

Minutes:

Wednesday January 28, 2009

Those in attendance:

Carmen

Rose

Tyler

Ben

Vern

Brenda

Amy

Joann

Dr. Warren

Richard Kessinger

Meeting was called to order by Carmen Downing, club president.

Safety Issues:

Tyler brought up low hanging limbs and overgrowth of vines along Rex.

Vern expressed his gratitude to those who were responsible for sidewalk repairs already made around campus.

Another student, Alison, spoke about the broken sidewalk near Angelle Hall.

Alison also remarked that there are no markings distinguishing the steps at Hamilton Hall.

Old news:

Carmen spoke about the raffle.

She asked that each member get at least one or two donated items, from companies around town, to use for the raffle.

The top two prizes will be cash prizes. First prize is \$750 and second prize will be \$250.

Dr. Warren also said one of the prizes will be a free parking spot on campus for one year.

All donations will need to be in by the February 20th.

The raffle selling will take place during the entire month of March, and/or until all tickets are sold.

Dr. Warren than began talking about the Run Walk and Roll.

She informed us that Dr. Causin's Class would be unable to help out. As pointed out by Dr.

Warren, Richard Kessinger who is teaching a class on disability awareness has agreed to help us out.

Ricard Kessinger spoke about his class and how he wanted it to be a self driven public awareness Campaign. He expressed that what his students want to do concerning suach a campaign is ultimately up to them.

Dr. Warren also expressed concerns with the amount of leg work involved in getting the Run Walk and Roll off the ground.

Carmen also spoke about the importance of getting sponsors and publicity, in order to raise awareness.

Carmen expressed her desire for the Run Walk and Roll to become a traditional event that would take place each year.

Dr. Warren reminded us that this event is going to involve the entire community/club members.

Carmen expressed the urgency of getting started. The final verdict was that we would wait for a response from Richard Kessinger's class. If we get their support then we will try to make it happen.

Carmen then switched gears and began speaking about Disability Awareness Week in general. This year it will last from April 4th to April 9th.

Dr. Warren spoke about her friend Ben who would be willing to speak during Disability Awareness Week again, as well as, offer his services to members of the Beacon Club.

The usual luncheon will take place as well.

The Walk in Our Shoes day will also take place. Carmen urged us to get more faculty involved this year. Rather than having students participate we are going to dwell more on faculty volunteers.

Dr. Warren sent out a notice to faculty asking them to include some sort of activity that would raise awareness during this week.

Carmen wants us to ask our professors to pledge their time as soon as possible so they will be already committed when the time comes.

Dr. Warren said that we would hold a panel discussion that educates the community about different disabilities. The panel discussion will take place in the Union.

Meeting times: Meetings will take place on different days at different times.

12:30 February 17th

1:00 March 6<sup>th</sup>

3:30 March 26th

2:30 April 20th

Meeting adjourned!