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Alpha Sigma Lambda
Kappa Delta Chapter

Meeting Minutes March 26, 2009

I. Call to Order

Barb Clouse called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members in attendance included Barb Clouse, Kori Kasten, Steve Bensing, Fran Russell, and Cathy Schiesser. The meeting was held in room 60 of the LSF building at the PNC Westville campus.

II. Approval of February Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting were distributed for review. Steve moved to accept the minutes and Fran seconded the motion.

III. Officers' Reports

a) President:

Barb reported that she had spoken to Allana Burke regarding the matter of low attendance at ASL meetings. They are in agreement that all efforts to boost member participation have been exhausted.

b) Vice-President:

Kori Kasten reported that Dunebrook sent a letter thanking ASL for the children's games we provided during the holiday season and extending an invitation to an open house they were hosting. Unfortunately the letter was received too late for our participation in the event.

c) Treasurer:

Steve gave the following reports for January and February, 2009.

<u>January</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,098.34
Interest	\$.14
Gift Wrapping	<u>\$ 37.80</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1,136.28

<u>February</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,136.28
Interest	\$.13
Bake Sale	<u>\$ 112.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1,248.41

d) Secretary: none

IV. Old Business

a) Scholarships – The 2009 ASL Scholarship Application is available on the website and is due March 27th. As of this date, no one had heard if any scholarship applications had been submitted.

- b) Future Meetings – Whether or not to hold a meeting in May was brought into question. It was decided to wait until the April meeting to decide which months to hold meetings throughout the summer.
- c) Minutes – January and February minutes have not yet been posted on the ASL website due to a computer failure experienced by our secretary. Barb will try to get these online from the hard copies which Fran provided.
- d) Food Drive Locations – Since food collection has not been very successful on campus, it was suggested that a large supermarket (Aldi, Wise Way, Town & Country Market, and Al's were specifically mentioned) might allow members to set up collection booths outside their locations. Barb is checking on this with local food stores.

V. New Business

- a) Port-a-Pit – Heather Martino is researching this potential fundraiser and we look forward to her report at our next scheduled meeting.
- b) Ride-or-Stride – The date for the ride-or-stride spring project is not yet known. This is a one day event which helps defray the cost of handicapped children's participation in equestrian events during the summer. The activity date will be reported at the April meeting and all members are encouraged to participate.
- c) Soup Kitchen/Homeless Shelters – Kori reported that the Stepping Stone Shelter in Michigan City will be updating their needs list and she will have it for us as soon as possible. She also provided information from the Center for the Homeless in South Bend which is also in need of donated items.
Additionally, Kori furnished volunteer registration forms for the *Rebuilding Together Duneland* project taking place on Saturday, April 25th. This event is held to make repairs on the homes of disadvantaged persons living in the Duneland area. Barb will send an e-mail and registration form for this project to everyone.
- d) Website – This is still being looked into.
- e) Parking lot sale – A suggestion was made for the possible coordination of a large parking lot sale with the Valparaiso University chapter of ASL. This idea is currently being researched.

VI. Announcements

- a) Steve Bensing reported that the junior/senior high school science and engineering fair that he and his wife volunteered to judge on March 21st went extremely well. The competition was held at Valparaiso University's new student union facility. They were both very impressed with the work the students had done.

VII. Adjournment

Barb Clouse adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Russell-Secretary