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Service Council Meeting 03/09/09

In Attendance:

Sarah Muenster, Kristi Hill, Marissa Mastel, Sylwia Matlosz, Kaileigh Arnold, Dakota Radford, Ashley Vokral, Shannon Newman, Meghan Bonham

Welcome

Time and date change for Service Council: now on Thursdays from 7-8pm

Major Events and Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Earth Day for "TV Turn-Off Week" at LU

What: Local elementary students have pledged to turn off their TVs and get up and out to do something. Lawrence is hosting a day for elementary students to come to our campus for outdoor games promoting sustainability, planned by student organizations, to encourage kids in grades K-12 to keep their TVs off for the week

When: Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 4:30-6:30pm

Where: LU Campus

Contact: If you are interested in planning an activity, contact Sarah Muenster sarah.muenster@lawrence.edu by Friday, March 13th

Some suggestions: carnival games (recycling toss, jump rope, tent sent up, coloring, book reading), mural painting, working in the garden, music station with drums, endless possibilities. New ideas are always welcomed, as is collaboration with other student organizations helping out with this day. ☺

Help make this a great and worthwhile event for the community!

"TV Turn-Off" Update Meeting

What: Short meeting to review plans for Earth Day.

When: Thursday 16th, 8pm (after Service Council)

Where: Coffeehouse

LU Organization Reports and Other Updates

A. Circle K

- a. February Random Acts of Kindness: successful, but hoping for more people to show up for future movie showings (publicity)
- b. UNICEF campaign: raising money, jars can be found around campus

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Circle K is collaborating with Kiwanis, Appleton West High School, and other partner organizations

- c. Interclub Meeting: pizza party April 23 at 7pm, Riverview
- d. Help For Homeless: tabling at Downer to raise money for local shelters in Appleton
- e. Happily Ever After May 2: boys and girls dress up in prince and princess costumes (local Make a Wish Foundation), raise money, play for the day, face painting, cookie decorating, bean bag toss

B. Habitat for Humanity

- a. ACT-SPEAK-BUILD week: tabling that took place from February 16th-22nd with the intent to raise awareness for Habitat and get people involved in planning for the next house.
- b. Shack-a-Thon campaign to raise \$5000: State Farm will present check for \$5000, provided that Habitat makes goal of \$5000
 - Orchid Sale: Orchids are \$20 each (cheap! Cost over \$40 in florist shops), or 4 for \$60. In time for Mother's Day!
 - The deadline for the first shipment is the end of finals week Winter term
- c. Ft. Lauderdale Trip spring break trip, 55 students are going
- d. Shack-a-thon Update: registration fee is \$100 for organizations wanting to participate, looking for deposits before April 15th deadline
 - Suggestion: smaller organizations can get together to raise money build the shack together to help ease funding
 - offering money for best shack
 - Wall-E movie showing
 - Service projects for fraternities and sororities

Other Updates

A. Harmony Café

Cats in the Café: Harmony Café hosting cats on May 30 with Saving PAWS, trying to get cats adopted, raise donations and supplies. Lawrence volunteers needed (Ormsby and Coleman), advertising in the Appleton needed for it to be successful, ideas for getting it out (Post-Crescent). Email dakota.s.radford@lawrence.edu for more information

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B. Literacy Coalition

Next training will not be until summer 2009, with orientation dates on either June 9th (6:00 pm-7:00pm) or June 10th (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm). Tutor training workshops fall on June 16, 18, 23, and 25 (6:00 – 9:00 pm).

Support the Literacy Coalition at the Human Race! Saturday, May 2, Registration 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. walk start time. Email sylwia.m.matlosz@lawrence.edu for more information

C. Writing Workshop, free of charge, on writing grants. Contact: Kristi Hill
kristi.hill@lawrence.edu

D. **Social Justice Series Sponsored by the VCSC:** presentations on the following social justice topics

Wisconsin School Funding Crisis: April 27th at 7 in Science Hall 102

Darfur Crisis: by Jason Brozak, perhaps April

Other

Please send suggestions on how we can improve Service Council! Email marissa.a.mastel@lawrence.edu or sylwia.m.matlosz@lawrence.edu

For more opportunities available in the community: Some are listed on the attached agenda, for more please check out the Volunteer and Community Service Webpage!

http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/student_dean/volunteer/

To submit an event that your student organization is planning:

http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/student%5Fdean/volunteer/student%5Fservice%5Forganizations/event_request.shtml

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