OCW Minutes Feb. 13, 2014

Members present:
Teri Talpe
Karen Lange
Maureen Wilson
Sharie Brunk
Brenda Leahy
Karmin Van Domelen
Michelle Stertz
Pamela Morris
Jude Harrington
Lema Kabashi
Shelle Gholson
Sue Lee
Jaralee Richter

President Teri Talpe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes were approved from the 12/13/13 meeting.

Teri made several announcements:
- OCW received a thank you from the Humane Society for our holiday contributions.
- Kjerstin Lang sent a thank you note and baby photo of Ilah Mae.
- Deb Hoeth has left UW-L and will be working at the Department of Transportation.
- OCW received a WWHEL $500 check. Sharie Brunk volunteered to take Deb’s position as WWHEL coordinator. The check goes toward a WWHEL leadership conference in the fall. Ingrid Iverson went to the conference last year. Jaralee Richter went a couple of years ago. See the WWHEL website at http://www.wwhel.org to get details. The Provost Office typically helps fund travel costs for 5-6 people for the event.

Scholarships applications are due Feb. 15. Sharie Brunk will pull things together for this. Anyone interested in serving on the scholarship committee should connect with Sharie. Sara Olson can get links for scholarships applications. Heather Jett is interested in serving on the committee.

Treasury Report. Pamela Morris updated the group on the budget. Digicopy still has not billed us $25 for the Girl Rising posters. Nor have we received invoices for food for the holiday event. Karmin and Pamela will look into this with Business Services and report back to us. Pamela has updated the Foundation account with Cookie Off funds. Balance now: $1,117. She will put $500 into restricted account.

We will apply for a grant for $500 from the Provost Office for our Spring Symposium. Assistant History Professor Ariel Beaujot will speak on being more informed consumers, including historical influences on how we purchase. The symposium will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Cameron Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall. We can pay the speaker with EOP funding or may give her a gift certificate. $100 was suggested. Shelle and Teri will talk with the speaker on this.

Pamela and Shelle will work on how we pay the speaker if we go with the EOP option. Megan in the HR Office can help with EOP. The speaker will start at noon and speak for approximately 45 minutes. Then we will have Q&A. We may include Infused water. Buffet costs typically run $9-$10 per person through Sodexo. We will publicize the event and ask that those attending RSVP. We will pay $5 for attendees and charge them $5.
Michelle discussed the **spring newsletter**. She will work on it during the spring break and plans to include information on the Cookie Off, the holiday social, scholarships and the Feb. 14 yoga retreat. If anyone has information to include in the newsletter get it to Michele by March 14.

**Bi-law revision:** We are reviewing the language in our by-laws to be more inclusive and gender neutral. Shelle is heading a committee on this and will report back to the group at the next meeting. Contact her if you want to help.

We will provide meals for the **Self Sufficiency Program** this semester. The first meal will be at around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department area, 4th floor, Centennial Hall. Because of spring break, the March 18 meal is being moved to March 25.

Jaralee updated us on the **OCW Book Club**. She will email everyone with a Doodle survey to pick a book and date. Suggested books are: “The Paris Wife,” “The Gold Finch,” “I am a Malala,” “The Light Between Oceans,” and “The Invention of Wings.”

Other updates:
Anyone who wants to nominate someone for the **Woman of Color in Education Award** should contact Barbara Stewart by no later than Wednesday, Feb. 19.

There will be a session on **Universal Design** in Cartwright Center. Contact Campus Climate for details.

Pamela is involved with the “**Eyes Wide Open: This is Media**” film and discussion to be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 3:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

Our next meeting is set for **11 a.m. Thursday, March 13**.

Respectfully submitted,

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