

## Beacon Club Meeting

February 17, 2009

### I. In Attendance:

Brenda Humphrey (CO)  
Vern Humphrey  
Aimee LaFleur (CO)  
Marcie Lemieux  
Ross Shuff (VP)  
Carmen Downing (Pres)  
Ben Davies (CO)  
Dr. Kim Warren (advisor)

### II. Etiquette Tip:

As quoted by Vern, "Don't throw beads at the Blind guy."

### III. Safety Issues:

Carmen has a list that she will give to Dr. Landry (SSD Coordinator).  
Rex Street sidewalk is overgrown with residential bushes.  
Sidewalk next to Madison is unlevel and many have tripped.  
Lee Hall automatic door is/was not working.  
Elevator in Girard hesitates and jerks...scary.

### IV. Raffle:

Items received/donated from vendors around Lafayette for our raffle include:

- \$40 Copeland's
- \$25 WOW Wingery
- \$25 Albertson's
- 3 - \$30 Navarro's Cut & Color
- \$25 Bevo's
- 3 month membership Lafayette Health Club
- 2 - \$25 Darden Restaurants
- 2 - \$15 Wendy's
- UL Lafayette on-campus parking pass
- Possibly something from Paul's jewelry

It was decided to continue to solicit items and we would add the wording "...and more" to the list of raffle items on tickets.

Dr. Warren reminded everyone to explain that we are ONLY selling 300 tickets. This is a great selling point.

We want to begin selling raffle tickets ASAP in order to try to sell to the Mardi Gras crowds.

### V. Disability Awareness Week:

It was decided that the Walking in Our Shoes event would be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, and that we need to begin getting commitments from faculty. It was suggested that we ask if faculty want us to deliver the apparatus to them to make them more willing to participate. We also want to begin getting the commitments on the apparatus from different people (i.e. wheelchairs, crutches, etc.) and have them ready the day before WIOS event. Carmen can get at least one wheelchair; Aimee can possibly get one wheelchair; Vern will ask Carmichaels for wheelchairs, walkers, forearm crutch, etc. It was noted that – as of now – the Run, Walk & Roll will not be a part of DA week due to timing and not enough help to set it up and/or put it on. Maybe next year, we will have the help of a class to begin the planning early in the Fall semester. Carmen stated that one of the SSD students mentioned a “Blind Walk” that was put on locally. We will talk to student and perhaps we can encourage the participation in that walk for this year.

All agreed that we still want to participate in a panel discussion on Disability Issues. Vern Humphrey, Carmen Downing, Rose Shuff want to participate. Aimee LaFleur will think about it. Carmen stated that she thought that Tyler Choate wanted to participate as well.

All agreed that we still want attorney, Ben Burson, to present something on legal issues and the law. We discussed a Living Will, eligibility to file for Disability Benefits, and LRS/Voc Rehab assistance.

Carmen and Vern requested that we look into using the Marathon Room for the luncheon since the SSD office was crowded last year. Also, the SSD testing area is awkward with the split in the room. Dr. Warren will check on that.