

Women's committee meeting
August 19, 2009

Attendance: Diane, Evie, Anna, Steph, Amy, Alison
MRF 204

Treasurer – still waiting for graphics charge on the duplicating account. Diane emailed Molly this morning to ask her about it. Balance is \$1197.44.

Post –doc picnic today – for some it is the last day. Nothing planned until October when there is the post-doc symposium. They are planning a coffee with speaker/s for post-docs when a ship comes in.

Buy Green Buy Local – Becky is pretty busy until October. Diane will check the room scheduler to see when Clark 507 is available, but people like the idea of having it on October 1 or October 8. Anna will ask Jessie what her availability is for the first two Thursdays in October. The Falmouth farmer's market runs through October 15.

Idea of providing food at the seminar – Anna will talk to Jessie Gunnard about that.

When we have a date, Amy will email Diane Murphy/Sea Grant with the dates to see if she would be interested and available to talk to us about aquaculture.

When we have a date, Steph will ask services about a shuttle or alternatively renting a shuttle.

Coffee Hour

Event at the dock when the Knorr comes in in mid-September. Potential coffee hour w/the Post docs. Knorr – all three mates are women. The chief mate is driving the ship back to port. (Dee __). Date we're looking at is Sept. 15 or 16th. Evie will check with Susan Humphris on Tuesday. Steph will ask Ernie and Theo. Idea of having an event where women talk about what it was like to go to sea in the 1970s and how much things have changed.

Women's Lounge

Danielle is on vacation, so we'll wait for an update when she comes back.

Committee elections –we will have two places to fill (Amy and Alison) this fall. Start thinking about who could be recruited. We should put a blurb in Headlines about nominations. Everyone should find two people to run for the committee. We'll need at least one scientific staff person. We need to go back through the ballots and see how many people were nominated for each position.

Scholarship – tomorrow (8/20) the committee meets to go over the applications. There were five. Discussion of whether someone who is working toward a degree that is not related to their work at WHOI or WHOI's work should qualify for the

scholarship. Need to check with the rules of the scholarship. The remainder of the fund will be distributed this year and the scholarship will come to an end.

Other

- A committee member was asked whether the Committee would sponsor a flu clinic. It was decided that is not really a Women's Committee issue, but that the person should ask the EH&S office.

- Study in Oman – Evie will be organizing events for women in the Geology Department. One of her ideas is to set up mentorships between women at WHOI and the women at the university she will be working with. Provide them with resource materials? Will be going there in January, but would like to develop ideas with the committee. There are issues that women in Oman face – cannot ask male professors questions alone. There are no female professors. Put a Web site together with resources? Caution to be cognizant of cultural sensitivities, and tread carefully.