiving the \$5,000 award.

Officers Needed

Our chapters treasurer's position will be opening in June 2018. If you know of a staff or faculty member interested in taking the duties of treasurer, please let Marge know. We also need one more student vice president. Duties are not difficult and do not take lots of time. If you are interested please send an email to Marge Phillips.

Volunteer Opportunities

Ushering for Commencement – We will be ushering for both commencement ceremonies in the spring on May 12. The first ceremony will start at 10:00 am and the second at 2:00 pm. We will be ushering for both ceremonies. A member could work the morning Commencement or the afternoon Commencement or both. Phi Kappa Phi will receive a stipend for ushering both events. For the morning ceremony members should be at the Show Me Center at 8:45 am. Members will place programs on floor seats, distribute programs to guests, and direct students to the Rec Center for their lineup. Volunteers should be finished by 10:15 am. For the afternoon ceremony, members should be at the Show Me Center by noon and the duties will be the same as the morning. Volunteers are usually finished by 2:15 pm. If you are not in the ceremony, your help would be appreciated. Ushering gives you the opportunity to see your classmates graduate and congratulate them.

Activities committee

Last year we had several activities. Members picked up trash two different times. There was a game and movie night help and we enjoyed helping Safe Harbor by providing a cage to have the animals in so that students could play and pet them. One of the members mentioned that Cup and Cork has trivia fund raisers for different organizations. Marge will check on this and will let us know in our next meeting.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Vargas will be coming to our May 3rd meeting to answer questions that students would like to ask. Please try to come to the meeting and talk with the President.

Next Meeting – The next official meeting will March 22 at 5:15.

Committees – you can sign up for a committee that you would like to help on.

- a. Induction Committee – Induction Date – April 15, 2018, Ballroom, UC
- b. Born to Read (literacy project)
- c. Web Committee (help keep our web site up-to-date)
- d. Membership Committee (Seek faculty, staff, and alumni nominees for PKP membership and encourage eligible students to apply for membership when invited.)
- e. Fellowship Committee
- f. Fundraising Committee – Born to Read – and other projects
- g. Activities Committee – Homecoming, other activities
- h. Newsletter (consider submitting news/articles, information/essays/announcements to jray@semo.edu)

Adjournment -- There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Cecilia V. Larson, MA
Secretary