Diversity Committee Minutes  
April 24, 2014 2:30-4PM  
Building 19, Room 124

Call to Order: Sheli S. called the meeting to order at 2:32PM.

I. Safety Reminders:
Sheli S. gave safety reminders for building 19.

II. Minutes

III. Introductions to New Members, Guests & Resignations
a. Membership Updates & Guests – Val Sundby-Thorp & Jim Tuttle
No new members. Val S. has moved to South Puget Sound. Jim T. has announced his retirement. He may come to one more meeting. Delete Emily Lanum.

IV. Continuing Business
a. NCORE Travel Update: Sheli S. gave update that President Dr. Howard declined the travel request for NCORE and suggests instead that we find something more local to attend. Will look at alternative travel plans accordingly.

b. Upcoming Events & Activities Ideas – Movie suggestions: In regards to the film, From Hate to Hope, Yuko C. sent an email with a clip to the committee members. She gave a brief summary of the clip sharing the idea that one man is gay and was beaten while he was homeless. A different man used to assault people of different diversities and it wasn’t until both of these men became acquainted while working for an organization that the victim was assaulted by the man he now works with. The film is based on the events and emotions surrounding this situation. The cost is about $250 for about 1 ½ hours. It is an interactive video conference (webinar) through Skype or some other source and comes with some information. Would need to give a few months notice. Yuko’s sister shared that it was well received at her college but there was some technical difficulties. Motion: To start preparations for the From Hate to Hope event winter 2015. Lisa P. moved. Cathy W. second; approved.

Sheli S. brought information for a spring 2014 event. A film called The Men of Atalissa. This film surrounds men, in the 1970’s, being taken out of an institution and transitioned into society. Challenges and/or illegal activities begin to happen. It comes from a social workers perspective. Perhaps with Hope’s assistance and others from the disability community a panel could be created along with the streaming of the movie. Possible free due to usage connected to educational purposes. Discussion surrounded being sure our activities are connected to the colleges strategic goals. Motion: To have The Men of Atalissa be the spring 2014 event. Lisa P. moved. Lisa F. second; approved.
c. **Budget Update:** About $6,600 left. Will probably spend about $1,000-$1,200 for the Olympic College Diversity Conference titled, *Are your roots showing? Exploring Diversity in the Puget Sound Region* in Bremerton June 26-27, 2014. This date is during faculty break. Open the invitation to students, staff and faculty. Perkins deadline is past due so we need to figure out who is going and return other funds as soon as possible.

d. **Sub Committee Volunteers for International & Disabilities Fair in Fall 2014:** Volunteers willing to assist are Sheli S., Hope S. and possibly Cathy W. Yuko C. will contact other people she knows, including students and perhaps Janet Holms (resources and/or potential vendors) also. Sheli S., shared that she would send another email to the committee to see if any other members are interested in assisting with this activity. Potential date for this activity is a week before Thanksgiving.

e. **ATD Equity Update:** No update. Early alert system demonstrations currently going on. Will have an update soon.

f. **Updated Celebraversities to be submitted – Easter?:** None. Just the Christmas one from Linda R. The focus of these should be written from a perspective of education; more factual than religious. These must come from a point of view of a person not having any information about the subject being covered. Sheli S. needs others to edit the document. Michele J. asked for the document to be forwarded to her.

V. **New Business**

a. **Olympic College “Your roots are showing” Diversity Conference in June:** Sheli S. suggested as an alternate to NCORE that we send 10 people to the First Annual Olympic College at the end of June. Motion approved to pay for 10 registrations and travel expenses to send representatives to this event.

VI. **Announcements:** May meeting will need nominations for chairperson for July 1, 2014-2016.

VII. **Activities**

a. **Hot Buttons (Postponed we need to end early)**

b. **Other Activity Suggestions?** Surprise activity with Sheli S. and Yuko C.

VIII. **Next Meeting** – Meeting adjourned at 3:21PM.

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