



## Women's Committee Minutes – March 18, 2009 Bigelow 217

### **Members present:**

Danielle Fino, Becky Gast, Amy Kukulya, Evy Mervine, Stephanie Murphy, Alicia Rose

### **Treasurer's Report :**

Our balance remains the same at ~\$2500. We have an account number and all payments go through Molly Lumping.

### **Appointment of co-chair**

Danielle Fino was appointed co-chair to replace Emily Beaton.

### **Activities**

- *Women's history Month (March) – Peanut Butter Club*

The Committee co-sponsored the screening of the film “Amelia Earhart” which touched on relevant issues of women advancing in a non-traditional field.

- *Annual meeting (June)*

The committee will investigate a couple of options for the annual dinner meeting. We discussed the possibility of a panel of women climate researchers discussing their work and how they became interested in the topic. Alternatively, we discussed the possibility of finding a single speaker who could address climate, policy, and education issues. As we get more information, we'll continue the discussion through email.

- *Linda Morse-Porteus Award*

Amy updated the Web site, the application is now on the site. Nominations are due by June 1, 2009. Steph will put an announcement in Headlines. Danielle will highlight it on the internal home page. Becky will look into the rules of putting a selection committee together. Online applications are set to be emailed to Evy.

- *Education Scholarship*

This will be the last year for this award. Evy is organizing this and will talk to Julia Westwater about the timing of the awards, the selection committee, and will look into updating the application to include more about the coursework and why the applicant is pursuing a degree.

- *Webinar on presentation skills for women*

Danielle raised the idea of sponsoring a webinar on presentation skills. Generally the committee likes the idea, and Danielle will send the link around for everyone to look at.

### **Additional speakers/events**

- *Falmouth police department speaker on women's safety and scams*

Becky contacted the Falmouth Police Department about giving a talk about safety and scams. The committee decided to ask the FPD to focus their talk on theft and security, given the generally lax attitude in our area and how that can be taken advantage of. We'd like to schedule this for mid-May. Once we have a date, we'll reserve a conference room and arrange for refreshments.

- *Women's Health speaker*

The committee had a suggestion from a staffer to bring in Dr. Mike Merolla to talk about vitamins, fish oil and women's health. The committee liked the idea of focusing on women's health, and thought it would be interesting to focus on food awareness and locally grown foods. We talked about the possibility of having a speaker this summer and possibly doing this in conjunction with HR and the fitness challenge (and giving points to people for attending the talk) or with the wellness fair in the fall. Amy Kukulya will investigate possible speakers. Steph will give her info on her friend who works for Town of Falmouth organizing farmer's markets.

### **Postdoc Update**

We have been talking about planning a co-sponsored event possibly about mentoring or learning more about getting a job. We talked about the idea of meeting with the postdocs about what resources they feel they need and how the women's committee might help.

### **Reports from other Committees**

None to report.

### **Next meetings:**

April 15, 2009 at 9:30 am in MRF 204

May 20, 2009 at 9:30 am in Bigelow 217