Organization for Campus Women  
November 12, 2014  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
2200 Centennial Hall


Karmin welcomed the Steering Committee at 3:30.

Minutes from 10/15/14 were approved. MSP

Announcements
The table for tomorrow’s YWCA dinner, November 13 is full.

Monthly Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**: Pamela reported that expenses of $189 were spent on mugs; $5.00 for the Spring Symposium 2014 DVD; and $495 deposited for membership dues.
  - Karmin received an email this week telling her that funds for social events must come from the SFO. They will allow us to get by for our winter social in December as an exception. Karmin asked the group if we could start a “petty cash” fund for future purchase of small items such as food and beverages for social events? Jaralee pointed out that SFO is not university funds and therefore an order for food should not be required. Discussion to continue around this complicated subject.

- **Book Club**: *Brain on Fire* won in the poll. No date has been set yet, but we are looking at a book club talk in January 2015.

Events

- **Membership drive**: 41 members are currently on the list. Seven members are new. Twenty-seven mugs were sold, and the student pottery club made $189.00. The international students enjoyed sharing their coffee and tea customs.

- **WWHEL Conference**: Pamela Morris and Deanna Wachter attended the 2014 WWHEL Conference at the Gateway Tech College on Lake Michigan, an opportunity offered by the generosity of the Provost’s office. It was a very positive experience to be with women, hear about the issues in higher ed, listen to the key speaker and breakout sessions, and make contacts. WWHEL is constructing a history of women in higher ed. There was apparently a group of powerful women in WI who were at the time fighting...
for pay equity. Was this connected to the origins of OCW? The archives of OCW are at Murphy Library in Special Collections. WWHEL has a leadership opportunity: the Board is offering three associate positions: one from a tech school (already filled), one from a UW system school, and one from a private school. The positions would rotate on a three year basis.

- **Holiday Social**: Kate (Oganaski) Noelke, who has her own business of holiday treats, has agreed to set up a fundraising table to sell orders of her holiday treat boxes at the holiday social, and give 10% to OCW. For a detailed version of what she offers, see Karmin. Other items to consider for the Holiday Social include:
  - **Collection for homeless infants**: “Hygiene for the Homeless” is a program by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. They are collecting baby wipes, socks, towels, etc. and basic hygiene items for babies and mothers. A collection box will be set up at the holiday social.
  - **For Goodness Sake**: A request came in for the OCW to consider adopting a family or individual and contribute to their wish list? The group decided to adopt a family. We will have a jar for donations and a box for donations at the holiday social.
  - **Child Care Center singers**: The singers will show at 11:30 a.m. Karmin is hoping that a jazz group will also be present.
  - **Door prizes**: We will have a few door prizes. Anyone who wants to donate a door prize is welcome to. Jaralee has asked if people have gently used books to bring them and she will have gift bags on hand. Winners must be present to claim their gift. A time will be announced.
  - **Symposium**: The group made an official decision to invite Jodi Vandenberg-Daves for the guest speaker to speak about her book *Modern Motherhood*. Date to come.

**Self-Sufficiency Program**: We will pick up serving meals once a month for the SSP program starting in February. A google doc will be set up for sign up.

**Fundraising Ideas**: Karmin has some creative ideas for fundraising (fashion shows from local businesses, nail art, etc) but is also looking for other ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Holford-Talpe