

Commission on Women Minutes for 3/30/05

Members present: Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Denise Cater, Martha Eberhart, Jane Hovland, Joy Michalicek, Amy Meredith, Maribeth Overland

Members excused: Cindy Christian, Stacey Stark, Mary Cameron

I. Minutes for the Commission on Women from 3/9/05 approved as amended--correct the spelling of Martha's first name, correct Jane Hovland's email.

II. No report from Budget & Grants Committee

III. Update on Child Care

Full-time costs \$31/day; Tuesdays & Thursdays costs \$46/day. Jane mentioned that a woman she knows pays \$18/day. Obviously, our center is very costly. Part time care does cost more at other centers, but this is very high. The Child Care Advisory Board is setting up a scholarship fund. The Center is finished and licensed. There are currently five kids enrolled. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 4/15 at 10 a.m. The question was raised if retired CW members will be invited to the open house. Hours of service may be changed. The playground will be going in this summer.

IV. Update on By-Laws

Five people have been nominated to serve on the Commission: Lisa ZumHofe, Amy Renne (CSE), Kim Reardon and Brenda Butterfield (CEHSP), Sally Nelson--BU/CS (LSBE).

Our messages regarding membership are being treated as SPAM. Lots of people are not getting the election information. Denise will send the messages to dspp and dspp will send via ddd and bus ann. We need to do a follow-up re: mailing.

V. Update on Leadership

The last session was scheduled for 4/5 from 7:30-11:30. Participants will develop a leadership plan. We have selected certificate forms and language to use on them. There have been different levels of participation among the cohort. They are each on a unique position regarding their individual journeys. The budget for this program was \$1000. We should do some PR on the success of this effort. DPP will draft a press release noting year-end highlights. Bring cameras to the luncheon! We will put the CW luncheon on the U calendar.

VI. Update on Programming

DPP has re-sent the Linda Larson announcement.

VII. Update on Student Outreach--no update. DPP will no longer include this item on the agenda until the fall when we will begin planning our fall event.

VIII. Women's Leadership Institute

Denise received a call from Deanne Bonebright.

We discussed the level of interest in WLI on our campus. There is interest here for something to be happening HERE on THIS campus. We discussed our Leadership program from this past semester. We decided that 12 participants seems to be the right size for a cohort. We would welcome the opportunity to share resources with WLI. Past and present WLI cohort members could alert us to those opportunities. We will certainly share notice.

IX. Round the Room/AOB

Joy reported that the house at 815 Woodland is available for transitional housing.

Jane reported that the Pharmacy and Medical School's mentoring program on Writing Strategies has been very helpful. They've noted differences between women and men in their writing styles.

On 4/25 there will be a noontime panel on Sexual Assault Awareness. Stay tuned for more details.

The Baeumler Kaplan Holocaust Commemoration continues with a film on 4/16 at 7 in Bohannon 90: Ghosts of Rwanda. There will be a post-film discussion facilitated by Drs. Njoki Kamau and Nkasa Yelengi. Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman and Rwandan refugee and genocide survivor Eugenie Mukeshimana will be the featured speakers for this year's commemoration. They will present on April 18 at 4:30 in Chem 200.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Petersen-Perlman