



Minutes from 29 Feb. 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Carmen at 1:00 pm.

Members in attendance were:

Brad Walker - President

Carmen Vice - President

Vern Humphrey - Secretary

Tyler Choate

Brenda Humphrey

Ashley Brown

Robert Davis

Joanne

Michelle Jolivette

Aimee LaFleur

Tony

Dr. Kim Warren – Advisor

New Issues discussed:

Safety Walk April 7, 2008. The SGA will have its annual safety walk immediately after its monthly meeting in April. Dr. Warren asked for volunteers to represent the Beacon Club. Brad and Ashley volunteered.

Carmen stated that she and Dr. Warren had sent out 68 letters requesting sponsors and the Petroleum Club has stepped up already.

Brad informed the club the *Vermillion* has posted a retraction to correct some errors in the article they wrote about the Beacon club.

Robert asked about "C" print and "Captionalists" Tyler said he tried to get one and someone he knows has one it is paid for by the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS). Brad said he would check into it, but it is a money issue and money is tight.

Vern asked about starting a "Good Samaritan Program" – Tabled until an open meeting.

Dr. Warren informed the club about an open access commercial she and Dr. Landry have done.

Old Issues discussed – Disabilities Awareness Week

Monday – Tony and Jill (Represented by Dr. Warren)

They have plans for signs and will be needing help from about 3 more individuals.

Dr. Warren asked what we thought about "Coca-Cola" banners and the idea of chalk on sidewalks – The quorum present agreed both would be a good ideas. Dr. Warren also stated the cost of signs/posters could be covered within our budget without any problems. Brad expressed the key will be LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Tony discussed he and Jill will be approaching Faith based university organizations for assistance.

Tuesday – Dr. Warren and Brad

Dr. Warren and Brad have developed the short survey as follows:

I am aware the ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia & other Learning Disorders are considered disabilities?

Yes      No

I am aware that Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar, & other Psychological Disorders are considered disabilities?      Yes      No

What do you think? Most of the students registered in the Services for Students with Disabilities office have a (circle one): Physical Disability   Learning Disability   Psychological Disability

I know someone with a disability. Yes No

What is your current major?

How do you anticipate encountering those with disabilities in your future career?

Learn more about disabilities, Disabilities Awareness Week, & the Beacon Club at <http://disabilities.louisiana.edu>

– The quorum present agreed with the survey questions and the plan to implement it.

Dr. Warren said the information would be used to increase awareness, Vern offered to use SPSS to tally the information.

Wednesday – Vern, Brenda and Ashley

Vern said they he did not have the Pledge sheet done, he said a draft would be done this weekend.

Carmen provided a contact for supplies Linda Mouton and they are going to assist us as soon as we tell them what we need.

Vern discussed the idea for professor participation and student participation. Brad suggested a meeting between the Wednesday committee and Dr. Warren, Dr. Landry, and the Executive committee.

Thursday – Dr. Warren

The luncheon will be held from 11-1, Mark Sawyer's family will be invited, along with a few other guests. Awards will be given out. The "Caring community award" – Albertson's Johnston St and the Faculty/Staff award to be voted on. Some club members have a conflict with the time, Dr. Warren stated she would check on the possibility of changing it.

Friday – Dr. Warren

Disability and the Law, guest speaker (?), Location - Bastille room Student Union 1 PM.

Saturday – Carmen

Our Lady of Lourdes cannot assist us for the Walk/Run/Roll. Carmen is contacting the Cajun Road Runners for assistance. We have many obstacles such as insurance, law enforcement support, permits, all of which take time. We also are not sure where we can have it. Carmen said they are trying to get around some problems by staying on campus.

Meeting adjourned