Diversity and Women's Initiatives

Tuesday Feb. 24. 2009 at 5:00PM

Fireplace Lounge

I. Call to Order: 5:06

II. Roll Call of Members: Student Matt Stauner, Co-Pineda, Co-Evans, Chair De La Torre, Student Biss

III. Introduction of Guests: Nikki; UC intern/representatives, Alena Taylor ;organizer of Starting point, Teresea;Rise Up for Women's Rights leader

IV. Approval of Minutes: approved Quarum

V. Guests Speaker: Nikki Shonoiki, Alena Taylor, Diversity Organization Representatives

VI. Open Forum:

Nikki: "I just wanted to open up with Unity building. Unity building is being held in Milwaukee and we have to write a motion as soon as possible. Good thing we don't need to get hotel blocks until April. I can help by coming back and talking to Student Senate plan 2008 [Talk to Torrion]. Because we are not part of United Council it will cost $20/student."
Liz: Yes, get a list of people who want to go.
Lauren: Should we do the application process again?
Nikki: Lets not do applications. Whoever responds, responds.
Liz: Lets just really have effective marketing.
Teresea: May I add Women's Resource Center as part of the agenda.
Lauren: Yes I'll put in additional items.

~~VII. Team Pineda Pfundheller: (Tabled to next week in order to make room for upcoming event)~~
~~a. Hmong conference~~
~~b. Rescheduling conference~~
~~c. Create objectives~~
Lauren: Pineda are you ok with us tabling this
Pineda: Yeah, it's alright. Dusty and I will take care of it.

VIII. Team Biss Evans:
a. Take Back the Night
Alena: so where are you guys at and how can I help you?
[#2]
Lauren: I am worried about effective marketing…
Nikki: Candy and tabling [are very effective]
Alena: there is a possibility of attaining free Tees to give away at the tabling and at TBtN
[#1]
Teresa: "In progression" the band that is playing at 8:00pm at Hot Spot tomorrow, said that they could play for free and Kate Beavers said that if we needed or wanted a speaker that she would speak at Take Back the Night."
Alena Taylor: I can ask current clients with their comfort level of speaking at TBtN people will write anonymous stories.

Teresea: There is a possibility of bringing police- statistics about current victims and offenders
Alena: I have a probation officer on my board…
Teresea: Should we stay away from the police officer?
Alena: I think so—instead a probation officer maybe a better idea
Liz: I remember when we marched all the way downtown, toward the kinni, and put flower petals in the river. I do know that the UVM does a walk throughout Loring Park. I think it would be really cool to march from downtown toward the kinni river
Alena: I remember Wanda and Phylis being a part of the march somehow last year.
Nikki: I believe that they led the meeting. They also performed there.
Lauren: Can anyone get Wanda and Phylis ?
[Matt raises his hand]

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Lauren: How could we get the word out about all of this stuff though?

[#2]
Alena: I can use members of my board to put out advertisements in the community
Lauren: Ahhh, yes a community connection?
Alena: Yes I could be that.
Lauren: Awesome
Nikki: for the clothesline project we bought our own clothesline wire and T shirts for advertising – we do not need to buy anymore tee shirts—we are definitely good on T-shirts.
[#3]
Lauren: And what about food?
Nikki: You would take care of that in a motion just be sure to get exact numbers for an efficient breakdown.
[#4]
Lauren: Alright, I'll put that down as an objective. What about the place?
Teresea: Since I am always in contact with people who are in charge of that, I can set the reservations. I will reserve Pete's Creek and the technology needed you [Lauren] just need to take care of the motions.

- 1. Guest speakers /Entertainment
- 2. Advertising
- 3. Food
- 4. place

b. Proposal- Due Thurs
-discuss the proposal
-goal is inclusiveness amongst all Diversity Orgs
-goal is to set up an organization that is active and efficient with the ethnically underrepresented
Liz: I believe this proposal is a great start into tackling issues with our "ethnically underrepresented".

IX. Additional Items:

Teresea: Multi-cultural and Women's Center/LGBTQ Center all in one.

Liz: That's a great start- seeing how there isn't really a place for those who are underrepresented.

Lauren: I think we should create a separate meeting in the future.

Teresea: I agree. To get started however, I believe that we should petition, along with letters to the editor [of Student Voice].

Lauren: This could be a frequent teleconference

Pineda: Yeah, that would be good

Lauren: this situation sounds familiar

Liz: This same thing happened with the MCC—Roger Beleau, said that he didn't want to give all the "isms" a center. This has been a common thought for the past 4 years.

[a chaos of discussion breaks among the meeting]

Lauren: I motion to adjourn

Liz: I second

X. Adjournment: 6:02