

General Meeting Minutes  
Alpha Phi Omega–Mu Zeta Chapter  
**Monday, April 28, 2008**

I. Call To Order at: (7:35pm)

II. Roll Call:

President – Kingsley Yee (Present)

Service Vice Presidents – Cindy Manit (Present), Duc Ta Minh (Present)

Membership Vice Presidents – Jordan Ondoy (Present), Sirena Lam (Present)

Pledge Masters – Melissa Dagdagan (Present), Darshika Patel (Present)

Fellowship Vice Presidents – Jason Chang (Present), Katrina Salangsang (Present)

Finance Vice Presidents – Katrina Harvey (Present), Nikko Cartano (Present)

Administrative Vice President – Thomas Li (Present)

Sergeant-At-Arms – Sherman Gee (Absent), Jan Cartano (Present)

Advisory Chairs – Mark Corpuz (Present)

Guests: Gamma Gamma: Ellen & Jenny, Mikey JS pledge class, GD pledge, Erick Kim, John Andy from Long Beach.

Three sharp taps of the gavel signifies the three fold purpose of this meeting

I. First to foster good Fellowship,

II. Second to promote Leadership to worthwhile activities,

III. Third to develop plans for Service to our fellow man;

So therefore let us dedicate this meeting to Leadership, Friendship, and Service

**President Report** – Kingsley Yee

- Deputies: Darrel & Phil
- Today is the last General meeting with Spring 2008 Excomm.
- Mu Zeta Chapter was awarded OSPLD Leadership Award.
- Sectionals Chair (will be discussed)
- 5/6 AEN & Mu Zeta will hold 1<sup>st</sup> Sectionals Fundraiser at Poleng Lounge, 10pm. 1751 Fulton St@ Masonic. SF CA 94117
- Excomm Speeches continued for top 4 positions.
- Presentation: Go over Excomm Nominees and Voting Procedures.
  - No late voting at Banquet.
  - If you cannot attend banquet and want to vote, make arrangements with Kingsley for absentee ballot voting before banquet.

**Historians** – Dianne Nino and Ryan Tjandra

Pictures are printed for scrapbook. Quality Scrapbook takes time. Maybe ready for banquet.

**Leadership** –Karen Wong and Joel Balao

- Summarizes what it means to be a leader.
- Presents final submissions for scroll of kindness.
- Present gifts to those who appear most on scroll of kindness:
  - Active members: Sirena and Cicily.
  - Pledges: Kristine and Glenn
  - Most good deeds: Shella & Kirstine

**Public Relations Officers** –John Luna and Patrice Ponciano

- 5/17 Rho Phi iDance competition, open to all chapters. Proceeds go to charity.

- 8/9 Region X's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Disneyland Fellowship. Contact Ken Seli at 408-768-9296. Find more info on Facebook. Contact Ken for cost.
- John and Patrice thank each other and everyone for being IC whores.

**Service Report** –Cindy Mani and Duc Ta Minh

- SYSD with the Girl Scouts of America was a SUCCESS!
- Thanks for coming out to service projects.
- Even though summer is coming up, let your next service VPs know you are interested in summer service projects.
- You all achieved over 1,000 hours of service. Service VPs thanks everyone with PIZZA.

**Membership Report** –Jordan Ondoy and Sirena Lam

- 5/3 Activation at 10am. Pledges and Speakers please arrive by 9:30am. Attire: Semi formal. Location: HUM (TBA)
- 5/10 Great America Goldmember Trip, \$32, meet at 9am.
- Chapter Sweatshirts are here. Will be picked up by Jordan.
- MZ Fit club starts this week.
- Brownie/Brownie Jr.:
  - Last Week:
    - Pledges- Kirstline and Vonnie added mini scrapbook to Brownie Jr.
    - Amanda gave Brownie a cherry blossom freebee.
  - This Week:
    - Brownie goes to PMs for all their hard work.
    - Brownie Jr. goes to Kristina and Cindy for being very helpful.

**Pledge Master Report** –Melissa Dagdagan and Darshika Patel

- Congrats PC pledges.
- Pledge meeting closed.
- Pay it forward: Kayla got Kirstiline milk tea.
- Pledge spotlight.

**Fellowship Report** –Katrina Salangsang and Jason Chang

- Today is Island Guys and Girls Meeting.
- Pop Polls are due this Thursday 5/1, 11:59pm.
- Pop Poll results announced at Banquet.
- Banquet will be at Doubletree Hotel in Burlingame at 5:45pm.
  - Last day to buy your banquet ticket.
  - Voting will begins at 5pm.
  - Arrange rides with each other.

**Finance Report** –Nikko Cartano and Katrina Harvey

5/30 Great America Fundraising opportunity

**Administrative Report** – Thomas Li

No Report.

**Sergeant Report** – Jan Cartano and Sherman Gee

5/1 FSC Elections Thursday

5/7 FSC Club event, Pajama Jam

Update bylaws

Proposed changes to bylaws by Constitutional Committee.

**Advisory Report** – Mark Corpuz and Susannah Shum

Acknowledge alumnus.

Thanks to everyone who attended Graduation party.

## Announcements and Motions

### Old Business

### New Business

Gerry moves to wave fundraising requirement for both pledges and actives. Seconded by Linelle. Open to discussion.

Gerry: Before special arrangements were arranged, only 3 weeks' worth of fundraising opportunities were given. I looked at the numbers 13 of actives and 9 of pledges were able to fulfill it.

Nikko: What status did you look at?

Gerry: emails.

Nikko: Not Finance's fault, because we had to work with Center Plate. You were expected to fundraise months in advance.

Gerry: Not your fault at all. Previous semesters in the spring, members had fundraisers. When VV was president, only 2 fundraisers were offered, so requirement was waived. This is not anyone's fault,

Katrina: If we waived requirements, then it defeats the purpose of Fundraising. All pledges completed the requirements. Only 3 actives did not complete the requirement and 3 members are pending.

Gerry: The purpose is not to make a requirement. It's to fundraise and we did that. We raised money for the chapter. I do it to help raise money. The requirement is there to fundraise. The requirement in itself is not the goal.

Katrina: As a precedent, we should not let this go. This can be a slippery slope. If we waive this requirement then the follow semester, what is to stop someone from waiving this requirement?

Gerry: We can voice.

Jordan: Was an attempt made to notify Finance that you weren't able to fulfill?

Gerry: If the chapter provides sufficient number of fundraising opportunities, then this wouldn't happen.

Jordan: From membership prospective, people made an attempt to fundraise. Everyone has a responsibly to fundraise. Finance, did everything they could. But they can't hold their hand.

Gerry: What if Service did provide Country service project. You can't expect members to go out on their own.

Cindy: This doesn't seem like a positive outlook at fundraisers. I feel like with this confusion. The perspective on fundraisers has died. I couldn't attend. But I attended on campus. I feel it looks bad for fundraiser.

Nikko: It was the only way we can get everyone to sign up. It's not our job to baby sit everyone. We made arrangements for those who did not attend any of the fundraisers. We made arrangements and we could have made arrangements for those who cannot attend. We took care of the bulk of the chapter.

Recess for 5minutes.

Results: motion did not pass

### Speeches for pm, mvp, service & president

-Karina move to reopen nomination for all positions – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan. No discussion. Motion passes.

-AVP—Karina nominates Thomas. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Declines

-PM – Karina nominates Kingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nikko. Decline

-SERVICE—Cindy nominates Brianne & Frances. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kat s. Accepts

Karina nominates Darrel & Johanns, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil. Johanns  
Jordan nominates Sirena & Kingsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dianne accepts

#### SPEECHES-

PM- Phil & Kat s: introduces each other. Want to run for fall 08 pm. Why? Would like to serve a major role in the growth of these future leaders. Embodies Lfs. Can be very good role models. Strengths – accessible, available, reliable. Easy to contact, lives near campus. Always answers phone, text or email. Will also have office hours set aside for bigs and littles in menchu hall for you to stop on by and ask questions and get answers. Ideas- create a pledge team to support the pm. Will try for Bi-monthly one on one check ins with pledges and big bros. Keeping the chapter informed on pledge progress. Video pledge spotlights. Need people to help grade papers. End speech.

--Jessica: how available will be during rush? Phil will not be working, classes are mid afternoon til night. Will help out. Kat will be at every rush meeting. Will try to do as many events as possible. Want to work w/ membership and rushmaster on rush program.

-- Darshika: how to enforce big bros to do things? When they apply as bigs, we give them a schedule and we will email them to remind them and call them. We encourage bigs to stop by office hours and will request bigs who are not doing their job so we can help them help their littles

-- Mel: would you guys have the ability to be able to dp someone if push comes to shove in terms of requirement, attitude or anything that may affect pledge fall 2008? We will handle the situation ourselves by helping them, but if they are detrimental to APO, we will speak to excom and DP them if necessary.

#### MEMBERSHIP-

Nikko & Amanda: skit. Power rangers. Rainbow ranger & hotness ranger. Cares about the chapter, has chapter spirit and very creative. VERY CREATIVE. Very organized. Very dedicated and friendly, that will help rush for next semester. Funny ppl in the chapter, help to reel in people for rush. Very interested in the membership, active, pledging aspect of the chapter. Works well together. Wants to make your active semester as fun as pledging semester. Nikko was pledge avp, in charge of choreography for jz3 banquet and sectionals. Regional voting delegate, family head, finance vp and 2008 Nat'l voting delegate. Amanda is kdub's pledge avp, finance vp, service vp and maad chair. Both understands the responsibility of rush master and family heads. In terms of rushing, if don't have an appointed, they will be actively getting people to know about APO, make info nights more interesting. How to rush workshop. Rush theme- we want POWER RANGERS!! "MIGHTY MORPHIN SERVICE RANGERS" have sketch of shirt. Rushing will have male & female approach potential to let people know we are coed. Reach out to those who are shy. Also want to coordinate w/ service for rush service projects.

--Phil: finish your speech? During info night, we will show videos of previous semester. Before and after. Retention is very important that mvps always face, to resolve it, we will create subcommittees like this semester to bring people from the pledge classes back to keep retention. Ideas for gold member- ice-skating on the embarcadero, ropes course, hiking, beach if still warm. Great campsite, military base that we can explore. Really fun! There's a light house that we can hike to, military base is very scary.

There's also a beach south of the campsite! Continue intramurals, more interactive family events, another chapter picnic, thanksgiving dinner. Every week we want to make it fun, exciting, & silly. (Nikko takes out Victoria's secret bag) ... today everyone will get a brownie in honor of brownie & brownie jr.!!!

--Mel: how do you plan on making it so that there are differences between the membership events from fellowship events? We're not fellowship, so there's a clear difference. But, the main diff is that membership focus more on members, we try to have activities where we bond more. Gold member events are just for members. Fellowship events are for everyone.

--Alex: besides events, how do you plan on retaining members (such as pay it forward)? We've never thought about games, but instead of family events, we can think of games to mix everyone together. We can always make up fun games every two weeks. We want members to be excited and spirited.

--Phil: how often will u update members on their requirements? Emails every three weeks. We don't want to tell you 2 weeks before req that you have to do 50 hrs of service, but we will email every 2 weeks.

--Jordan: There are members that aren't as outgoing, how would you encourage shy members to rush and would you crack down on those that aren't rushing properly and if you would, how would you penalize them? We will pair the shy people w/ the talkative people, in addition to the rush workshop. We won't just push people out there to rush. Pairing someone w/ u will make u more comfortable. Even though u get rejected, keep going!

SERVICE:

BRIANNE & FRANCES: why? We like each other, work well together. Organized. We both love doing service, happy to attend them. We like to communicate with potential organizations, so we don't mind calling people to tell them we can help them. Our goal is to keep on top of all our school work and things so we are to participate in as many projects as needed and as possible. Even though we're pledges, we want to be involved in mz. We want to experience what MZ is all about. Some of our plans are to work over the summer to make sure that we are in good contact w/ organizations that we've worked w/ before and get new service projects that we can potentially do. If elected, we plan to get together at least once a week and plan what we would do for future projects, get hours organized, etc. Good communication w/ each other so we can do the best for MZ. We don't have that much experience since we're pledges, but plan to get lots of advice from previous service vps. End speech

DARREL & JOHANNIS: why? We work well together, communicate really well w/ each other. Good time management, good w/ planning, scheduling, strict on time, sociable, good communication skills. We want to keep lots of current projects, and add more. As much more as possible. Darrel will be more available next semester, taking less units, so will put more time into the service position. Very available, will devote most of their time to service. Will make sure people fulfill their chairing duties and send in hours. Bi-weekly reports of hours. Will announce during general mtgs on how many hours we have. Prizes for people who guess to how many hours we fulfilled. WE LOVE SERVICE. Finish w hours and still doing it. End speech

SIRENA & KINGSLEY: we both have extensive leadership positions that we've held in the chapter. Kingsley has done most positions in excom. Sirena was president of jx3 and current membership. Will find more interesting rush projects so potentials can be more interested in rushing for APO. We want to let them know what kind of events we do, as well as get member feedback on projects. Working w/ boy scouts and girl scouts of America. Wants to continue working w/ them. More involvement in what they do. We want to encourage service to the chapter, we want to get more ideas from you guys and find more different service project. We want to follow Cindy & duc's footsteps. Will talk to them and find more projects. Service is one of the basis of APO, so we want to keep on adding to move forward. We want to have projects over the summer, at least weekly or biweekly projects. Work very well together. Very available in the summer and next semester. We want to encourage members to reach greater milestones, such as the presidential service award. We will educate chairs to turn in hours. Will work w/ mvps and pms to update hours. We want to keep big events like Macy's passports, academy of friends, etc. More input from the chapter would be great.

--Phil: how are you public relations wise? What will you do to make sure that APO is represented professionally?

Kingsley & Sirena – doing great job as president in getting our name out there as a section. If I do my best to talk it over w the organization, we'll be good.

Brianne & Frances- Frances wants to be as professional as possible, will work on communication skills.

Brianne thinks we should always be respectful and very comfortable w/ speaking to professionals.

Darrel & Johanns – Darrel wants to let people know we are APO! Want to stress that we need to look good, if people are not focused, it's discouraging. Other frats know that we do community service.

--Jason: how will you be able to set aside the friendship and not let the work in your office hinder your friendship?

Darrel: business is business. I will take steps to make sure I'm working well w/ my partner.

Johanns: vice versa. If he's not in check, I'll keep him in check. Everything will be done in a timely order and strict.

Brianne: Frances is my pledge sister. We've never hung out before. Our relationship right now is just APO. I think that we'll be able to work together, since this is the first time we've come together on something.

Frances: we'll be responsible. We know this is service, so it's serious.

Sirena: like what Johanns said, we'll keep each other in check. We will be strict w/ each other and will be fun. We worked together in excom, I know how Kingsley can get, I know how we can work together. We're different, but the differences in us will help us work together. Opposites work well together.

--Karen: what if you do if the only ride to your project is not available and you have to take the bus there?

Kingsley: we both have cars, so we'll come back and get you. In the past, we've had to take the bus, there's no shame in taking the bus. If that's what we need to do, then we'll do it. It's cheaper

Brianne: a good idea to have a list of drivers in APO, will call someone to see if they can come out anyways and help drive. Depends on the situation, public transportation is possible. Will do very best to get people rides.

Darrel: I like to plan ahead of time, we'll call someone if we can. Public transportation is an option. If we have to send people home, we will. We will send an apology letter to the project coordinator. Sending people home would be our last resort. Johanns will have her license

--Jordan: what if its two days before the req, if your big/little doesn't have a service req, what would you do?

Darrel: that's their responsibility. Tough love. We'll try, but if there are no projects, then sorry. We will not baby them.

Johanns: we do our best to accommodate so you can fulfill those hours

Brianne: there is no way my little will get away w/ not getting requirements done.

Frances: well we plan to give updates on hours that people need. So I don't see how they'd be in that situation.

Sirena: as for my littles and my bigs, I will tell them to do it as early as they can. It's not fair to add last minute service projects. It's not my responsibility to put in an extra project just for them. Will have weekly updates.

Kingsley: I think I'm really fair in the sense that I don't favor my own littles. It's not because I want to play favorites, I want to try to bring out each individual's potential. Every do your best.

--Thomas: in circumstances where there are no chairs, can you do so?

Sirena: I'll have a job because I have to have a job. But will do my best to make sure I have time to do APO stuff. Learning from this semester, I know I didn't do a lot of stuff to finish, but I will try to do things beforehand instead of last minute.

Kingsley: being president I have to manage time anyhow. Will continue to manage time. Will be part time student, so will have a lot of time.

Frances: 15 units, lives close campus. Accessible. Call her 5am and she'll pick up. Walk over to her house. Will chair projects if needed.

Brianne: will not take many units. Will have time. Does not work, and not planning to work next fall.

Darrel: next semester I will have a light schedule, has lots of free time. I really want to show service because that's what we should be proud of

Johanns: 15 units, doesn't have a job. Devoted a lot of my time this semester to APO, and if it were possible to do it this semester, then she can do it next semester. Will chair project if needed.

--Amanda: how will you be different from previous semesters in terms of organization?

Johanns: as far as addressing the entire chapter w/ service hours, we mentioned bi-weekly. Scheduling for projects will be months in advance. Will make sure to tell people about projects that they signed up for.

Darrel: wants to get other organizations involved. More IC projects.

Brianne: updates every 2 weeks for members. Template for chairing a project, so it will be more organized for who went, how many hours, etc. Smoother operation.

Kingsley: calling dates early in excom is crucial. We have first dibs, we will try to do stuff early. 3 months in summer, so will plan the semester. Will not overlap events. This allows for everyone to build more unity and more bonds.

--Nikko: move to end question. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's late!!! Vote by hand. Motion failed.

--Pomp: who will you use as resources, who will you actively contact? Person and what, in meaning of whom and what organization?

Kingsley: as for contacting, I will start w/ Cindy and Duc. I have been here for 4 years, so it won't be hard. Will contact boy/girl scouts and organization on campus

Frances: we plan to talk to service vps in the past. Organizations, I was really fond of the Little Brothers Friend of the Elderly program, I want to work w/ girl scouts too, will talk to Ceci, as an MZ alumni, she'd be a good resource

Brianne: can't give you exact name or group, but I want to contact local youth organizations and work with them

Darrel: I'd go to Cindy, Duc, Gerry, anyone. Not afraid to ask for help. Jumpstart on campus, project connect, Edgewood is an amazing project, I was touched by the kids. Definitely other fraternities.

--Jordan: aside from the service vp job description, what is one specific goal that you want to achieve?

Johanns: I'm not sure as many as how many hours we have this semester, but as soon as we find out, we will surprise the hours. To make sure that everyone completes their hours and more involved in projects

Darrel: to have everyone in the chapter be proud to do community service, to be active at the projects. I want to take leadership workshops over the summer, try to improve myself and mz.

Brianne: my goal is to suck every service hour I can out of all of you. Very high goal. Frances has excellent mathematical skills, and push u guys towards the goal.

Frances: at projects, sometimes we notice that people don't represent mz very well, kind of goofy. I would like to see MZ to be more professional when working w/ other organization

Sirena: for us we would like to form a service committee to meet the needs of our chapter and over exceed how many hours we did this semester. Make phone calls to remind people about projects they signed up for as well as emails.

-Kat S: move to end questioning. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote by hand. Motion passes.

PRESIDENT:

CINDY: this semester, I tried to make service go beyond of what we've done. I want our LFS to be higher than ever. My thing is sunshine. As you know, I pledged EK, as pledge president. I have held service for two terms. I am independent and responsible. I've been president of GSL. I'm confident in speaking with everyone. I am open to change. My leadership style. I want more opinions from you guys. I want to see what you guys want and you lead the way for MZ. I want to encourage others to excel in whatever others are doing. I want people to work and take pride in their Excomm position. I'm a pretty happy person and hope that it carries to the rest of the chapter. I hope to have more leadership training workshop to help pledges and actives to excel in what they do. For Excomm retreat, I want to spread it over the summer. Cppc will include a lot of chapter & membership input of the future of APO. In understand that I will have appointed positions. I'm hoping to enrich our chapter and continue chapter history. Definitely want to work closely w/ leadership chair, more workshop and training to better people in APO. Will work closely w/ sectionals chair and pro so we can have closer ties w/ our IC brothers. It is late. End speech.

--Mark: what are your strengths and weaknesses? I'm pretty good at encouraging people to do well in what they do. I care for the chapter, my trust is there for you guys. I will not do anything to make people lose trust in me. I will keep give you guys hope for a positive outlook for APO. Weakness, I get shy when it comes to dark deep situations that may arise, but I am very careful. I take my time in thinking, look at both sides and try to see what is fair for everyone. it's a hard question, I don't think about it too much. Sometimes I get down easily if something may happen or people disappoint me, but I don't show it for the sake of everyone else.

--Sherman: you'd be president the semester before spring sectionals. How would that affect your presidency knowing sectionals is the semester after? I'm looking forward to it. I'm excited that we as mu zeta are hosting it. I want to gain IC networking. It will be a good learning experience. I don't see it as a difficult thing

--Pomp: In your committee, what are the do's and don'ts of managing? From my experiences, I'm more of an "ears" kind of person. I want people to take charge, but I will try to manage excom. I'm more of a communal family type person. I don't want to step there w/ a power trip or something. I want us to be a family. I won't boss you around because I'm not a bossy person. If there is a problem that excom shouldn't do, I will step in. Someone will have to put their foot down, I will if I have to.

--Brian: how will you ensure that meetings will end in a timely fashion? It's something that all excom will have to work on to provide more efficient, shorter meetings if that's what the chapter want. Will work w/ sergeant to make sure people come on time. Have more excited general meetings so you can get people here on time and start on time, so things can run smoothly

--Phil: can you be more specific during what you want done at excom retreat? It's a surprise where we're going. I want us to get to know each other. Hang out, chill. Nothing too overwhelming. Then, maybe we meet again to work on how to work well w/ each other. Learn more about your partner. Maybe another time to dig deeper and talk about what we want to do as excom, as a chapter. Don't want excom to get overwhelmed

--Brian: how well do you deal w/ conflict management? If they come to me, I will listen to them and try to find a good way to resolve the issue. Maybe present it to excom and see if we can deal w/ it w/in excom. If there's a personal issue between two people, I will encourage them to talk about it amongst each other. If they need help w/ an advisor, I will provide that. I will try to find the best way to get you guys to find solutions to your problems because I don't want that to be a drag on the chapter. I'm pretty sensitive w/ people's feelings. I try not to judge immediately. I will use the help of advisors, and if needed, will bring them in

--Pomp: you mentioned that your weakness was why. How will you overcome that weakness that might slow you down as president? I'm not afraid. I might need help from someone else w/ issues, but otherwise, I feel that I'm pretty confident in what I do to help you guys out as well. I don't like dealing w/ conflict, I'll try to deal w/ things in a timely manner because I know we shouldn't drag situations out, but I have excom, so I will communicate w/ everyone

--Mark: what will your schedule be like? I will have 12 units, nothing to me. I will cut down my work hours. I will make time. I'm moving up here, so I'm more accessible. I will make time, because this is an important position so I will make time for APO

-Pomp: you mentioned you don't want to be a part of conflict, as president you will be exposed to it. How will you handle it emotionally? I will handle it very carefully. Like I said, no one likes conflict. If I keep it in me, it will break us/me down. If there's a possible way to deal w/ it, I will deal w/ it as soon as possible because it's better for myself and the chapter. We should concentrate on the chapter. Take personal time for yourself, it's very important even if you're busy. I encourage you to take care of yourself. Have a day to chill, relax. Same for myself. You need it to stay healthy so we can do better in APO.

-Mel: What do you plan on doing to motivate excom? I will try to let everyone know that anything that arises in the chapter is very important and I strongly need excom to be there to help steer people in the right direction. I can only do so much to encourage you to be there, but if APO is in your heart and you want to do well, you'll be there

-Thomas: move to end question. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Motion passed.

Kingsley: These are your candidates. Please be there at banquet to vote.

#### Announcements

- Herman: Will be collecting money for Auctioned off pledge.
- Vinnie: Tomorrow 6-9pm Pledge skit practice.
- Karen: Buy Banquet tickets.
- Pomp: ICG in July. Volunteer sign up is lacking. This chapter hasn't shown representation. Sign up tonight on Erick's laptop. No last day to sign up online. [www.sficg.com](http://www.sficg.com)
- Sherman/Jan& Linelle/Sirena will auction themselves to help PC pledge class after meeting.

Muggings

Nikko motions to postpone muggings. Seconded by Amanda. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.