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Women's Committee
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Coffee Hour at library went well. About 40 people attended -- good mix of WHOI and MBL people. We ran out of creamer, napkins, cups. We should bring supplies for 40 people. We should also take photos. We could do a slideshow on our web site if we take more photos eventually.

Women at Work photos -- Ann Devenish created a lightbox in IMS of historical photos of women working at WHOI. We could use these for Image of the Day during Women's history month and also project them at the annual dinner and during the women's history sea stories panel.

Women's history panel -- Sea Stories: Women at Sea
Becky has contacted Lauren Mullineaux and Cindy Sellers about being members of the panel. Lauren has agreed, Cindy is tentative. We need one additional person -- We need to ask Susan Humphris if she will lead the panel. We brainstormed a number of other potential participants and will approach them about it. We need to pick a date in March. Dina will look at the Clark 507 schedule to see what is available during that month. We are looking for a 3:30 time slot. We'll need to put bios together and a flier to begin promoting it.

Buy Fresh Buy Local -- January event. Sustainability committee is interested in cosponsoring. Perhaps Becky can go to the sustainability committee meeting to brief them and to see how they might participate. The date is Jan. 21 from 12 - 2 in Clark 507. Idea to have a bigger poster to announce it -- send it out to the bulletin board list. We could also send a pdf or an html email to send around via email. Becky send details to the group -- Dina and Danielle will put a poster together.

Women's Lounge -- Clark 3?? has been painted, clean up today, futon is on its way. There's a small refrig on its way too. Possibly buy a cheap cd player and an electric tea kettle, some magazines. Check with Evy about the photo contest for the lounge. We need a sign for the door and possibility of putting an "occupied" sign or lock on the door. We could also use a small rug. We need to write a description of this lounge that explains why it is important to have a place to go. Also need to mention that in Bigelow XXX, the restroom has a couch, check the Redfield restroom to see if it is equipped.

Annual meeting -- Danielle asked Tom Nemmers about asking Sylvia Earle.

He suggested grouping it with the Trustee meeting in May (12?) and possibly some of the Trustees would want to attend. Danielle sent Evy all the info about it so she can follow up. Need to get an update from her. We're assuming we can work w/Tom to get access for the dinner. We should give more thought to the year-end wrap up that is presented to those attending.

Scholarship -- keep it on the radar. It will come up soon. Check dates.

Post doc update – Kristen Davis is our new postdoc rep.

Survey -- HR has seen it and would like to talk to us. Danielle will ask them to come to our next meeting. Have not heard back from GEPAC about getting together to talk about the survey results.

Quarterly we could put an item in Headlines that lets the community know that anyone can come to our meetings, give them our email address, etc.

Diversity Committee - Diversity Committee and then there is a larger WH community diversity advisory committee (all science orgs.). There has been a disconnect between the advisory committee and the WHOI diversity committee because there hasn't been overlap. They are proposing overlap of the committees. They are also seeking more participation.

Diane R. - we need to double check next year's budget with Diane McCarthy.

Web site -- Dina hasn't had much feedback on the site updates. Talk about putting up an area for our resources for organizing committee events, etc. We could look through the Committee book to see what might be put up on the site.