*Feather River Community College District*

**Alpha Psi Zeta**

Regular Business Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**: A regular meeting of the Alpha Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was held in Science 101 on October 23, 2015. The meeting convened at 1:30 PM by Kelly Williamson, Alpha Psi Zeta President.

**Members in attendance:** Will Anderson, Emil Brewer, Matthew Trenner, Taylor Lynn Brandon, Devina Cash, Brianna Ely, Cara Robinette, Matt Dougan, Mystery Brown, Shelby Stalians, Noah Vargas

**Public Present:** None

**Public Testimony:** None

**Agenda & Minutes approval:** Approved; Minutes from September, approved.

**Agenda:**

1. **Winter coat drive**

* Coat rack outside of Eagles Perch or Science building … *TBD*
* Donations go to Katie
* Gloves, coats, etc.
* Free to the students
* Through November, possibly through end of semester depending on supply/need

1. **Scholarships**

* Everyone should investigate which are available
* Most Fall applications close Dec. 1; pay attention to Spring 2016 deadlines
* FRC foundation scholarship now open; closes December 15th

1. **District Summit Meeting at Truckee Meadows** (Discussed by Kelly)
2. **Regional Conference in Sacramento report** (Discussed by Will)

* Sent 3 officers to the conference – Will, Alice, and Kelly
* Funded through receipt of Foundation mini-grant
* Future: we want to send non-officer members along with officers
* How to run a good chapter (issues, members, conflicts)
* Break-out sessions were valuable and beneficial especially information about leadership skills and how to grow a chapter
* Conference is a great place for networking and learning from other chapters
* Most impactful was the communication section: Getting other members’ input; making members feel like they are benefiting from PTK programs. Leadership skills are also passed on to other members by example.
* Another theme was participation: What we can learn from each other: Homework help, support systems, networking, friendships. Community projects and non-academic stuff are ways to promote fellowship: “we are all in this together”

1. **Honors in Action**

* PTK’s research project – main academic component of the organization, opportunity for chapter international recognition, two year cycle.
* Officers last year pick community needs around health care topic, particularly the needs of seniors in rural communities.
* Conferences have offered workshops on HIA projects
* A chapter that completes an HIA project is eligible for significant recognition which is important for all chapter members in their scholarship opportunities.

1. **College Project** (Discussed by Noah )

* PTK is supporting efforts to create a safe space and/or resource center for students. This includes supporting the creation of the new Associated Students club, **Student Alliance For Equality (SAFE)** which will hopefully serve as a vehicle for identifying and creating a physical location for students to go when they need support.
* Goals: focus is on social aspect and resource referral; SAFE is a group to promote equality for all marginalized groups on campus. It sees itself as “being there” for students who need help. There are no membership requirements other than accepting others and their right to feel safe on campus and in accessing educational opportunities.
* The group will be going to the LGBTQ conference at Chico State on Dec. 5: “Equality without Exclusion.” Students will attend workshops and meet with members of GSEC and the Stonewall Alliance about scheduling speakers for FRC in the spring. O
* Community building activities the group is exploring include: Support regional events such as Susanville Gay Pride Walk; let people know that there is a safe place for them and support available
* Still looking into a safe place location on campus. This will be the biggest challenge. This is where the PTK College Project comes in – continuous collaboration with campus administration on establishing a physical location for this group and students.
* Next meeting, Nov. 18 in Science 108

1. **Social Media Update:** Students should post news and events on Facebook page. Katie is maintaining webpage, so contact her if you have any suggestions.
2. **Chapters United** ( Kelly)

* Butte College (Chico Creek clean-up was in Spring 2015). Kelly is in touch with Belinda at Butte and the plan is for the Butte chapter to come to Quincy in April to help with the hospital project.
* We will be sending letters to member closer to the date to get more member involvement

1. **Service Projects**

* Animal shelter
* Hours 11-1, 1-3 MON-SAT

1. **Community connections**

* We would like to see members helping out with this in the community
* Ties in with our honors in action project
* (Mystery): high percent of elderly people “ It’s not about the quantity of life , it’s about the quality”
* opportunities to help include raking leaves: our only elderly home closed so the elderly generation is in desperate need for help

1. **Fall Induction Ceremony** (Discussed by Cara)

* When: Nov 20th in LRC 105
* Attire: Causal but professional
* Speaker: Kathleen O’Bryant, former FRC PTK member who has life experience
* Refreshments: catered by Eagles Perch (Kelly)
* Candles, program, flowers (Katie)
* Agenda/Script: Cara, Will, Kelly

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Next meeting will be Nov. 20 following the induction ceremony.