

TPSI General Meeting was held on July 18, 2009 at Neubig Hall, SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY.

1. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:20AM by President Pat Sullivan.
2. Board Introductions: Pat Sullivan introduced the following board members who were present at the meeting: Carmen Casas, Colleen Fritze, Karen Keegan, Sue Knapp, Barb LoPiccolo, Kathy Solano. Nels Kerwick and Michelle Widdel were announced but were not present.
3. Treasurer's Report: Sue Knapp announced that the balance is \$12,634.68 in the operating fund.
4. Unfinished business:
 - Fall Raquette Lake Weekend will be October 9 – 11, 2009. Everyone is welcome.
 - Winter Raquette Lake Weekend will be held February 12 – 14, 2010. The Polar Bear Club will be in session.
 - Upholsterer/seamstress is needed to replace cushions and curtains in the staff house. Anyone who has a contact, please see Sue Knapp. Carol Countryman and a few others indicated that they knew someone who might be able to do this. The question was asked if there is compensation for the project and there is. The cushions will need to be made from scratch.
5. Newsletter and membership list:
 - The newsletter is published in the fall and spring. Deadline for the fall, 2009 issue is August 24. Send any information to Carmen Casas.
 - The newsletter is available on line. If you are not receiving it and would like to, contact Carmen at ccasas@yahoo.com.
6. Website: You may access the website at www.tpsi.org or through the SUNY Cortland website. Link to alumni and then sororities.
7. Reunion:
 - Saturday cocktail hour starts at 5:30PM in the Alumni House. Sorority picture will be at 6:15 and dinner at 7:00. See the composites and other memorabilia in the dining room at the Alumni House.
 - Sunday breakfast will be from 9:00 to 10:30AM in the tent on the Moffett Center lawn. The tour of the house at 21 Court St. will begin at 10:30.

8. Contributions to the Theta Phi Project or Program funds:

- Theta Phi Sorority, Inc. Huntington Program Fund is a \$35,000 endowment transferred to the Cortland College Foundation. Awards from the fund are made at the discretion of the Director of the Center for Outdoor Education. Past TPSI President, Barb Ryan will be making a formal presentation of the check to the college at today's alumni luncheon at 12:30 in Corey Union. Please support Barb in this important presentation.
- Theta Phi Project Fund is an unendowed fund for smaller projects at Camp Huntington. Jack Sheltmire, director at Camp Huntington determines needs: new pillows, PFD's, etc.
- To contribute to either of these funds, send a check to the Cortland College Foundation, PO Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045 and indicate the appropriate fund.
- There is also an operating fund so that TPSI can conduct yearly business. \$1000+ is usually needed to operate. Funds are normally raised through a 50/50 raffle and silent auction, both conducted at fall Raquette Lake. The holder of the winning ticket does not need to be present to win. Donating to the operating fund is another way to give.
- Mara Golden asked if there were any other ways to contribute, such as the scholarship fund. At this point, the last scholarship through the Marjorie Dey Carter Fund was awarded this spring. Joyce Heflin has been the chair over the last several years. Since the Marjorie Dey Carter Fund still exists, it is possible to reestablish this scholarship with an endowment of \$25,000 according to Peter VanderWoude of the Cortland College Foundation Staff. Send a check to the Cortland College Foundation and designate the Marjorie Dey Carter Fund as the recipient.
- Other points of interest in this discussion included the fact that SUNY Cortland has 500+ sisters on their active alumni list. The last graduating class was 1985.

9. Announcements:

- The last day for apparel orders will be July 19. Samples will be available at dinner. See Carolyn Leach about orders.
- Kris Terrillion brought greetings from Shirley Little and Sharon Rosenblum who were unable to attend. Pat Sullivan has had correspondence from many sisters who were unable to attend.

- Karen Hegeman presented a challenge to all to write a check for \$100 to the Cortland College Foundation, Marjorie Dey Carter Scholarship Fund. The challenge was accepted and checks were presented to Peter VanderWoude.
- There will be a trip to the Ithaca Gorges at noon, leaving from the Country Inn.
- There are pictures from Kim Mayer from various events on the website (Nels Kerwick). They also can be linked from the Cortland website.
- Pat asked for support for the presentation of the check by Barb Ryan at the luncheon. Seats have been reserved for those who are not actually attending the luncheon.

10. The Board would like to recognize those sisters who saw the end of the sorority on campus, sold the house and made the transition to what we are today, TPSI. The sisters on the first Board of Directors included Alice Pierce, Iva Lyon, Charlotte Clements, Lucretia Rofe, Florence Ranney, Georgia Stoughton, and Inez Kendall. The following sisters were long standing board members and served multiple terms over the years: Diane Bonenfont, Carmen Casas, Phyllis Danks, Kelly Derocker Davis, Sudie Hargis, Sue Klinger, Sue Knapp, Carolyn Leach, Kim Mayer, Meg Moritz, Linda O'Neil, Sharon Rosenblum, Karen Schmidt, Bette Schneider, Karen Uhlendorf, Joan Wilson. Thank you ladies!!!

11. Adjournment: Barb Lopiccolo moved for adjournment and was seconded by Kathy Solano. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM.

Respectfully submitted by Barb LoPiccolo, substitute secretary, July 23, 2009.