

**Acacia Board of Directors**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004**  
**Chapter House, Manhattan, Kansas**

**Attendees:** Funk, Loseke, Brannan, Riley, Graver, Perace, Busch, Hapgood, Fralick, Haag, Ohm, Andre, Prettyman, Turner.

**Absent:** Bassett, Ihrig, Poling, Neill, Bayer, Nelson, Meyers

**Finances:** Handouts: Alumni Budget: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
Alumni Balance Sheet-January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004  
11.01.03 Acacia Financial Summary (Document which was presented to the MOA at meeting during 1<sup>st</sup> semester.)

The documents listed above were distributed for review by the Sr. MOA. Particular attention was paid to the Acacia Financial Summary dated November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. This was a document distributed to the MOA to help illustrate the current status of the Sr. Men and how the present number of members influenced our financial position. The goal of the MOA was to have approximately 35 men living in the chapter by year #3. It will be necessary to recruit approximately 17 additional members to reach this goal. At status quo the Sr. Men do not draw any rent from the chapter and essentially goes in debt to pay insurance, taxes and interest payments. The only other options we would have is to raise rent to individual chapter members or to attempt to lock the house payment into a longer amortization schedule. The current line of credit expires in August, so this question will need to be addressed by that date.

An alumnus had contacted Ben Funk about progress being made with the Jay Crabb Memorial Fund. This was a "challenge" gift made during the fund raiser urging Sr. Men to donate to this fund in order to establish a memorial. Currently, no additional pledges have been made to this fund.

**Facilities:** The Pickett Library will be completed by the end of February, the bathroom petitions were installed recently. Currently this committee is contacting Schultz about a potential oversight during the renovation as the new HVAC was never plumbed into the kitchen. This results in the kitchen being very hot in the summer and very cold in the winter.

**Additional Issues:**

Downstairs furniture has not been ordered, and will not be until necessary.  
Bathroom floors still need to be updated/improved.  
Phone system continues to be a problem. There is much discussion on what is the best way to handle this long term. Currently, the phone rings in every room in the house and there is no way for individual members to access their own messages. This causes problems for MOA needing to study as well as friends and family being able to contact members in an efficient manner. At some point, this will have to be address by a task force of some sort.

**Recognition:** Handout: Final Tally of Recognition Project  
The recognition project is now complete as all framework is complete and hung in the chapter. The project came in at \$11,666.94 which was almost \$3400 under budget. It

should be noted that Sr. Man John “Jack” Britton donated \$2900.00 worth of framing to the project.

**Good of Acacia:** Handouts: KSU Fall 2003 Semester Scholarship Statistics  
John W. Baughman II Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Newly elected Venerable Dean Nathan Mentzer gave the MOA report. The MOA rated #1 on campus with a cumulative GPA of 3.363.

A retreat was held over the weekend of Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> where the following goals were set:  
Recruitment of 10 New members during this semester.  
Cumulative GPA of 3.49  
Maintain House Duties and more Brotherhood Reports  
Enhance/Maintain current relationship with Lee Elementary School

There was some discussion held about what role Religion should play at the chapter house. Nathan acknowledged that there has been a difference of opinion in the chapter about how this should be handled at the chapter. Some members have felt that others have been too “forward” with their faith almost to the point of “forcing” it on other chapter members. It was generally expressed that the alumni feel that members should be given plenty of opportunity to learn and/or enlist themselves in learning about different faiths of chapter members. It is not, however, the Sr. Men belief that any member should be “pushed” towards any particular set of beliefs or faiths. We encourage our members to educate themselves about the different faiths available, but do not require their participation.

**Margaret Wheatley Lecture Series Update:**

Handout: Margaret Wheatley Lecture Series: Memo from Bill Riley

The following information was given as an update on the Margaret Wheatley lecture that the Sr. Men of Acacia have agreed to sponsor on campus. The lecture will take place Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will tie in our board meeting with the following weekend. A preliminary schedule is listed below: All Senior Men are encouraged to attend this event.

Thursday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Evening Margaret Wheatley addresses KSU Athletes along with members of ACACIA Fraternity
Friday April 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	Afternoon Leadership Lecture On Campus <b><u>Following the Lecture:</u></b> Men of Acacia/Sr. Men Recruitment Social at the Chapter House 6:00 P.M. Senior Men ACACIA Centennial Dinner (Location to be announced)
Saturday April 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Morning Board Meeting (Time to be announced)

Please note that Board Members presence is requested at the Friday afternoon rush function taking place at the chapter house. The national fraternity is promoting this year as the “Centennial” for the national organization. It was recommend that we attempt to tie in this theme during this weekends events.

**MOTION PASSED:** *It was moved by Tony Prettyman and Seconded by Lawrenc Andre to accept this weekend as the next scheduled board meeting for the Alumni Board. The above schedule was approved with the recommendation that the Friday evening dinner be a centennial “Founders” dinner.*

**Alumni Relations:** Handout: Alumni Relations Update  
Email Message from Masonic Chapter in Kansas City

Part of the Alumni Relations hand out was a compilation of “hits” to the Acacia website during the month of December. There was a total of 4656 hits on the website while more than ½ of these being “visits”. A visit was described as logging on to the website and viewing a minimum of 2 different sections of the web site. Members are encouraged to supply any feedback they hear regarding the web site directly to the alumni relations committee.

**MOTION PASSED:** *It was moved by Lawrence Andre, seconded by Tony Prettyman and unanimously approved that the board is open to proceed with an attempt to strengthen the historical relationship with the Masonic organization. Tony Prettyman will inform the Masonic organization of this motion and ask how they feel we should proceed.*

**MOTION PASSED:** *Tony Prettyman, Gary Haag and Ben Funk will meet to discuss how to perform the dues solicitation no later than the end of the semester. We need to attempt to make this consistent for years to come so that the Sr. Members will know when and what to expect.*

There was much discussion on the Margaret Wheatley Leadership weekend and how this weekend should influence the traditional “Stag/Summit” weekend. It was clear that we run the risk of “confusing” the general membership, as we have discussed making the Leadership Lecture series something we sponsor on an annual basis. The concept of holding the annual meeting during the Leadership weekend was pondered, but did not seem realistic at this point in time.

**MOTION PASSED:** *The alumni relations committee will get out mailings to publicize both the Margaret Wheatley Lecture series to be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Alumni Weekend to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in June (this year June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>). It was agreed that we should continue to push the weekend in June to be more of a social weekend for alumnus, along with a short annual meeting. There will not be any official board business conducted the weekend in June.*

**Board Development:** Jim Bassett was elected as chairman for the Nominations committee with Lawrence Andre and Tim Poling to also be on this committee.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was ended abruptly at 3:30 as a winter advisory warning was in effect, and the MOA reported the closing of I-70 at Junction City.