

MINUTES -Service Council Meeting October 13th

In Attendance: -Sarah Muenster, Kristi Hill, Kaleesha Rajamantri, Sylwia Matlosz, Vicky Schneider, Megan Bjella, Sylvie Armstrong, Brenda Zugelger, Natalie Grattan, Adrienne Gallagher, Katie Fohrman, Kaileigh Arnold.

Welcome

- A. Introductions and passing out folders. Includes the following: cover sheet, dates of future service council meeting, (green) volunteer registration form – **please fill out**, and (blue) Lawrence University Volunteer Event Form for Groups
- B. The (blue) Lawrence University Volunteer Event Form for Groups is now available online:
 - Remember to record your organizations service hours and fill out this **event form!**
 - It's important to keep track of who is interested in which kinds of opportunities, forming database
- C. Individuals can also self report hours, but will not be verified on the official transcript. Also available online.
- D. What we can do for you: promote events, contact orgs
 - Our Service Council Meetings can spread awareness of your organization's events
- E. Incentives: Rewards for volunteerism (which will be adjusted for your organization's size)
Goals: Increasing involvement with community service
- G. Meetings are usually 2nd Monday of each month

LU Organization Reports

- A. **Bio Club:** Hosting fundraisers and charity events for approximately a month beginning in winter term (perhaps January 13 – February). Details for charity to be determined. Money perhaps will be donated to purchase a microscope for an underprivileged school
- B. **LU Animal Welfare Society:** On Tuesdays and Saturdays, Saving Paws is taking groups to the shelter. Trips to the shelter in Neenah will take place the first week in November.
- C. **SLUG-** On Friday afternoons, working in the Garden. Also working with Community Herbs every Saturday from 8-12 to help at risk youth and to sell herbs. **Oct 22nd Community Herbs Night Out** (Wednesday night): local restaurants have local sponsorships, community herbs project
- D. **SWAHP:** organizing a toiletry drive for the homeless shelter at Milwaukee contacting hotels to ask to donate for cause. November 10-13th week: national hunger week, cleaning out newly remodeled home for low income family. **Hunger Banquet:** Thursday night, helping out would be great, Amnesty involved with publicity and SWAHP for tabling. **December 6th Alternative Giving Fair:** (promote people giving gifts), help needed day of, publicity, getting orgs to sponsor a table is related to their orgs, tangible gifts and non tangible
- E. **Amnesty-**Main goal is education and spreading awareness. The topic for this term is Darfur. Looking for more volunteer opportunities and to become more service orientated. Considering sending some students down to a protest of School of Americas in Georgia the weekend before Thanksgiving. Contact Amnesty to participate. Other plans: Jamnesty, Day of Silence. Potential Opportunity: community wide reading promotion at the Appleton library

Major Upcoming Events:

- A. **October 25th Make a Difference Day / Chain Reaction Day:** helping elderly disadvantage pop, window washing. Help is needed to Recruit Volunteers
- B. **Nov 22nd SOS (Saturday of Service):** Salvation Army food pantry drive

Other ongoing opportunities available in the community

A. Fox Valley Literacy Coalition

WHAT: Volunteering as an ESL or Adult Basic Literacy Tutor

LOCATION: flexible

TIME: flexible

CONTACT: Sylwia Matlosz, sylwia.m.matlosz@lawrence.edu

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NOTES: Attending a tutor orientation session and tutor training workshops is required before tutoring in the program. After these prerequisites, the meeting and location can be decided by the tutor and the tutee. Meetings take place for about 1-2 hours on a weekly basis. Proficiency in a foreign language is not required to become an ESL tutor.

B. Affinity Health at St. Elizabeth's Hospital

WHAT: Volunteers are needed in many different areas of the hospital: to assist in the emergency room, information desk, children's health center, gift shop, library, neo-natal unit, various nursing units, various rehab units, etc.

LOCATION: St. Elizabeth's Hospital

CONTACT: <http://www.affinityhealth.org/page/about-volunteer-elizabeth-opportunities2>

NOTES: Volunteers must commit for one term. The application is available online at <http://www.affinityhealth.org/page/about-volunteering-apply> Two references are needed.

C. Harbor House

WHAT: Many different volunteer opportunities at Harbor House (house open to women and children experiencing domestic violence). Mural paintings (good for art students!), unloading trucks, playing with kids in the nursery, sorting donations. Check <http://www.harborhouseonline.org/> for more ways you can help

LOCATION: 720 W 5th St Appleton, WI 54914-5368

CONTACT: Kaileigh Arnold kaileigh.arnold@lawrence.edu

NOTES: Volunteering at Harbor House is very flexible.

D. Pioneer Village

WHAT: Various opportunities available

LOCATION: 819 S. West Ave.
Appleton, WI 54915

CONTACT: Syed Abbas, syed.k.abbas@lawrence.edu

NOTES: During the week of Halloween, there is the opportunity to carve pumpkins with the residents. Looking for musical instrument players.

VITAL and LARY opportunities available

VITAL: Adrienne Gallagher gallagad@lawrence.edu

LARY: Megan Luedtke luedtkem@lawrence.edu

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