

Phi Kappa Phi Meeting April 4, 2018, Minutes

Welcome was given by President Marge Phillips.

Membership invitation letters went out to 526 students. There were also 11 faculty/staff recommended. There are 36 new student members and 3 faculty/staff. A list of new members was handed out and we voted for approval.

The induction will be Sunday, April 15, 2018 --It will be held in the University Center Ballroom. We will need help with the induction so put this date on your calendar. Dr. Vargas is going to give the welcome and hand out pins. We decided to have cookies and punch. Marge asked Paula and Ann if they could set up an area for pictures.

Fellowship Award – applications were due at local chapter on April 2; they are due at national on April 16. This year we had five applications. The committee chose Preston King. He will be awarded \$500 from our chapter and his application will be forwarded to society headquarters.

The Student Research Conference is coming up April 18 & 19. Phi Kappa Phi usually gives the prizes—four prizes at \$50 each. It was voted that we continue to provide the Student Research Conference awards.

Officers needed are a Treasurer and President-Elect. Cecilia Larson has agreed to continue as Secretary and Jayanti Ray has agreed to continue as Public Relations Officer

Trivia Night is April 28, 6 pm at Cup 'N Cork. This is a fundraiser for the *Born to Read* Literacy Project.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Commencement -- Phi Kappa Phi will be ushering for Commencement on May 12 so we need volunteers. There are two commencements—one at 10 am and one at 2 pm. We will be ushering 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 morning Commencement or the afternoon Commencement or both. Phi Kappa Phi will receive a stipend for ushering both events.

For the morning Commencement, please come to the Show Me Center by 8:45 am. Members will place programs on floor seats, distribute programs to guests, and direct students to the Rec Center for their lineup. Members should be finished by about 10:15 am.

For afternoon Commencement, members should be at the Show Me Center by noon, place programs on floor seats, distribute programs to guests, and direct students to the Rec Center for their lineup. Members are usually finished by about 2:15 soon after the ceremony starts.

2017-2018 Phi Kappa Phi Officers are:

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

Our chapter has the following committees and we hope you will volunteer to help with one or more of the committees.

Committees:

- A. Initiation/Induction Committee – April 15, 2018 has been reserved for the induction ceremony
- B. Born to Read – Our literacy project
- C. Web Committee (helps keep our web site up-to-date) Facebook Fan Page
- 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: Students can win a \$5,000 -- \$15,000 scholarship for graduate work.
- F. Fundraising Committee – for Born to Read activities. Grants can be applied for and received for 2 consecutive years, then must wait one year before can reapply.
- G. Activities Committee

We talked about reading to children either in an elementary school or at the university day care. We will need to check into whether this is possible.

Our next meeting will be May 3 at 5:15 pm, in Dempster Hall 124. Dr. Vargas will be coming to this meeting to answer questions for students as well as we will be welcoming our new members.

Since there was no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Marge Phillips
President