

## Anthemios Alumni Association

### Annual Meeting Minutes

01/28/2023

- Attendance: Zack Borell, Claudia Miraldi, Taylor Lutz, Chris Enck, Alice Novak, Kyle Cunningham, Mollie Karasch
- Call to order: 1:07 pm CST
  
- Approve previous minutes
  - Meeting Minutes approved
  
- Vice President - (Interim) Taylor Lutz; report given by Mollie Karasch
  - Started holding more events over the last year for both alumni and the collegiate chapter.
  - Surveys were sent to both alumni and the collegiate chapter to understand what they want to see event wise from the alumni association
    - Alumni: hold more virtual events and hold more events with the collegiate chapter
    - Collegiate Chapter: collaborating through social and professional events
  - In-Person Events
    - Founder's Day / Graduation Celebration
    - Homecoming
  - Virtual Events
    - Virtual Founder's Day
    - Virtual Happy Hours
    - Pumpkin Decorating Contest
  - Officially resigned from the position of Vice President
    - Proposes that the position of Vice President be dissolved and the remaining exec board positions assume the responsibilities of the Vice President for the foreseeable future
  - Thoughts for the future
    - Collegiate brothers are eager to attend events with alumni
    - Alumni say they want the Alumni Association to hold events with the collegiate chapter, but nobody outside of the exec board shows up to network with the students, whether the event is in-person or held virtually.
    - Would like to provide the students with a more solid alumni network.

- Anthemios Alumni need to reestablish what they want to see from the alumni association
- Events should become more geared towards the collegiate chapter and their interests
  
- **Treasurer - Mariah Alicea**
  - Income & Expenses for 2022
    - Budget
      - \$168 under expected expenses for the year
    - Collected more dues than anticipated
      - \$4,093
      - Almost double what was expected
  - 2023 Budget
    - \$3,522 budgeted for the year's expenses
  - Storage unit sponsors
    - Storage unit sponsorship has helped significantly with keeping the alumni association on budget and has covered a large amount of expenses
    - Thank you to Alice Novak, Nathan Lipson, Greg and Caroline Pelley, Elissa Ship, and Elizabeth Mowry
  
- **Secretary - (Interim) Mollie Karasch**
  - Took over the position in October
  - Reviving our social media presence
  - Trying to get our record keeping of alumni brothers back on track
    - Recently received info for all current brothers in the collegiate chapter
    - Getting the information organized to be used for updating our newsletter contact list
  - Updating our website
  
- **President - Zack Borell**
  - Current state of the alumni association
    - Fiscally sound
    - Struggling administratively
      - Vice president and secretary resigned
      - All positions are up for election
    - Need new volunteers to continue the mission of the organization
      - Our officers give all they can and as of late that is falling short of what is required to be a thriving association
  - Three major goals for the year

- Continuation of The Anthem
    - Was not completed in the time frame that was planned for
    - Has been put on hold for now
  - Consolidate membership tiers
    - Discussion has begun, but will be executed at a later date
  - Storage unit sponsorship
    - Thank you to our 5 sponsors for 2022
      - Alice Novak, Nathan Lipson, Greg and Caroline Pelley, Elissa Ship, and Elizabeth Mowry
  - 2022 Convention
    - A few brothers went to Los Angeles despite convention being moved online
      - They were able to see old fraternity friends from both Anthemios and other chapters
  - National database
    - Officially moved from MemberPlanet to GreekTrack
    - Fully transitioned to the new platform and all payments that were being made to MemberPlanet have ceased
  - The state of the Alumni Association is stable for now.
  - Fiscal security has not been a problem for the Association in the past year and that is a result of our members who continue to make their dues payments
  - Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Association's President for the past four years
- Director reports
    - Collegiate Chapter- Not Present
      - There are around 40 members in the current chapter
      - Have expressed interest in moving into the Royer house
      - Currently working on spring recruitment
    - Control Corporation- Chris Enck
      - Control Corp will be holding their annual meeting within the next month
      - Insurance
        - The cost is about 40% more than it was in the past
        - Exploring options for other providers
      - Having conversations with the students to see where their interests are
        - Considering moving into the Royer house as a stepping stone
        - Annex is an option also
        - Options need to be explored early due to leases being signed a year in advance
          - Will present as opportunities for the next year
      - Improvements being done on the house

- Mechanical
  - Heating and cooling
- Master plan of projects
  - Some have been completed
- Incentives
  - Historic building
  - Society for Preservation of Greek Housing
    - Fundraising opportunity
- Steady financially
  - Will be stronger if annex is rented out
    - Hasn't been rented consistently in a while
  - Thinking about how to improve in the future
- Phi Mu continues to live in the house
  - Will be in the house next year too
  - Bought the property on the opposite corner from our house
    - Unsure about their plans for the property to be their future house, as all construction has halted after that house was demolished
- Future
  - Looking for assistance from a property management perspective
  - Students plan housing so far in advance that it is hard to give the students a guarantee to move in when they need it
  - Need to have conversations for the following year so that they can plan to move in
  - The students need to start living together to get used to living as a large group together
  - Contact Chris Enck to continue discussions
- From the Alumni Association
  - We want to support their move back into the house
  - We need to know if we are going for it for 2024-2025
- Old business
  - House reoccupation progress
    - Alumni Association will start to get the word out and raise funds to help with reoccupation
      - Would need to start July-August this year
      - Need to know if Phi Mu is going to continue to rent
      - Control Corp just needs to give the signal to start
  - How is annex being marketed?
    - Greg Hargus is doing the marketing

- So many housing options available
- Not super updated, but has had updates made
- Covid has caused students to want to do smaller co-living spaces
- Need to do larger promotion of the property
  - Need to start soon
- Should create a flier that can be sent out to prospective tenants
  - Send to Alice Novak
- Chapter should consider moving into the annex
  - Would be helpful as a step towards the chapter house
- Have the students done a walk through of the fraternity house?
  - There was one scheduled, but it was scheduled last minute and they were unable to attend
  - Students have not stepped foot inside yet
  - Need to plan something well in advance
- Tours for the annex
  - Need to have the students walk through
- Suggestion to have a summer retreat in Champaign
  - For students and alumni
  - Tour the house and hold a barbecue
  - Will just need to figure out lodging
  - Alice Novak can help organize
  
- New business
  
- Elections
  - President, 2 year term
    - Brother Taylor Lutz: accepts nomination
      - Seconded by: Brother Mollie Karasch
    - Move to elect Brother Taylor Lutz by acclimation - unanimous
  - Treasurer, 2 year term
    - Brother Mariah Alicea: has accepted nomination
    - Move to elect Brother Mariah Alicea by acclimation - unanimous
      - Congrats on a 3rd term
  - Vice President, 1 year interim term
    - Brother Claudia Miraldi: respectfully declines
    - Brother Zack Borell: respectfully declines
    - Position to be filled by appointment in the future
      - Will remain vacant for the time being
  - Secretary, 1 year interim term
    - Brother Mollie Karasch : accepts nomination

- Move to elect Brother Mollie Karasch by acclimation - unanimous
- Convention Delegate for the 75th National Convention
  - It will be in person, but they are not sure if we will have quorum
    - Still have business to do unofficially
  - Brother Taylor Lutz: respectfully declines
  - Brother Mollie Karasch: accepts nomination
  - Move to elect Brother Mollie Karasch by acclimation - unanimous

## Suggestions for the betterment of the Alumni Association

- Keep event and response expectations realistic

## Public Announcements

- A lot of Anthemios representation on the national level
  - 2 grand council members
    - Claudia Miraldi and Laura Schmidt
  - 5 appointments
    - Caroline Bair, Zack Borell, Darius Greenleaf, Nathan Lipson, & Danielle Swanson
- Anthemios is being used as an example for what alumni associations should be doing
- Membership renewal
  - Typically through newsletter
  - Sent out mailers in the past few years
    - A lot of returned mailers last year
    - Will need to decide if we want to continue mailers
  - Have seen an increase in dues payers since 2021
- Thank you to everyone who volunteers to make our organization better
- Zack Borell passed his ARE's this year

## Adjournment

- Alumni Association President Z. Borell- Motion to end the 2023 Annual Meeting
  - Unanimously approved

We hereby recognize that these minutes are true and accurate.



Zachary Borell  
President



Mollie Karasch  
Secretary