

## Homecoming 2025 Meeting Minutes

Oct 11, 2025

Meeting called to order 12:10PM

Meeting opened with remembrance of brothers who died this past year.

Deceased recognized:

Phil Farrace

John Petronis

Jim "Irish" Tiernan

Bing McNulty

### **Presidents report**-Jeff Bruno

Jeff has been an active fraternity Alumni for 18 years. First as a financial affairs consultant getting records in order to attain a mortgage and Banking line of credit. He has been alumni president for ?? years.

We are still recovering from financial shortages due to Covid which caused a reduction in house tenants and membership.

There are work parties on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month. The actives have been greatly involved, but alumni support is waning due to advancing age of previous alumni helpers. We need younger alumni to help direct these work parties and assist the active members who have limited tools and carpentry experience.

### **Treasurers report**

We had fewer tenants due to covid restrictions which resulted in financial shortfalls in rental cash flow.

We need 10 renters/semester to pay basic bills. Real estate taxes alone are \$21K. Hazard ins. And liability insurance is \$4200/year. Trash removal costs just over 10,000/year. Utilities continue to rise. Yet in spring 2023 we had only 7 renters. Fall 2024 11 renters. Spring 2025 10 renters.

We had to replace the sewer line in 2024 for \$5000.

Mowing and snow removal costs \$400/month

The upstairs small bathroom was converted into a room \$1600

Fallen tree removal cost \$1980

Fixing downstairs bathroom \$990

Many small expenses- repairs to fire escape, ceiling tiles, fire extinguishers, front steps concrete repair, rotting porch railings and floorboards, v-steps repairs, CO detectors, replaced a few windows, new washing machine, etc.

BPHA is in need of financial donations from alumni to make up for these shortfalls in order to maintain the house. Rent does not keep up with expenses, but cannot be raised and remain competitive with dormitory rates. **WE NEED ALUMNI SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN OUR HOUSE.**

### **The good news- Undergrad report**

The chapter received a Grand Chapter Award

Most Improved Chapter Award

Won Greek Week – greek games, greek sing,

Highest Greek GPA- GPA exceeds college average GPA

Actively involved in Philanthropy and community service – largest \$\$ raised and most hours committed.

### **Alumni Brother Comments**

Howard Evans who has been actively involved since 2018 stressed that this is the best group of undergrads he has had the pleasure of working with.

Larry “Doc” Moyer stated that the actives need to do a better job of communicating with alumni about their successes to entice alumni to lend their support to a vibrant, improved fraternity.

Alumni should visit the BPHA website to update their contact information.

Donations can now be made through credit card on the website.

### **The John Gudikunst memorial scholarship**

2023 (\$1000) was awarded to John Valenti

2024 (\$1000) was awarded to Steven Tellez

There is a \$5000 balance in the scholarship account.

Scholarship committee is comprised of alumni Rick Vroman-chair, Larry Moyer, Ron Steckel, Mike Weber, and Howard Evans.

### **New Business**

Carpet needs to be replaced on the second floor.

Alumni office to be converted into a room.

Front porch is badly in need of repairs- some new beams beneath, step replacement, some floorboards

Fire escape- railing spindles and some stair treads

Large upstairs bathroom-major tile work and shower reconfiguration

AFTER HC the furnace failed and had to be replaced \$20,000

**Alumni Board Members** 5 year terms – most are ending their 5 year terms (2024) and have accepted another 5 year term.

Howard Evans-2024 and continuing

Allie Urban- 2024 and continuing (Allie passed away shortly after homecoming and will need to be replaced)

Sumner Bosler- 2024 and continuing

Brandon Wallick- 2024 and continuing

Hendrix-Undergraduate liaison and director continuing

John Capitanello- new director for 2026

Casey Shaw- 2024 and continuing

Mike Eckelston- 2024 and continuing

Ron Eith- 2024 and continuing

Jeff Bruno -2024 and continuing

**Special project committee volunteers**

Kevin Carroll remembrance flagpole – Daren White

Alumni Outreach New History (last 15 years since rechartering)- Harold Evans. Harold needs input from alumni from these years.

Website design, IT and communication –Open position – this is a position which should be filled by a younger alumni who has better computer skills than us old folks.

John Gudikunst Scholarship- Rick Vroman-chair, Larry Moyer, Ron Steckel, Mike Weber and Howard Evans.

Graduating seniors outreach- Open position- this person will identify future alumni leaders who are needed to replace the old guard that have kept this Fraternity going for 65 years.

1:00 Meeting Adjourned