

## Minutes

Fall meeting of Staff and Faculty for Peace and Justice (SFPJ)

October 23, 2008 4:30 pm

### Agenda items:

1. Participation at September Voices for Peace community event in Phoenix Park
  2. Eberth Alarcon Memorial Peace and Justice event for 08-09 (EAMPJ)
  3. Propose Sister University relationship with Iraqi institution of higher ed
- No additions offered

SFPJ members assembled in the CEDAR room, room enough for @ 10 although we were hoping it would not begin to contain the overwhelming numbers of individuals who might attend and we would have to reassemble in the coffee area. Alas, that was not the case!

Pope reported the **balance of the SFPJ account is \$540.00**

1. Pope reported that SFPJ created a table at the community Peace event on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix Park, Eau Claire. Accola, Wesenberg, Sen, Pope, Varela-Garcia and Simek helped staff the table and engaged interested passers-by describing our latest activities, especially the EAMPJ events and inviting them to attend. As a sister event, the Eau Claire Women in Black table sold ANOTHER NEIGHBOR FOR PEACE signs and the \$40.00 collected was deposited in the SFPJ campus account to continue funding the EAMPJ Series.
2. Sen proposed a **BONE MARROW DRIVE to be the focus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Eberth Alarcon Memorial Peace and Justice Series**. She presented information and details about how the event might be run, and requested that SFPJ join other campus organizations in sponsoring a bone marrow drive on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009. Minorities have an incredibly difficult time finding compatible donors. Eberth and others on our campus have died of leukemia and could have benefited from a larger, more diverse bone marrow registry. For the campus drive both minorities and Caucasians would be encouraged to register as donors; however, because the need for minority donors is so high the National Marrow Donor Program offers universities a deal whereby minorities register for free, and for every minority that registers a Caucasian can also register for free. After we run out of minority registrants, each Caucasian will have to pay \$26/- to register. The sponsorship would pay for these Caucasians to register as well as for publicity and other costs.

Discussion followed, including other outreach options and funding sources:

Sen reported several student groups have already agreed to help fund: NASA will hold a holiday sale and all proceeds go to fund registrations. She has sought Analisa De Grave's input about possible participation of LAS program and students. Gloria Hochstein and Teresa Kemp and the English Honor Society STD will also be involved in a supportive and substantive way.

Wesenberg will check with the Leukemia foundation and Memorial High School Burns will check with the Free Clinic as a good site for community registrants. She suggested contacting deans for participation.

Wesenberg offered help with publicity and referred Sen to the Publications Office to help design a flyer; Hinnant's design skills were also mentioned as a possibility. Sen is finalizing the donor costs with the NMDP.

**We need other SFPJ members to help!**

**On a voice vote, there was unanimous agreement to undertake this project as the EAMPJ event and to donate ½ of current SFPJ funds to this year's event: \$270.**

The hour was taken up with this topic, so the second agenda item was deferred to the next meeting, which will be in @ 2 or 3 weeks. Watch the SFPJ Website and your email and contact Asha Sen if you have ideas or can offer assistance with this project.

**NEXT MEETING: NOON-1 NOVEMBER 19 CEDAR ROOM (1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR DAVIES)**

Minutes:

Pope