

GSO Liaison Meeting  
July 9, 2009

*Attending:* Lisa Walker, Elizabeth Fischtzur, Robyn Smidley, Paul Mahon, Louise Shearer, David Brown, Kim Metcalfe, Molly Ormsby, Sarah Greeley, Armin Liedtke, Judy Lynn, Nicole Sanderson

*Welcome/Job Descriptions*

Lisa welcomed all the liaisons and gave an overview of the duties/responsibilities. Some of the duties/responsibilities are to relay information back to your units, be an active member and give us your input. We can only carry out our plans with your involvement.

*New Business*

*Budget Report*

The GSO has a balance of \$1,047.50. Robyn is working with Brian Miller to get a budget established just for the GSO. She will let us know when that has been set up.

*Brainstorming Goals for the Year*

Lisa went over some of the things that have been done in the past including plant/flower sales, poinsettia sales and pancake breakfasts.

One thing we would like to do is make our presence known and do some fundraising. The GSO has been kind of inactive over the last couple of years so we want to get people involved again and let them know we are here. A couple of reasons for doing fundraising are so we can have some fun events and possibly start a staff scholarship program.

***Action Item:***

Armin mentioned that the Seattle Library does t-shirt sales. He will check into ideas and pricing and bring that information to the next meeting.

*Summer BBQ*

Everyone liked the idea of doing a BBQ this summer, maybe in August. We could charge \$5.00/person and open it up to everyone since the idea is to make money. We could do our own grilling to help cut costs. Possible locations would be in front of the Chase house or a better spot would be in front of the commons. The menu would include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, pop and some type of dessert.

We will need a table for selling tickets – ask Lisa Robertson if she has a change box we can borrow. We'll need flyers, food from Costco and people to work. We'll bill this as a Summer Picnic.

The time would be 11:30am – 1:30pm. Suggested dates are August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

It was also suggested that we might want to use a caterer who would charge us with amount of food used instead of us having to estimate how much food to buy and then either have quite a bit leftover or run out. Therese Grant or Georgia would be able to provide info for vendors. Possible vendors are Carolina BBQ, Larry's or the Hot Dog Man.

***Action Items:***

Lisa will check with Therese about cost.

Molly will ask Jen Droege about the hot dog vendor and take care of getting permission.

### *Fall Welcome Back*

A fall suggestion is to do some type of welcome back. Lisa said in the past the GSO has done a pancake breakfast. Everyone liked that idea and thought it would be fun. We could bring electric griddles and hold it in North Creek. We could have a speaker, possibly Marilyn Cox and invite Chancellor Chan to give some words of welcome. Some suggested topics include managing stress or growth management. If we do a POD class, it should be arranged through Denise Rollins.

### **Action Item:**

Nicole Sanderson will check to see if North Creek is available in October or November.

### *Poinsettia Sales*

Poinsettia sales could be held in November. Pre-sale orders would be taken and then the Nursery could deliver around the first part of December. Does anyone have any contacts with nurseries or possibly organizations that have done these in the past? The nursery who previously supplied them isn't around anymore.

### **Action Item:**

Molly will check out some places. Elizabeth volunteered to help. Some suggestions are Flower World, Molbaks and Sky Nursery.

### *Holiday Party*

The Holiday Party is held in December and the GSO is in charge of putting it on. We send out a signup sheet to all the departments and then decorate the North Creek. If we set the date now, we could coordinate the delivery of the poinsettias and use them for decorations. When the party is over, those people who ordered the plants can take them home. Great idea! If we want, we can change around the assignment of which department brings what kind of dish to mix things up a bit.

### *Spring Plant/Flowers Sale*

In the past selling plants/flowers has been very popular. We could have it early enough for delivery in time for Mother's Day.

Spring would also be a good time to have another speaker.

### *Miscellaneous*

Seattle has invited Bothell to sponsor a PSO (Professional Staff Organization) event. What does the group think? The feedback was because Seattle has a PSO and Bothell does not designate between professional and classified staff, we would be interested in co-sponsoring something in order to include both professional and classified groups.

It appears that we have set our calendar of events for the year. We will plan to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every other month. Here is a summary of what we have decided for the year:

August – Summer BBQ

October – Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast

November – Poinsettia sales

December – Holiday Party

Spring – Plant/flower sale

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.