



Alpha Beta Gamma  
International Business Honor Society  
Chi Epsilon Chapter

Member Meeting Minutes 10/1/11

**Time:**

1:00pm

**Location:**

MAB139 Honors Suite at Southwest TN Community College Macon Cove Campus

**In Attendance:**

Marie Parker, President; Nathan Washington, Advisor; Victoria Smith, PR & Marketing;  
Members Justin Strafuss, John Crutcher, John Ayella, Chrystal Patterson, Debra Caldwell,  
Mary Tinkey, Camishia Payne, Warren Ransom

**Absent:**

LaQuisha Rucker-Fields, VP; Martha Gunter, Treasurer; Chastity McCray, Events Coordinator;  
Eddie Baker, Advisor

**Meeting:**

**Opening Notes:**

Marie Parker opened meeting by offering food which was provided by LaQuisha Rucker-Fields new business ULY's. ABG will be writing a \$50 check for her service.

**Item Collections:**

Camisha Payne brought in additional box tops; John Crutcher brought in soda tabs, box tops and Yoplait tops; Justin Stafuss brought in canned goods for the food bank; Chrystal Patterson is also noted for bringing 3 bags of canned goods for the food bank.

**Communications:**

Next she addressed any questions from members who had not received emails from her regarding location of the new honors suite or chapter updates.

The Honors Suite is the set location for any future chapter meetings and is open to ALL honors programs and is encouraged to be used by any members who are on campus and need a quiet location to study or network.

### **Funds Collected:**

Chrystal Patterson paid her dues (\$65.00) and also purchased 1 - LRG shirt (\$10.00). Mary Tinkey purchased 2 - XL shirts (\$15.00) and Warren Ransom purchased 2 - XXL shirts (\$15.00.)

### **Upcoming Events:**

Marie addressed the calendar of events for the October which is currently strained by the lack of locations for upcoming events. The Harvest Party originally scheduled at Senses nightclub on October 29th for all ages participation has been placed on hold due to Senses unavailability to underage functions.

Marie informed the chapter that Senses has recently been hit with economic setbacks and has been forced to downgrade the insurance coverage which no longer allows them to host underage guests in the club. Officers are currently reaching out to the Shelby Farms center to use their facility for October 29th. Marie has set October 7 as the deadline to confirm or deny this location before completely pulling this event off the calendar.

October 15, 2011 at 12pm is set for the next feed the homeless service at the Youth United with Senior Citizens facility at 1010 Faxon Memphis TN 38105.

October 26, 2011 is annual club day at the Macon Cove Campus. At least 4 members are needed to help man the booth throughout the day. A drawing will be held for a \$25.00 Fred's Super Dollar gift card. Chapter business cards and brochures for events will be available for potential new members to inquire about the society. Marie will also inquire with Patsy about the Virtual Reality game she used 2 years ago which drew high volumes to the chapter booth. A large bowl of candy will be on the table for anyone who stops by to pick up in honor of the upcoming Halloween festivities.

October 29, 2011 is the annual Race for the Cure event at Saddle Creek. This is the 12th plus year that ABG has participated. Members are asked to arrive at 6am meeting at the McDonalds parking lot just off Poplar and Germantown to walk down to the sign in booth for volunteers. All members are asked to wear the ABG shirts so the SBK foundation members know which organization you are with and where to send you should you arrive later in morning. The chapter responsibilities will not be known until arrival on the 29th.

### **Open Discussion:**

A poll of members present was taken to see how many members aspire to be entrepreneurs. A unanimous consensus was noted and discussion went into what types of business each would like to one day open and where they could gather information to start a small business in Memphis.

Where all the business ideas are confidential unless a member says to disclose, the Chi Epsilon chapter has extended a networking outlet for these people who wish to be entrepreneurs. Any members who are aspiring entrepreneurs and would like to bring in business cards and company service information to extend to members they are encouraged to do so. They are also encouraged to provide samples to members present to help build a network of followers and build a business that is successful. The chapter's motto has always been our members aren't just the future . . . they create it! And providing a network of entrepreneurs ABG helps build that future.

Plan to recognize a business ran by a chapter member during the semester at each chapter meeting. No fee, only recommend bring enough products for entire membership averages about 10 people per meeting.