

Oct 12th, 2010

Social committee

- The most pressing matter at the moment is the Halloween party in 2 weeks.
 - Currently waiting on quotes for different types of poster signs.
 - In the process of designing the poster to the size of a scientific poster that will be resized as required once a poster sign is chosen.
 - The parent society can deliver some advertising material. May be able to see if we can borrow some supplies from them. They are in Washington however, so we will need it delivered sooner than later.
 - Need to ensure full disclosure relating to the funds of this event as it is held in an establishment which serves alcohol.
 - Will be using the old SCB mugs for swag at the Halloween party.
 - There is a possibility of calling into a radio station to place an ad. Rhiannan will update next time she is here.
 - DSC will need the promotional powerpoint slide to advertise event to students. May also give to BioChem Soc. to promote.
- We are currently blocked out of the scb webmail. Need to access it to access parent society email address.
- If anyone wants to volunteer to put up some posters in your home areas/work etc. You can email Michelle or Rhiannan for some more copies.

Education committee

- “Let’s talk science” (LTS) ideas:
 - Kids learning where food comes from.
 - The water cycle / food web
 - Ecosystem variations – what would it be like to live in each ecosystem?
- This LTS event would be for this semester. They would divvy up the students being taught into different groups.
- The goal is to make 2 new kits relating to conservation.
- Group suggestion: Discuss with teachers/professors in the school of education to find out which conservation topics they are having trouble teaching the students, so they can get ideas of what kits would be useful for the classroom.
- Group caution: Bringing food into the classrooms can be dangerous for students with allergies. Best to not bring in many types of odd foods unless okay with the teacher.
- Group suggestion: Bring in whole foods from your garden to learn about what foods you can grow.

Programs committee

- Synopsis on Fish & Frogs event held last Thursday Oct 7th:
 - The committee taught a grade 11 class.
 - The teacher was very enthusiastic. He would like us to present at an environmental conference on October the 21st.
- The environmental conference:
 - We would do 1 workshop from 11:00-11:45am.
 - There is a sign-up sheet. Need at least 3-4 people.
 - Need to do a presentation on SCB, our goals, a little about the fish and frogs program etc.
 - It is held at St. Lawrence College. (Transportation may be bus as it is on a bus route). We will need to stay on the college property so we do not need to ask for parent's permission for a field trip. It is a conference with many different environmental companies promoting to students.
 - There would be a meeting beforehand to see what your role would be on Monday the 18th (tentative).

Sustainability committee

- Seed harvesting this Friday at 11:30am.
 - We will need to remove the labels in the gardens. We can collect the labels on Friday while in the garden.
- Clothing swap
 - Still waiting on a response as to where/when . 16th of November is a tentative date, it will be on a Tuesday for sure.
 - We would need to collect the clothes at least a week before (a box will be placed where people can donate)

Issues committee

- We have a draft of the letter to send, which will be given to SCB for review.
 - Group suggestion: The next conference call is in December for the Parent society; we should listen in to see if any news is happening on the matter.
- New issues:
 - BBC news found a new mammal species (carnivorous mongoose). Most likely threatened, only found 2 in the wild. Found in a wetland habitat, may eat fish. Odd, because mongoose are often found in the desert! The "Durrell's mongoose" after Gerald Durrell.
 - <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/10/101011083904.htm>
 - Hungarian toxic slide. Group agrees that it will most likely collapse any time soon.

Photo contest committee

- Still deciding where to hold it this year (last year it was in the Tea room).
- Group suggestion: if it is in the atrium, the earlier you book it, the better.
- It is a major source of revenue, so we should discuss it ASAP. Unfortunately the committee is not here today.
- Discuss points to bring up for next week:
 - Atrium rental: 100\$/day.
 - CONs of TeaRoom: 3 weeks is a long time & takes a lot of effort to maintain. Hard to see sometimes, have to lean over people. Hard to fix pictures around people drinking tea.
 - PROs of TeaRoom: nice area, less traffic
 - If in the atrium this year, we need to think about how we are going to present them so that we are not being wasteful with presentation supplies.
 - Group suggestion: Possible to use the art common ground on the 4th floor? Better lighting?
- If there is another environmental event happening at the same time as the photo contest, it may be beneficial, because it will draw attention to our exhibit.
- Group suggestion: Try to obtain a speaker to promote us and the event.

Finances

- If you have not given in your society dues, the sooner the better.

End of meeting.