

## Women's Committee Meeting

October 2009

MRF 204

Next Meeting: Bigelow 217, 9:30am on November 18<sup>th</sup>

Introduction to the Women's Committee—welcome to the new members!

Replacements for vacant positions:

Treasurer: Andoni (not sure of the spelling- my apologies!)

Website: Dina

Co-Chair: Faye

Treasurer's Report:

Have approx. \$1000 remaining for the year

Should spend everything so we get the same amount next year

Ideas:

- furnish women's lounge
- webinar
- coffee
- winter food event

Buy Green, Buy Local Seminar

December?

Movie: "Fresh," \$50 to show

Ideas for the Women's Lounge:

- Sign
- Furnishings
  - Usable from old room: coffee table, get rid of everything else
  - Get furnishings from Oyster Pond?
- Paint the new room
- Cover window on door (for breastfeeding)
- Cabinets for storage of women's committee items
- Decoration: have a photo competition, have graphics print & frame
- Bulletin board
- Library (women's books- ask for donations?)
- Have a coffee on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of PO when room is finished?
- There are people who want to use the room now, so make an arrangement

For New (and Old!) Members- Activities for Next Year:

- Annual Dinner
- Harvest Ball

- Women's History Month (start planning this early)
- Coffees (2?)
- Webinars
- Seminars (such as Buy Fresh, Buy Local)

Childcare at WHOI:

- Good to readdress this
- Should Women's Committee be involved?
- Partner with Work and Family Life?

Coffee- in November or December

- Location: Library  
Talk to Cathy Norton and/or Colleen Hurter
- Possible future location: "Rock Library"

Ideas for Women's History Month:

- History of Women at Sea
- Everyone bring an idea next month!

Scholarship:

- Check if this is being offered another year

Survey:

- Danielle and Dina will come up with a survey to send to WHOI women about the women's committee
- Will discuss the results at our next meeting

Annual Dinner Speaker Ideas:

- Mindy Todd, NPR
- Linda Greenlaw (fisherwoman)
- Trustee women- Sylvia Earle
- Panel of alumni from the committee

From Rebecca (notes taken after Evy had to go to her committee meeting):

additional stuff for the minutes - I contacted Julia Westwater and the scholarship will be offered again this year. So we need to plan for that in the late summer.

Dina suggested we invite Susan Avery to one of our regular meetings after we've done our survey to identify issues that might need to be addressed.

