

Zeta Pi Alumni Association Meeting

Minutes: February 24, 2026

Date: February 24, 2026	Location: Masonic Lodge + Google Meet
Start Time: 7:09 pm	End Time: 8:37 pm
Chair Mike Szettella (President)	Minutes: Mike Hoskins (Secretary)

I. Call to Order & Attendance

Attendees (Quorum met: 16 present of 31 current members; total 19)			
Mike Szettella	Chuck Surinck	Loren Appold	Josh Bischoff (Active)
Mike Hoskins	John Hendley (virtual)	Shawn Pence	Nate Miller
Ted Maier	Alex Zurawsky (virtual)	Justin Doescher (virtual)	Tristan Hoff (non-ZPAA)
Jeff Waite (virtual)	Jeff Haase (virtual)	Tyler Reynolds	Eric Berger
Cory Heck	Drew Waite	Ben Jones (non-ZPAA)	

- Unanimous consent approval of posted [1/27/26 minutes](#).

II. Officer Reports

- No President's Report
- No VP report, defer to committees
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Dues: 3 people have paid for the next 26-27 fiscal year.
 - Bank balance: \$17,657.41.
 - Income: \$9,767 received for Orchid Ball (as of 2/24/26)
 - Housing: carryover \$1,390; available this year \$1,830; deposit needed \$3,220.
 - Scholarship: carryover \$2,840; this year \$1,830; total \$4,670.

- Clarifications: Funds given to Actives for housing reimbursed from ZPAA housing account; Masonic Temple rental (\$960/year for up to 12 events) comes from housing.
- Accounts: four bank accounts (housing checking/savings; alumni association checking/savings); implementing buckets for scholarship, housing, Orchid Ball, and event budgets; general fund covers events/admin/taxes.
- Transparency: Spreadsheet accounting to be included with monthly minutes; aim for forensic accounting and clear allocation buckets.

	2023			2024			2025			2026		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning Cash	2,353.86	2,353.86		6,569.25	6,569.25		10,148.06	10,148.06		10,388.25	10,388.25	
Paid Members	30	32		30	32		30	30.5		30	3	
Total Dues	7,200.00	7,680.00		7,200.00	7,680.00		7,200.00	7,320.00		7,200.00	720.00	
Total Available	9,553.86	10,033.86	(480.00)	13,769.25	14,249.25	(480.00)	17,348.06	17,468.06	(120.00)	17,588.25	11,108.25	6,480.00
Housing	-	-		1,920.00	1,460.00	460.00	2,380.00	960.00	1,420.00	3,220.00		3,220.00
Scholarship	-	-		1,920.00	500.00	1,420.00	3,340.00	500.00	2,840.00	4,670.00		4,670.00
Poker		(263.86)	263.86		(299.00)	299.00		(101.62)	101.62		207.64	(207.64)
Baseball	720.00	715.00	5.00	720.00	465.19	254.81	720.00	680.50	39.50	720.00		720.00
Golf	720.00	(75.29)	795.29	720.00	830.00	(110.00)	720.00	1,746.38	(1,026.38)	720.00		720.00
Other		-			-			(258.85)	258.85		(6,401.46)	6,401.46
Admin Expenses	2,160.00	3,088.76	(928.76)	2,160.00	1,145.00	1,015.00	2,160.00	3,553.40	(1,393.40)	2,160.00		2,091.43
Ending Balance	5,953.86	6,569.25	(615.39)	6,329.25	10,148.06	(3,818.81)	8,028.06	10,388.25	(2,360.19)	6,098.25	17,657.41	(11,559.16)
		6,569.25			10,148.06			10,388.25			17,657.41	
		0.00			-			(0.00)			(0.00)	
Orchid Ball												
Deposit/fees								(1,045.15)			(1,274.69)	
Paid Attendees								1,304.00			7,935.00	
								258.85			6,660.31	
Admin												
Pig Roast								(1,871.63)				
L Waters - Hats/Other		(4,669.00)						(1,151.58)				
Other								(530.19)				
								(3,553.40)				
Donation											423.91	
Balance less Orchid Ball								10,129.40			10,997.10	

- Secretary's Report:
 - SigmaPiOakland.com was down Feb 9-10 due to unpaid Bluehost renewal invoice by Doug. Resolved with \$22.19 payment on ZPAA card; invoices now being sent directly to us for next Jan. 2027 payment. Working with Doug + Bluehost to complete full transfer to ZPAA control with Hoskins continuing as site manager.
 - Documents updated on website, included properly footnoted [Aug 2024 bylaws](#) and new [ZPAA Actions document](#).

III. Committees

Events (Cory Heck)

Poker Night Jan. 31) Masonic Lodge in Rochester Attendance: 8 (+3 non-players)	<input type="checkbox"/> Event held at Rochester Masonic Temple basement; lower turnout than last year but successful.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Winners: Nate (1st), Jeff Haas (2nd); both donated back; Ted holds envelope/receipts of \$207.64. <input type="checkbox"/> Next year: Saturday before the Super Bowl, same venue (contingent on rental).
<p>Orchid Ball (Friday, March 13) San Marino Club Troy, Michigan 7 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance push with 5 days remain until RSVP deadline; minimum spend requires 121 paid attendees; Confirmed ~90 total as of 2/24 mtg; ZPAA will cover any shortfall. Hoskins shared ZPAA Master Roster with Orchid Ball 2026 attendance tab to help drive attendance. <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Sage to attend so low turnout could reflect poorly. <input type="checkbox"/> DJ secured and included with Scott Andrews providing invoice to ZPAA <input type="checkbox"/> Commemorative ornament gift for all OB attendees + '26 ZPAA members. Cost covered by Hoskins, not ZPAA funds. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage booking the hall under the chapter's name to use chapter tax ID for Michigan sales tax exemption (~6%); Waters has tax ID; Alcohol service liability primarily on hall but chapter coverage preferred. <input type="checkbox"/> Memorabilia/regalia/inventory to be coordinated by Cory/Heck/Hoskins. Include AoH table with photos. Many historic paddles, composites missing; use ZPAA Inventory Sheet to track items and keep updated.

Scholarship Committee: (John Hendley)

- Applications: 4 received initially incomplete; allowed resubmission by Feb 2; 3 resubmitted completed apps. Committee will hold three 30-minute interviews March 6; decision expected shortly after with plans to announce at Orchid Ball; no immediate check required at ceremony.
- TBD by committee status of next cycle for March 15-April 15, 2026 applicants.

- Committee reiterated disappointment in lack of applicants, ability to complete apps or to follow directions on process. Cited miscommunication as some reasons for actives not completing apps according to published rules.
- Membership concerns about the application process not being efficient, despite simple 2–2.5 page app w/13 basic fields. [ZPAA Scholarship Application](#) posted on org’s website. Discussion on Scholarship applications and review process, and whether it’s clear or functioning as it should.
- Active incoming sage Josh Bischoff and Chapter Director Tyler Reynolds invited Scholarship Chair/Cmmtte to attend Chapter meetings to discuss opps.

Active Chapter Updates

- Recent Eboard elections held; Current Active membership: ~18–19 (started academic year at 10); aiming to grow next year. 8 bids accepted in winter, though 5 remain after self-drops.
- National balance paid in full for first time in 6 years; scholarships supporting recruitment.
- Rebuilding relationships with school and campus orgs; 2 two upcoming socials; planning a joint event with Ferris State Chapter.
- Fundraiser: selling park tickets at \$35 with shared proceeds; planning a summer BBQ at the house; considering ways to improve Pig Roast.

IV. Business

- Hoskins read submitted motion to amend standing rules: “25% of annual dues are allocated to housing, 25% to scholarship, 50% to ZPAA general budget. Any unspent balances will roll over annually and can only be reallocated for other purposes by membership majority vote. 2nd by Hendley.
 - Aim: to codify fund-use and expand documentation of intended fund purposes. Scholarship Committee seeks consistent balance reporting, as is now provided by Treasurer. Members raised concern about accumulating scholarship funds and need for clearer dispersal criteria.
 - Szettella expressed concern about money rolling over if it’s not spent by scholarship. Moved by Szettella for unanimous consent, 2nd by Ted. Approved 16-0.

V. Announcements/Open Forum:

- National's Founder's Day Gathering was planned for two days after ZPAA mtg, on 2/26 at Red Ox Tavern. Some brothers plan to attend for networking, but Actives have a social the same night.
- Closing and Creed.