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# Phi Kappa Tau

## Parent Club Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes

Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Hello Parents!

My name is Annette Ezzell and I am the newly appointed President of the PKT Parent Club. Yes, we have a Parent's Club! Although in existence for many years, participation had fallen off until last spring when a group of parents decided it was time to rejuvenate our club. The purpose of the Parent Club is to support our boys in their fraternity with encouragement, fundraising and communication with the Board of Governors & Housing Corporation. We will do this by providing information and organize activities for parents who want to be involved with their sons in the fraternity. We do this through fundraising activities that provide additional resources for items needed there at the house or for the boys to that may not be a budget item. We are also there to just enjoy time with our sons and support their activities and would love for all of you to get involved as well!

Meetings are held twice a year in the fall and spring on Dad's Day and Mom's Day. Dates will be posted and set by the OSU calendar and can be found on the chapter website as well. Other activities may be organized as agreed to by membership. I could not find any prior minutes from meetings or by-laws but will have some guidelines to present at the Fall meeting. For the current slate of officers, I have agreed to step in as President and I have two other parents who have graciously agreed to help me in the following positions:

Secretary: Shelly Brewer  
Treasurer: Jenny Faust

We are still looking for additional parents to help and join our team of officers! If you are interested please e-mail the parent club at: [parentclub@pktbk.com](mailto:parentclub@pktbk.com). Because most parents live outside of Stillwater, nearly all communication is through newsletters on the chapter website (<https://www.pktbk.com/parents-club/>), e-mail or phone calls.

Minutes of the meetings will be posted in these newsletters. Please go to the Chapter website or Facebook pages (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/301877009831038> and <https://www.facebook.com/PKTBK/>) for updates and information on fraternity and parent club news and activities. General information regarding Greek Life at OSU can be found at the following link: <http://gogreek.okstate.edu> Take time to click on each tab on the chapter website and read through all the information.

Last spring we held our first meeting during Mom's Day on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The boys provided a beautiful rose for each Mom as well as coffee and donuts! We then had group and individual Mom's Day photos taken on campus and then came back to the house to a great lunch. It was back-to-back fun as Spring Sing was the same day and some of our boys were chosen to participate!

Meeting Call to Order: 12:00 pm

Old Business: None

New Business: The Parents Club has reorganized and will conduct two meetings a year during Dad's Day and Mom's Day. We will hold two fundraising activities during each of those meetings. We had a Silent Auction on Mom's Day which was successful but would like to see more participation and encourage parents to plan auction items and bid knowing that this is a fundraiser. We will provide more information in the upcoming month but start thinking of things that you can bring to the auction.

We also donated cards of encouragement that parents could fill out that day and were given to their sons by the House Mom during finals for encouragement.

Next meeting: Saturday, September 23, 2017; time TBA. Check the website and FB pages regularly!

Meeting Adjournment: 1:00 pm



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Please consider bringing some of these items when your son moves to the house, if you are in the area or on Dad's Day, Homecoming, Mom's Day or other times that you may be in town and stop by:

SNACKS: (they eat a lot of food and sometimes, would love to have snacks that can be set out by the House Mom). Some suggestions are Sam's or Costco size boxes of snack bars, granola bars, popcorn, individual-size bags of chips, nuts, sunflower seeds, tootsie pops, gum, licorice, snack-size candy bars, beef jerky, etc...

Check the Parent Club website for THE HOUSE NEEDS WISH LIST. There are items that are worn out or get damaged throughout the year and need to be replaced. It may be that some parents are associated with businesses or own businesses that can donate items or may have access to items that are needed and can contact the Housing Corporation if interested in helping with any of those needs.

Monetary donations can be sent anytime to the chapter address or on the Donate Now link on the website (<https://www.pktbk.com>); just add Attn: Parent Club on the envelope or complete the comment section on PayPal. The club has a bank account and deposits into the account are from fundraising activities of the club, financial donations by members or other generous relatives and friends. The funds that we raise are for the boys and the house.

Because we are primarily organized to be a support system to our sons, we always welcome suggestions. We hope to coordinate with the new House Mom and you can always send or drop off OSU items or various decorations for the house. If you have extra OSU items (wall décor, game day items, etc...) please feel free to drop them off at the house as well.

We look forward to a great year and welcome all parents to *join us at the Dad's Day meeting and silent auction!* It is only a month away so start planning for items to donate. I will post information in a separate note as to the silent auction. We need auction items to make it successful. If anyone has contact to get rounds of golf at one of the local courses, Spa or shopping gift certificates to local businesses, gift cards, create a themed gift basket, OSU memorabilia, blankets, game day chairs, iPads, Bluetooth speakers, headphones, OSU or Phi Tau specialty items,...use your imagination! The goal is to RAISE MONEY! and have FUN!! We will once again decorate the tables and set up a sign-in table with notecards for you to write out for your son that will be given out by the House Mom at a later time.

Please have a value and description on your item (s) when you bring them on the evening before or morning of the silent auction. This year, we will start out with a minimum Bid amount on each item and then an incremental bid amount. The goal is not to get them for as little as possible but to have a BIDDING WAR! And make lots of money for our club so that we can use the funds to do something special for our sons and the fraternity.

\*\*\*Do yourself a favor and make sure that your son keeps the chapter billing system (<https://www.legfi.com>) updated. You can also set up a Bank Account or Credit Card for payment and it will make your life easier if this is done ahead of time! A very easy and simple way to pay housing and meals. Make sure your emails are in your sons profile so you receive all communications!

Again, feel free to reach out to the parent club via e-mail and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Annette and the Parent Club Team!

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