Members in attendance: Chip, Amy, Melissa, Julie, Wendi, Allina, Jesse

Previous

Student/Alumni Mixer:
Smaller turnout than expected, speculated to be because of the weather. Despite the low numbers, was fun experience with good conversation. Several new students were in attendance. Alumni Association to cover $200 of the expenses. We considered a possible rethinking of the event if future attendance is low. Possible strategies included a rebranding to make it sound more casual/less official.

New Semester Raffles:
Went over well, as expected. Congratulations to Melisa, who was one of the winners.

Upcoming

Game Night:
(Amy reporting) To be held the 3rd Thursday of every month. Allina mentioned bringing it up to her human development class, which takes place on the same day (Thurs). The event is all ready to go, with posters made/Renee putting it in newsletter.

Online Student Care Packages (4th week of semester):
(Melissa reporting) Using a 3rd party company to supply the care packages not feasible (in the $40-$70 per student area). Melissa has found sources to buy bulk items at affordable prices, so the issue becomes one of putting the packages together, labeling them and sending them out.

- **Shipping**: UPS has a flat rate depending on the size of the box (smallest rate is $7.25 per box). Actual boxes/envelopes cost nothing, but we may need to contact them ahead of time for a large amount. Estimated no more than 200 online-only students, but Chip expects actual number of recipients to be smaller (possibly 100).
- **Possible Contents**: Hand-sanitizer, tea, stress balls, snacks (dietary restrictions possible concern) encouraging letter, foam Urock rocks,
- **Next steps**: List of online-only students (Chip). Find out if there is any extra swag on-hand that we won’t have to spend money on (unspecified). Order more foam rocks, which we agreed on a $1.50 per rock range limit (Chip).

Timeline for this event was to send packages in week 4 of semester (which is 2 weeks from now).

**Cupcakes and Canvases (Feb. 15th and March 1st):**
Posters have been made and newsletters ad is ready. Eight (8) tickets have been bought for the first date (Feb. 15th). We agreed to buy more for this date if there is a significant waitlist after signups.

**The Tragedy of Richard the Second (Feb. 14th):**
Posters have been made. Whether or not tickets have been bought was not mentioned. I should’ve asked for clarification, sorry.
Pool Party:
Rental prices (for the big pool, it was determined) are $280 for the full pool and $145 for half per hour. Chip to call and confirm availability/dates/and which pool we were talking about (my bad there). We discussed possibly renting other areas (such as the rock-climbing room) as well.

Spring Basket Raffle:
Items need to be acquired.

Valentine’s Candy Count:
Chocolates need to be bought, and we need a container as the previous one was giving away with the previous candy. Someone needs to count the chocolates. Chip suggest we ask Renee as she is impartial.

Valentine’s Station:
Supplier (Melissa?) found has 12-packs of cards for $7.50 each, less a 15% discount (so about $6.38 per 12-pack), plus $4 shipping (on orders over $40). We discussed checking Wal-Mart or the Dollar Store as an alternative. We also need stamps. We discussed also having candy hearts and stickers on hand.

Yoga (Tuesdays, 12-1pm. Feb. 12th is first date):
Everything is ready to go. Chip got contract w/ Garrett Vail yesterday (1/29), newsletter ad is ready. First 12 to signup are in, then waitlist. Garrett suggested keeping a waitlist going in case people stop coming. A few students from the previous class expressed interest in doing it again, and the consensus was that we didn’t have a problem with them signing up for this one as well.

Redsox and Flower Show (transportation):
Bus company we were considering has not gotten back to Chip, he was hoping to get in contact with them today (1/30) to see what’s going on.

Redsox:
- Astros: May 19th
- Tampa Bay: June 8th or 9th

Chip to check availability for these dates.

St. Patrick’s Day:
Green-wearing contest mentioned, but further details not discussed.

Expressions Night (Tentative date: April 3rd):
We discussed the need for a new poster. Allina said would try doing it. We considered doing the food out until 7:00pm, like last year, and consensus was that this worked well before. Melissa mentioned possibly doing a circus theme.

Quilting Workshop with Megan:
8 students maximum. We do not have a date for this yet.

Lasagna:

Need a date from Julie.

Stress-Down Week:

Allina spoke with Kent at UMA (? – need clarification here) and he said they do theirs during finals week. We discussed whether to do it before midterms or finals. Chip and Allina suggest finals because people are generally more stressed then and this would give us more time to plan the event. Allina said she had Zoomed with Kent and he expressed interest in helping us plan ours. Therapy dogs were mentioned.

UMA and URock:

Chip talked with Rose and Kent of the SGA in Augusta about a possible late-July or early-August retreat to plan/coordinate student events, and Chip pitched the idea of a pooling of resources between URock and the Augusta campus to them. Consensus among our group was that this could be a promising collaboration. Chip will give updates of what’s going on with this.

SA Meeting Schedule:

February: 13th, 27th (Amy will be absent for the 17th meeting. Good luck in the bagging contest!)

March: 13th

April: 3rd (which is expressions night, meeting likely to be focused on setting up for that), 17th

May: 1st.

Graduation is on May 4th SA members expected to attend.

Announcements:

There are a lot of Vault tutors available this semester (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons), as well as math tutors.

This summer there will be an election for the SA, so we could recruit new members. We discussed adding Allina and she said she would like to join. We unanimously agreed an she is officially a member now!