

Minutes September 24, 2008

Members present: Geraldine Hughes, Vicki Hansen, Kim Storm, Pauline Nuhring, Sunshine Carter, Sandy Zimmer, Linda Klint, Kim Riordan, Deborah Petersen-Perman, Joanne Itami, Susana Pelayo-Woodward

1. Minutes from 9/9/08 are tabled until next meeting.

## **2. Committee reports**

### **A. Program**

No report—everything is set up for the near future. Gallery of grants needs some attention if it's going to be held in November.

### **B. Grants**

A couple of grants have been received. The committee will likely review grants via email.

### **C. Climate**

1. Climate committee has met. Discussed possibility of a spring semester Campus Café (February?). Discussion about doing a student version of a campus café in order to gain feedback from students.

2. It was noted that the IT grant made the Duluth News Tribune, as well as UM Briefs.

3. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding UMD's Children's Place. It appears the parent advisory committee has fallen apart. Commission discussed the need for transparency in decision making. This was a major theme from the climate café held last spring (transparency). Sunshine and a group of other parents plan to meet in the coming weeks. Kim will be meeting with Jen (director) and Mary Ann (faculty liaison to the childcare center) on Oct. 14.

### **D. Ad hoc**

Deborah reminded members about upcoming dates.

### **E. By laws and web pages**

Nothing of note to report

## **3. Report from Treasurer**

Geraldine gave an overview of the updates to the budget.

## **4. Old business**

a. Creative showcase—tabled for this week

b. Susana reports that she's gotten some bids on using a variety of acrylic frames for the bathroom posters. Apparently facilities management doesn't do free estimates for work that is being requested. We don't know how much the posters will cost to be installed. Perhaps they will do it for free.

c. Truffles will be at the next meeting. We need help delivering these!

5. New business – none

6. Adjourn (1:15)