

Oct 26th, 2010

Social committee

- The Halloween party: We need a float of \$5 bills. We have change from the membership fees for this.
- The door: There will be a baggy with money in it, periodically Rhiannon will come and take away float so there isn't too much. People do not need to donate at the door, but we can encourage them and give stickers to those who donate.
- If the party is really busy: The donation's table is the back; remind people who did not donate at the front to go to the back and donate.
- The poster: Staples does not do the roll-up banners that we want. There are 2 other places: Medphoto prices it at \$200 (more than our voted \$100), including the stand. The other company prices it at \$100 **without** the stand. Either way, it will be more than \$100.
 - Plan: Not purchase the poster for this event, use the one we borrowed from SCB centre for now, maybe purchase a large poster for a future event.
 - We will put the SCB centre poster in the booth in the back, or at the donations table. – Must ask the Duke for permission.
 - Issue: What is the durability of the roll-up poster? Do not want to spend lots of money on a poster that does not last.
 - Possible solution: Michelle will be looking at samples at MedPhoto this week and will bring up the results at our next meeting.
- We are not doing the raffle at the Halloween party.
- Other ideas: In January, do a raffle for the biology department to incorporate the swag we have now (plus more swag we will collect). We will sell the tickets over the course of a week/month, to get more money.
 - Issue: Do not want to ask Kingston companies twice for donations; we still need donations for the photo contest prizes.
 - Possible solution: Do not ask the same companies for donations.
 - Issue: Asking companies all year round for donations.
 - Possible solution: During the Christmas holidays go back to hometowns and ask for donations outside of Kingston.
 - Benefit: Gets the word out about SCB.
- Rhiannon suggests coming earlier, because there may be a line-up near 11pm.
- The list of the door-watching volunteers will be sent out tonight. If it becomes too much for the volunteers, you can call on Kat or Rhiannon to help out.
- Comments: The posters were well-received across Queens by students.

Programs

- Fish and Frogs presented at the Environmental Conference for high school students. It went really well. The students were interested in starting their own environmental clubs at their schools after our presentations. Many were graduating this year and seemed very receptive for joining the chapter/starting a new chapter.
- Teachers became interested in Fish and Frogs as well. Hopefully we will get some more events going.

Education

- They contacted the education professor at Queen's, and says that there are students who would be interested in helping to create the 'kits'.

Sustainability

- They collected seeds on Friday. They have plenty of seeds, they will need the template on how to package them and then they can do that (make seed packages).
- The summer student is coming by to prepare the garden for the winter.

Issues

- The letter is ready to be edited/reviewed by the chapter.
- The parent committee's current issues are on their website's policy page. They have done something on the tar sands already, so if we do work on this topic, we need to make it different from what they have already addressed.
- The parent committee is currently interested in the boreal forest policies. They would like to look at this local issue and address it: may be a good issue to address.
- Next semester: First two weeks of April, there may be a mini-retreat to QUBS with the other executive members of the Toronto chapter.
 - Problem: Have to schedule around all the researchers going to QUBS at that time. Good for collaboration efforts.
- SinCrew (an oil company) has been fined for a 2008 mass duck die-off due to an oil spill. Some of the fines will be used for habitat restoration.
- An event Nov. 26th by transition Kingston – How Cuba dealt with it's Oil Crisis, a free event, Wilson room in the Library.
- Nov 26th- Christopher Hichtens is having a debate: You can stream this live online.
- Rhiannon is looking into grants to create a polyculture set-up in the atrium. There would be koi and a biowall to grow. You could see the nitrogen being produced by the fish, the nutrient absorption by the plants etc. Would the SCB like to be involved in this?

- Who would design it? – It is a multidisciplinary project: biology & engineering. It could be within Queen's to get it designed. Would only need to replenish water that evaporates.
- Bailey Chair - Paul Martin, Maybe ask the Bailey's to see if they would be interested in donating to the project.

Photo Contest

- Sharon Reagan would love to help us to book the atrium.
 - Issue: It is pretty booked up next semester. May be able to overlap with poster presentations are happening at the same time; however it may get confusing.
- The back of Co-Grow may be a good alternative; however how much traffic they get may be an issue.
- Should be thinking about preparing to sell the Christmas card packages after the Halloween party
 - Going to sell packages of 5 for \$10. Last year they did okay.
 - They could do better this year so long as we give plenty of time to advertise.
 - We may ask the Tea Room /Co-Grow if they would like to sell Christmas cards for us and collect the money.
- Photo Contest will have to make the Christmas card packages.
- Idea: Would we like to put bios of the exec/committee teams up on our website?
 - General yes.