

Minutes:

Friday March 6, 2009

Those in attendance:

Lauren

Ruth

Vern

Brenda

Carmon

Kim

Tyler

Rose

Educate: Dr. Warren gives the etiquette tip which talks about individuals with speech impediments. She points out that it is okay to ask the person or persons to repeat themselves, if you do not understand what they are saying. It is important to tell the person what you thought you heard in order to make sure you are communicating in a productive way. Dr. Warren gives another tip which talks about the visually impaired. If you are interacting with someone who is visually impaired, do not leave them with out excusing yourself, or telling them you are leaving.

Safety issues:

Vern points out that the walk of fame near Moody Hall has a major gap and needs to be attended to.

Tyler points out the overgrowth of vines and limbs, on Rex Street.

Ruth spoke about the problem with students who aren't allowed to ride the elevator in Griffin Hall. She points out that these students pile in the elevators leaving no room for individuals who need the elevator, like wheelchair users.

Lauren gave the suggestion that we ask professors, at the beginning of the semester, to tell students that they aren't allowed on the elevators if they do not have a disability.

New Business:

Dr. Warren spoke about an email she received talking about Rhythms on the River in River Ranch. She explained that this year there will be either six or eight opportunities for nonprofit organizations to setup booths during Rhythms on the River. This will allow these organizations to sell there products, as well as, raise awareness about their organization. Dr. Warren completed an application on behalf of the Beacon Club and now we are just waiting on a response.

Old Business:

Disability awareness week kicks of the 6th of April and goes through to the 9th.

Dr. Warren is still trying to get her friend Ben to come and speak with us again.

Carmen expressed the need for suggestions for Monday and Tuesday of that week. Wednesday is going to be the Walk in Our Shoes day.

This year the Walk in Our Shoes day will only be for faculty.

Thursday we will have our luncheon, from 11:30 to 1-30, where we will be giving the award to a business or organization in the community who perhaps hire individuals with disabilities or just lend a helping hand. We will also be giving an award to a faculty member who has also gone out of their way to help a student with disabilities.

Also, Thursday at five o'clock is our panel discussion in a group of individuals with different disabilities answer questions and will speak specifically about different issues concerning their disability.

It will take place in room 103 in Moody Hall.

It will take place as a part of a Special Ed class and we are expecting other classes to participate as well.

For the Tuesday we decided to hand out refreshments, as well as, slips of paper with both facts about disabilities here on campus and educate tips. We'll call this Food For Thought.

We are going to begin asking students to donate some time from 10:00 to 2:00 on that Tuesday.

On Monday we will have Braille and dyslexia signs up, as well as, chalk sign around campus.

We have also officially started selling raffle tickets. There are over thirty prizes available so buy some today!

The drawing will take place at the luncheon. Concerning cookbook sales, we've agreed to allow Curnis to take charge of selling the books on E-Bay. We are still waiting for the administrations okay to go ahead.

Meeting adjourned.