Theta Xi Board of Directors Meeting  
February 13, 2002, 7:00pm

Board Members present: Bachmann, Baker, Berkheimer, Davis, DeCleene, Hazen, Hickey, Himmelblau, Howard, Joseph, Maples

Others present: Brian Adams (RA). Brothers Camilo Aladro, Dean Bolton, Joe Duncan, Matt Jacobs, Ben Smith, and Tyeler Quentmeyer.

Reports

President (Baker)
- Nothing to Report.

Treasurer (Howard)
- Still making sense out of paperwork from previous treasurer. Received another extension on tax filing in order to get papers in order.

Clerk (Berkheimer)
- Nothing to Report.

Trustees (DeCleene)
- Nothing to Report
- Baker: the accounts need to be cleaned up. DeCleene will light a fire under Andy Gruber.

Capital Campaign (Davis)
- Received mediocre response from potential big supporters.
- MIT Telethon is this month, we should participate.
- Many alumni are not receiving the Delta Digest - our databases need to be reconciled. Will work with chapter secretary to do so.
- Discussion - could we get MIT Alumni Fund to build an alumni tracking tool which could be used by many organizations?

Relocation (Hazen)
- Nothing new to report. Phil Clay dropped this and handed it back to Steve Immerman. TJ will be meeting with Steve Immerman and others on March 8th.
- Baker: AILG may try to kill this. MIT might not support any houses moving if the AILG gives them trouble.

Improvements (Bachmann)
- Have been gathering quotes for the hot water system replacement.
- Matt Bachmann will come up with a proposal for other work that needs to be done, given what funds are left after the hot water system replacement.
- Baker: sprinkler work must be on that list. Some houses have already failed inspection because their sprinklers were not up to code. Organize sprinkler work through Lisa Walsh at MIT.

Chapter President (Joseph)
- Just initiated nine new brothers.
- Looking for a spring pledge class of 2-3.

Corporate (Baker)
- Might be rewriting bylaws based on some examples.
- A new corporate seal is needed.
- Bachmann: we need a safe to secure and consolidate records.
- Old Business
Treasurer Transition / Trustees

- Transfer to set aside account has not been performed yet
- Still need to get account number for pension fund transfer
- Need to consolidate building fund at Vanguard

New Business

House Cook

- Actives want to replace Chay (Michael Thatch), probably after the spring term. They are looking into the possibility of hiring another cook, hiring a caterer, or eliminating meal service all together.
- Baker: Chay is an employee of the Corporation, but this is the actives' decision. Notes that "fraternities which don't eat together don't stay together" - discourages eliminating meal service.
- Actives expressed concern that many brothers do not eat at the house because of the food quality. They also think that food quality will be more important with the new mid-term rush.
- Note that catering would also allow meal service to be upgraded for a few "gourmet" meals during rush.
- Actives are charged to come up with a complete plan to present to the board.

Heating System

- Problem summary: the oil tanks in 64 must be replaced, and the hot water system dies every 18 months. This was supposed to be solved last summer, but the ball was dropped.
- New proposal: gas fired water boiler which feeds both the hot water and heating systems. Hot water is heated through a heat exchanger. Two new fan coil (water radiator) air handlers are added to each basement for heat, replacing the current furnaces. Total cost of ~$33,000.
- The 64 building must have work done. The question is whether or not to also perform work in 66. (66 is included in the above proposal).
- Price quotes: 64 only would cost $26,000. The difference is the savings from not installing the two air handlers in 66 and therefore being able to get a smaller boiler as well.
- Discussion that the oil tanks in 66 are also dying, and that the oil market in general is shrinking. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone to install or repair oil systems.
- It will take 2 weeks to get a gas line installed after getting approval from the appropriate parties. Once the gas line is in place, it will be another 2 weeks for the contractor to install the system. Service should only be interrupted for about a day.
- A motion to appropriate $33,000 and change from the building fund for a new hot water system passes by a voice vote.

6294

- Dan Yeo (chapter secretary) will be planning this event, with help from Matt Bachmann.
- Baker: begin to think about major events for 2004 (Theta Xi's 140th anniversary) and 2005 (Delta's 120th anniversary).

Chapter Advisor Search

- The actives have not been looking yet. Farmery Joseph will take charge.
- Set goal to announce a new advisor at 6294.

Other Discussion

- There has been no progress in finding legal counsel for the corporation.

Next Meeting

- Next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 7pm. 6294 is soon thereafter, on April 27th.

Meeting adjourned