

Commission on Women Minutes for 3/22/06

Members excused: Denise Cater, Joy Michalick, Cindy Christian, Kim Riordan

Members present: Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Jane Hovland, Lisa ZumHofe, Linda Klint, Martha Eberhart, Susana Pelayo-Woodward, Stacey Stark

I. Minutes: MSC (Lisa, Linda)

II. Updates on Ellie Schoenfeld: UPDATE—dspp spoke with ES on 3/24. ES has agreed to present for \$200. The group recommended we explore adding Kathy McTavish to the program so that she could accompany Ellie by playing the cello while ES reads/performs. Future speakers suggested included Ellie Najbar from CSS, Beth Bartlett and her trio, Karen Keenan, as well as others identified in previous CW minutes.

III. Updates on Post Card—THANKS to Cindy and Martha for their great work. We all agreed it looks good. Dspp asked Cindy to send it out right away.

IV. Updates on logo—Clair Walter Marchetti promised we'd have something to review soon. Dspp received an email from her last week saying that CWM's student graphic designer would be working on a design for us this week. Dspp will check the status of the design with CWM next week.

V. Updates on luncheon—none at this time.

VI. Updates on Take Our Children to Work—Susana said her student workers were sending out letters to workshop providers to help build the program. Jane mentioned that folks in the Med School have developed Brain Awareness outreach programs which might serve as an effective workshop. Dspp will emcee on 4/27. WRAC has not yet invited a speaker, although they have someone in mind.

VII. Updates on letter to Greg—dspp sent the letter 3/8, but has not yet had a reply. Dspp will send the letter on letterhead.

VIII. Any Other Business/Round the room

A. Elections—Joy forwarded the name of Joanne Gerber from Continuing Education as a CS BU rep. Joanne has agreed to run. Julie Etterson had said she was interested in representing CSE. Susan Hudec will join us as a CSNBU rep. We all need to promote the open positions among those we know.

B. Leadership— An informal lunch session on 3/21 generated some interesting discussion regarding the time commitment involved in the program, extending the program in the fall, and possibly making the program a yearlong commitment. The group shared ideas about how to improve the program. We will address some of these ideas at our spring retreat (this hasn't yet been set, but we expect it will be in May).

C. Bathroom posters—Susana distributed some sample posters for our perusal. A couple of members expressed a preference for one large poster which addressed drinking and violence. Susana mentioned that they will be able to use different posters in different bathrooms.

D. Baeumler Kaplan Events take place the first week and a half in April—the keynote speaker, Dr. Sabina Zimering will present on Thursday, April 6 from 4-6 in the Weber. Signed copies of her book will be available for sale. Prior to her presentation, from 3:30-4:00 pianist Alexander Chernyshev and cellist Betsy Husby will perform selections of Jewish music. A film, “The Nazi Officer’s Wife” will be shown Sunday, April 2 from 7:30-9:30 in the Weber. A facilitated discussion will follow. Tuesday, April 11 from 7:30-8:30 in 142 Medical School, Dr. Pat Ward will present a photo essay about his tour of Auschwitz. This is part of the Doc Talks series.

E. The second part of Race: The Power of an Illusion was presented in Campus Center 120 from 4-5:30. The third part will be held on Wednesday, April 5 in SCC 120 from 4-5:30.

F. Women’s History month events continue through the end of March.

G. Latin American events will be held starting this weekend and continue through to the Fiesta on Saturday, April 22.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Petersen-Perlman, Chair