2019 - 2020
Kettering Delta Chi

A. Initiation

Selection Process:

The vice president, Rachel Zaprawa, had the pleasure of working with the registrar's office at Kettering University to gather a list of students eligible to apply for the Kettering Delta Chi chapter of Pi Tau Sigma based off the issued requirements. Upon receiving this list Rachel sent a congratulatory email informing the recipients that they were eligible to apply. She then scheduled an information session on November 6th, 2019 where the E-board met eligible students and informed them of details on the chapter and how to apply.

Once the applications were submitted the E-board reviewed them to choose who would be accepted. Some eligible student applications were declined due to poorly answered questions and lack of leadership, engineering ability, integrity, and scholarship service. Congratulation letters were sent out to those accepted to inform them of the details of initiation.

Requirements From Initiates:

Other than completing the application process, initiates were required to attend the ceremony and pay dues at the ceremony conclusion. Initiates were expected to dress appropriately for this formal occasion and participate in the initiation process as needed.

Initiation Ceremony and Rituals:

The ceremony was held on December 19th, 2019 in the Campus Center of Kettering University. A total of 34 initiates were escorted into the room and seated in alphabetical order. The president, Ryan Messock, and vice president, Rachel Zaprawa, sat at a candle lit table and read from scripture. A presentation explained the society colors, bent, and fundamental canons. Initiates were asked to recite words and signed the roll book. After the ceremony, initiates stayed after to pay dues and allow the E-board to collect their information.

B. Chapter Activities

Events

Convention Conference

President Ryan Messock attended the Pi Tau Sigma National Convention on January 31st through February 1st, 2020 at Rochester Institute of Technology. Ryan participated in many events and networked with many people. He received great ideas and feedback on how to make our chapter more active. These suggestions included activities for the society, as well as membership ideas.

Professional Speakers

Pi Tau Sigma, and Kettering University as a whole, is always looking for interesting professionals to come and talk to students about possible careers outside of academia. Professor Echempati, the Kettering Delta Chi academic advisor, helped to facilitate a talk with Dr. Jody Hall from the American Iron and Steel Institute. This talk was open to all members of Pi Tau Sigma, as well as to students of higher-level materials

classes that were not part of the society. This talk was promoted around the school and helped to spread the message of Pi Tau Sigma and inform more students about the society. This talk was very informational and helped to inspire myself and others about possible careers choices after graduation. More of these talks were planned for the spring 2020 term, however they were unfortunately postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meetings

Member Meetings

On November 6th, 2019 the E-board organized an information session for students eligible to apply for Pi Tau Sigma. Here the attendees learned about the dues, what they received with becoming a member, what Kettering Delta Chi participates in, and other information.

On May 7th, 2019 the E-board hosted a final meeting to talk about graduation, pass out more cards/certificates/shirts/bents, and elect a new E-board. The new E-board consists of Donovan Hoffman (President), Laura Lund (Vice President), Cavanaugh Penberthy (Treasurer), Levi Bischer (Corresponding Secretary), and Amelia Ostdiek (Recording Secretary).

E-board Meetings

On November 12th, 2019 the E-board held its first meeting as a new group to talk about the upcoming terms, specifically fall term, and initiation.

An E-board meeting was held on May 20th, 2020 the E-board held a meeting to discuss the chapters response to COVID-19 and how to handle elections in a virtual environment. As well as to discuss issues with the purchasing of graduation regalia as the Kettering University spring commencement as postponed due to the pandemic.

An E-board meeting was held on June 3, 2020 as a turnover meeting from 2019-2020 E-board to 2020-2021 E-board. At this meeting, each representative talked about their roles and made suggestions for the new representatives.

C. Other

2019-2020 E-board Members
President: Ryan Messock
Vice President: Rachel Zaprawa
Treasurer: Rachel Brown
Corresponding Secretary: Jason Green
Recording Secretary: Jason Green

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