



Women's Committee Minutes – April 16, 2008

MRF 204

Present: Emily Beaton, Julie Fawkes, Amy Kukulya, Alison Macdonald, Britt Raubenheimer, Kelly Rakow, Alison Shaw, Sue Stasiowski

Guests Attending: none

Treasurer's Report: Alison M. presented the current budget. We have \$867.37 left in our account, which should be sufficient for the annual meeting and 1-2 other small events in 2008. Of the \$475 we requested for alcoholic supplies, \$125 will be used for bartending and Amy will spend the remaining funds for drinks for the annual meeting.

Review of recent events:

Both Women's History Month events were successful thanks to the efforts of the entire committee.

- Our panel (Women of WHOI: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow) on April 2, moderated by Susan Avery, had excellent panelists and discussion and attendance was probably the highest we've seen at one of our events (~80-90).

- The film screening of "Helen Keller Had It Easy" on April 10 presented by the filmmaker Lisa Olivieri was thought provoking and those that attended (~10-14) had a lot of questions and feedback for Lisa. We discussed the possibility of doing a lunchtime screening next time to improve attendance.

Upcoming Events:

Linda Morse_Porteous Award: Julie has put the call for nominations in next week's headlines and the deadline will be June 2. Julie and Kelly will serve on the selection committee, which will convene in June.

Annual Meeting: Alison M. composed a letter inviting Mish Michaels to speak and she has accepted! Mish is a meteorologist from WBZ-TV (her Bio: <http://wbztv.com/bios/mish.michaels.wbztv.9.566617.html>). The tentative date for the meeting is Thur. June 19, 2008. Emily Beaton will initiate contact with Chef Roland about catering the dinner and we will decide on a gift later. We agreed that we don't want to raise ticket prices over \$25 (\$12 for students, \$30 for non-WHOI). We are still deciding whether or not the talk should be open to the whole WHOI community.

REMUS lab coffee: We still want to do this but perhaps sometime after the annual meeting.

Postdoctoral Representative Report: none

Updates from Other Committee Representatives: Our GEPAC representative, Sue, reported that they are thinking of inviting Joyce Yen of the ADVANCE program (University of WA) to do some seminars for 2 days in Sept..

Next meeting: May 14, 9am, Bigelow 217. (Note that this is also Britt's birthday)

Minutes submitted by Kelly Rakow