

**EPSILON GAMMA HOUSING CORPORATION  
BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY**



**FALL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2001**

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EGHC President Thomas Olver called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Those in attendance were: Phil Adler, EGHC vice president; Kevin Brockman, pledge education advisor; Willie Hilliker, district chief; Paul Koehn, risk management advisor; Thomas Olver, EGHC president; Scott Sawyer, asst. chapter counselor and Mark Valchine, chapter president.

Undergraduate Update – Brother Valchine provided an undergraduate update: 15 men were recruited and pledged for the fall semester, CMU is losing an average of one Greek organization per semester (Theta Chi most recently), the chapter has experienced a major attitude shift toward the positive, chapter attendance has improved, two Betas (Tom Parr and Kurt Landreth) serve on the IFC and the chapter recently raised money for new couches, DJ equipment and gravel for the parking lot. Valchine requested that next summer's planned renovations to the second floor be held off until 2003, allowing for completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovation and the repair and painting of the exterior.

Finance – Brother Adler reviewed the financial status of the corporation, including a full report of activities for fiscal '01 (08/01/00 through 07/31/01). Total revenues equaled \$44,089.05, including gifts, golf outing revenues, rent and utilities income, etc. Total expenses were \$39,309.69, including golf outing expenses, improvements and upgrades, renovations, insurance, loans, mortgage and taxes, and utilities. Total income less expenses equals \$4,779.36. Outstanding rent revenues for FY '02 were \$17,736.25 as of Oct. 13.

Communications – Those present reviewed the latest "For the Staunchest" chapter newsletter and [www.epsilongamma.org](http://www.epsilongamma.org). The EGHC commends Brother Scott Nadeau on a job well done and thanks him for his continued efforts. Communications Director Grenus was charged with the task of revising the EGHC by-laws at the annual meeting in June. A report will be forthcoming.

Activities – Dates for various chapter activities have been determined for 2001-02, including: Euchre Tournament, Feb. 16; and Pig Roast, April 20. An emphasis has been placed on the recruitment of alumni chairmen to work with the undergraduate chapter on these activities.

Fundraising – Brother Olver reported that no annual campaign had been conducted during FY '01, due to a vacancy in the director position. The golf outing did raise more

than \$3,000 for house renovations. Bob Seeber, Jr., has indicated an interest in joining the EGHC board as fundraising director.

Vice President – The Housing Allocation Committee requires that the chapter submit 14-signed leases to secure the house for 2002-03. There are eight signed leases as of Oct. 13. Check-in and accountability procedures continued to be implemented and improved.

President – Brother Olver discussed various educational initiatives involving undergraduate members that were sponsored by the EGHC and alumni members. Two undergraduates attended *The Institute for Men of Principle*, two attended the *Undergraduate InterFraternity Institute* and one attended the *Beta Wilderness Challenge*. Olver met with undergraduates on Friday, Oct. 12 to discuss lease signing. Director job descriptions continue to be developed. The nominating committee has submitted two names for the board of directors: Robert F. Seeber, Jr., and James N. Eschelbach.

Olver announced the creation of a Physical Plant Environment task force to be led by Vice President Adler. The task force has been asked to study various residential aspects including laundry and kitchen facilities, the overall academic environment, the effects of large group social functions on the physical plant, etc. A report will be forthcoming.

The board discussed ideas for the five-year Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) including the renovation of the second floor, completion of the third floor project, repair and painting (or siding) of the exterior, plumbing and electrical work, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

*\* Since the meeting, EGHC President Olver discussed the Seeber and Eschelbach nominations with directors Adler, Grenus and Makowski. All members voted in favor of the nominations. Olver has contacted Brothers Seeber and Eschelbach, and both have agreed to serve a three-year term.*