Women’s Committee Meeting  
November 2009  
Bigelow 217, November 18th  
Next Meeting: MRF 204, December 9th and 9:30am  

Members: Stephanie, Rebecca, Faye, Danielle, Dina, Evie  

Treasurer’s Report:  
$1030 left in account (from Diane)  

Buy Green, Buy Local Seminar  
Scheduled for January 21st  
12-2 Clark 507  
Panel of people: Jesse (director of program), Karen Schwab (local farm, buying co-ops- alternative to CSAs), Diane Murphy (local shellfish), owner of Local Fish, Ron Smollowitz (possibility, more local CSAs)  
Mention that WHOI gardens exist, mention about other local gardens  
Ask Sustainability Committee if they want to co-sponsor  
Movie: don’t show at seminar, have as another event?  

Women’s Lounge:  
Moving along…  
Just paint for now ($300), make sure paint is okay for breastfeeding women  
Buying some furniture this year, use up the money  
Buy a futon  
Organize a photo contest, Evy will organize, put photos up on website and have a vote- just for the women  
Need to clean lounge thoroughly after it is painted  
A small fridge and a futon?  
Lighting is good, maybe buy some lamps  
Library on women’s committee  
Check out the room- in Clark, 3rd floor  

Coffee Hour:  
All set for Friday, at the library  
Rebecca has placed coffee order, has tea  
Someone has to pick up the bagels- 2 dozens assorted, cut into quarters + 4 assorted cream cheeses  
Set up food in the reading room  
Andone- bring kettle for tea water  
Need a tray for the bagels, Faye will bring some trays  
Evy will send announcements to the students, postdocs  
Banner for women’s committee events- get graphic services to do this?  
Put URL for website on the banner, Dina will investigate banners
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For December meeting
Great panel: bring in women who work on ships
Image of the day: for women’s history month, announcement in WHOI headlines about photos - do this in January; give Jayne a heads up now, Faye will contact Jayne; ask Ann Devenish to look in the archives; Dina will ask Ann
Slideshow of photos for the event; put photos as a slideshow - combine these two
Women from the ships: only four people on the panel, at least two women from the ships
Mitzy Crane (highest up woman on the ship), Stephanie will ask which ships are here in March, when, who is going be around in March
Susan Humphris, Meg Tivey, Lauren Mullineaux, Cindy Sellers, Ellen Roosen
Moderator- first choice: Susan Humphris
Second choice for moderator: Lauren, Meg
Rebecca will ask Lauren
What’s the theme? Think of some questions
Rebecca will talk to Cindy Sellers

Annual Dinner Speaker Ideas:
Linda Greenlaw- doesn’t answer emails directly, unlikely to get her without paying, wouldn’t hurt to just write and ask
Talk to Diane- able to reimburse
Judith Singer
Sunny
Sylvia Earle, contact her first, talk to Tom first about this (Danielle and Dina)

Survey about the Women’s Committee:
128 responses
Joint meeting with other committees?
Share results with HR?
Share results of the survey with everyone who responded
Come up with a list of places where you can breastfeed/pump
Career and family, challenges
Women’s lunch, have Women’s Committee, family group- ask about concerns, on schedule for next year
When post results, announce some of what we’re discussing + planning
Someone should contact committees (Danielle will do this): Work and Family Life, Diversity, GEPAC
Safety at night, mention it to the security guards
Working from home issues
Tenor clock extensions- childbirth
Approve minutes by email, put them out as soon as possible
Sick kids- get a week, is this enough with H1N1?
Come up with a list of issues from the survey for discussion with other committees
Fill tampons and sanitary pads, have a stash in the women’s lounge?
Only one person who said there shouldn’t be a women’s committee (because there isn’t a men’s committee)
Men’s committee? Why can’t they have one?
Look over website- talk about this at next meeting