

ATCHA Board Meeting Jan 9, 2017

Attendees:

Matt Herring

Bob Klaffke

Ed Lees

Mark Saylor

Matt Smith

Matt Patullo

Jeff Velis

Jimmy Dale (active)

Alpha's Report – Jimmy

Alpha and Theta (Allen? Thelzer?) attended Alpha's academy in Orlando. Found breakout sessions into smaller groups helpful, particularly sessions paired with chapters of similar size. A significant takeaway was learning how these chapters see continued involvement from their upper class. Jimmy and Allen have decided work with the EC to set goals/initiatives to encourage and maintain more participation from Juniors and Seniors.

House has been using social fund to catch up on past dues with Matt Patullo. Per Jimmy, fell behind because several upper classmen electing to deactivate and not pay dues.

Lease Agreement Discussion

-Ed Lee's and Jeff Velis lease idea. Also stems from the fact that upper classmen continue to drop off in participation and not want to live in the house. Number of live-ins has decreased over the last three years.

-PROPOSED IDEA: Allow a limited number of upper classmen, willing to sign a full year lease, the opportunity for a "scholarship" that reduces the cost of their lease. Better to have the house more filled, especially with upper classmen, who may provide more leadership in the house and also ideally get other upper classmen to continue visiting the house.

-Current lease agreements prorated for actives that lived in longer. Should this be revised?

-Is there a way to bring this to the attention of parents (newsletter, specific mailer, etc.)?

-We could send it out, even if we are bit late in the game. Opportunity to refine the language of offer for next year, perhaps get a few more live in actives before next year, getting the idea out to the actives now allows them to plan for it.

-Zero upper classmen tenants for next year. The culture of the active membership is to live in for one year. To sway more upper classmen need a cultural change and this kind of encouragement to live longer. Typical pattern last few years is a few Juniors live in the first semester then study abroad second semester.

-Proposed to send out announcement in February/March. Doubtful any communications sent now would sway any actives for next year.

ACTION ITEMS

-Ed Lees to send out email with possible action items.

-Focus group of upper classmen, what would it have taken to get them to live in Junior or Senior year? Send out a survey.

-Write up proposed language.

-Review housing cost and determine value of incentive to offer.

CEF Reimbursement Application – Herring and Patullo

Invoices and past due reminders finding their way to Patullo now. Reimbursement paperwork is in, funds should be issued in a few weeks.

President's Report – Herring

NA

Building & Grounds - Velis

Few hundred dollars out of maintenance budget, larger work out of 1530 fund.

Round one of kitchen work is done, more pictures to be sent out, equipment going in soon.

Financial/Treasurer – Matt Patullo

Numbers will be tight next three months. Need to keep contributions coming in. Continuing to see good results from work with CORE.

Risk Management - Matt Smith

NA

N&E/ECA - Herring

NA

Communications - Mark Saylor

NA

Action items

Continue sending in referrals for possible committee members.

Look for more formal email regarding committee structures and paths in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting

February 13th