



# BETA PSI HOUSING ASSOCIATION

## SIGMA PI BETA PSI ALUMNI

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## Newsletter

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### Greetings Sigma Pi Brothers

The pandemic has affected everyone. Fortunately, the house residents have made it through this semester without any illness. It been a very quiet semester.

As we stated in our last newsletter the COVID 19 virus has limited the number of residents living in the house. The funds are tight as we go into 2021. Please consider donating to help with the expenses and overcome the reduced revenue due to the Pandemic.

**MAKE A DONATION:** [Click Here](#)

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Typically, we would have outlined the numbers below for Homecoming meeting. However, we all know that was not possible this year.

#### Treasurers report:

Our Budget in January for 2020 before COVID-19 was [REDACTED]

Anticipated receivables were [REDACTED] with the pandemic that has been reevaluated see below.

#### **2020 Numbers**

The Real estate taxes	[REDACTED]
Insurance	[REDACTED]
Monthly Mortgage	[REDACTED]
Total Fixed Expenses	[REDACTED]
Utilities/Repairs/Fees	[REDACTED]
New Total Budgeted Expenditures	[REDACTED]
Total Receivables in 2020	[REDACTED]

COVID 19 has limited us to 8 residents in the house to promote social distancing. We have been able to lower some of the expenditures this past year due to the lower utility expenses, help from some alumni and undergraduates to keep the maintenance costs at a lower level. **This still gives us a short fall of \$6000**

#### John Gudikunst Sigma Pi Beta Psi Scholarship

The scholarship will be offered in 2021. The deadline for submission is March 26, 2021. There is over [REDACTED] in the fund.

Thank you again for your donations.

#### Scholarship Review Committee

We will need volunteers for the Scholarship review approval committee. Please notify the Board of your interest.

## **Repairs & Safety items -2020**

Roof repairs, drywall repair due to roof leak, replaced Humidifier pump in basement, sewer drainage cleaning, replaced boards on front porch and porch steps, Installed additional Railings in basement and outside steps for an insurance requirement. Contracted Terminix for quarterly treatment and we have a service contract with local Heating and Plumbing company for the Hot Water Heater and Boiler. Installation of COVID area Barriers for social distancing, floor and wall signage for social distancing, purchased a touchless thermometer, and Hand sanitizer dispenser and supplies. There was no damage assessment to the Residents security deposits last semester. They took good care of the common areas. The residents have really taken ownership of our house. They did some painting and have taken part in all the work parties following social distancing and face covering requirements.

The Safety measures we adopted have limited the exposure to the Brothers, Alumni, Friends, and family. This was an interesting semester with limited activity and minimal outside visitation at the House. This was the biggest challenge since this is a social fraternity and contact with our Brothers is the part of our daily life. The virtual meetings and electronic communication media have been a huge part of the Brother's interaction

## **House Visitation**

If you intend to visit the House, as a courtesy, please notify the Chapter's Health and Safety Committee or the Housing Association at [bpha@betapsihousing.com](mailto:bpha@betapsihousing.com) .

Remember that all official notices will come from the website. All Alumni should utilize the previously stated email address for any communication with the Board. [bpha@betapsihousing.com](mailto:bpha@betapsihousing.com)

**Keep Healthy-** Follow all the guidelines from the CDC, State, County and United Health Organizations

## **Updated Chapter News**

Chapter Director: A new Chapter Director was appointed by National Sigma Pi - Charles Ehnott- Welcome to the Chapter. Details to follow.

Chapter Housing Advisor: A undergraduate House Manager was appointed- Frank Rosario. He will work with the Housing Board on punch lists with the help of Alumnus Mike Perruso who will be the Chapter's Housing Advisor. New undergraduate Sage: Cruz Manatt

## **Spring Alumni Day:**

**TBD.** Pennsylvania is still locked down and larger gatherings are not permitted

## **Communicate with the Board**

Any communication you would like to have with the Board can be through the official website site on the CONTACT THE BOARD PAGE. The Board will receive this communication within 24-48 Hours.

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**Work Parties:** These will be monitored closely and must follow all CDC and state rules.

## **Alumni Volunteers-Chapter Advisors for the Undergraduates**

Moving forward, the Alumni volunteers will be tasked with giving the undergraduates proper guidance, training, mentoring, and providing the tools to these young men to become successful and productive.

There are several other Advisory Positions. Here is a list of advisory positions put forth by National Sigma Pi

Housing Advisor	Academic Advisor
Alumni Advisor	Financial Advisor
Membership Education Advisor	Recruitment Advisor

The descriptions will be posted on the BPHA website or you can go to [Click Here](#)

<https://sigmapsi.org/fraternity/volunteer/>

**CALL TO ARMS: Please Donate.**

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Last years Alumni donations were extremely down. It has been the lowest donations received in years.

Please go to the BPHA website to donate and pay your dues with our secure PayPal site. You will get a receipt directly from the site. You can also Snail mail your Donations/Dues. Send them directly to Jeff Bruno at 922 Bentley Ct. Chalfont PA 18914. Do not send dues to The White House address. If you are mailing them, please remember to make your checks out to **Beta Psi Housing Association**.

**SUBSCRIBE TO BPHA NEWSLETTER** We continue updating our contact list and database.

Add your name and email to our SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER PAGE, if you are not already on the list. This will help prevent miscommunication, individual unofficial contact, and social engineering. It will also increase safe open communication and keep you up to date. BPHA will continue to distribute Newsletters using this contact list. You can always see them by going to our ALUMNI NEWSLETTERS page of the website.

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Thank You,

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Jeff Bruno

BPHA -Alumni President

**Message from the Undergraduate Sage-** Cruz Manatt

Dear Brothers and Alumni,

Hello, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and New Year my name is Cruz Manatt, and I was recently elected Sage and wanted a chance to formally introduce myself to those of you I have not met. At the beginning of my term an alumnus, Eric Kugler stopped by and spoke with a bunch of us active brothers. During the time we spent speaking with him he told us many stories of his time as an active brother and gave us quite the history lesson regarding the original layout of the house. This got me thinking about how in recent years there has been less and less interaction between the actives and alumni which I would love for that to change. The first step to this is us actives reaching out to you guys who have experience and can help us and the fraternity flourish. In this up-and-coming semester I will be heading an Alumni History Committee. My goal is to reach out to as many alumni as I can and document their personal stories and memories as brothers during their time in the Beta-Psi House. I would like to use this information to make a history book for the Beta-Psi chapter of Sigma Pi filled with all our stories and photos if you have any that way our history is never forgotten and future brothers that have yet to join may also enjoy our history and amazing stories. If you would like to reach out to me at any point please do not hesitate too. Jeff Bruno and I have agreed to make this a joint effort. I will leave my contact information below, but I do plan to begin reaching out to alumni at the beginning of our spring semester. Hopefully, this can bring about a stronger active and alumni relationship.

AS this semester came to an end, we had two of our brothers graduate and we would like to congratulate Colin Tye and Derek Sarge on a job well done. I would also like to take a moment acknowledge that for the past year we have held and maintained the highest GPA amongst all fraternities on campus with an outstanding 3.1. We are planning to continue our hard work this year so that we can continue to set a standard for other fraternities on campus. Due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 it was not the semester any of us had hoped for, but we tried our best to remain diligent in our studies and in our community involvement. While we could not host any in person fundraisers or events, we did have the opportunity to participate in a Toys-For-Tots money drive so they could buy fresh clean toys for families in need during the holiday season. Although the pandemic may have made recruitment this past semester a lot harder, we were fortunate enough to have three students come out and rush for us. Considering there has not been much communication between us and the alumni in the past I would like to change that by creating a nice formal semesterly newsletter to share our accomplishments, stories, and photos with you all. I am hoping that by doing this everyone feels more connected and up to date with the chapter and its events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or if you have any suggestions as to things you the alumni would like to see more of going forward.

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