

Vancouver Sea to Sky Meeting & Richmond Delta Burnaby Branch Meeting
September 20, 2006, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Present: Gillian Sexsmith, Judy Ageson, Felora Farahani, Duncan Stephen

1. Branch Membership Survey

- Duncan has mailed out the prize to the RDB survey winner
- Duncan shared his preliminary results of the RDB survey with members; if we feel it is anonymous enough then he will mail it out to the members with a reminder that the survey can still be completed

Action(s):

- Duncan will hear from members if the survey results are okay to forward
- Duncan will make any necessary modifications and then write a cover letter to go with the results to email to the RDB members

2. Social Work Week

- Multicultural Committee (MARC) is interested in helping with our event (not financially, but with the tasks); branch members agreed to this
- The Roundhouse is not available, but the MARC had some venue suggestions.
- We will have each professor invite one student to present, but we do not want burden students; we agreed it is fine if there are not three students presenting.
- It was discussed that we want to make sure that we send an invitation to the UBC First Nations School of Social Work so that they are formally included
- No member should have to pay out of pocket expenses for this event; expenses will be discussed and approved by the branch ahead of time (remember to save your receipts for reimbursement)
- We decided not to try to take pictures of all the students with their posters as it did not feel respectful; it was suggested that to encourage 1:1 contact we could divide the students' names up and that each of us could meet whoever was on our list

Action(s):

- Angela will follow-up with Brian O'Neill and Graham Riches to determine whether they are interested in participating in this event.
- Duncan will attach the updated "to do" list to the minutes (see attached).
- Duncan will follow-up with the MARC's suggestions to find an available space. and notify them that we would be happy to work together on this event.
- As it gets closer divide the students' names up so that we can each make 1:1 contact with them and sign up for items on the to do list

3. Branch and Association Board Positions

- The branch now needs a treasurer. Special thanks to Marty and best of thanks to him for his long term of service!

Action(s):

- Members are to consider potential nominees for various positions.
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4. Perspectives

- The plan remains to have the article drafts done by October. Articles in the works:
 - Angela: Housing article and suggestions for editorial
 - Barb: Internationally trained social workers
 - Duncan: Living and Minimum wages
 - Marissa Tuzi: write-up on Continuous Journey
- Perspectives Editorial Board is looking for new members
- We are not responsible for the layout of Perspectives

Action(s):

- Angela is hosting a writing/planning meeting for Sunday from 10-2 pm to come up with the article outlines.

5. Holiday Event

- Last year was a very small turnout to the holiday event, which was embarrassing for some members, even though there were a lot of donations.
- Maybe this year we could do a potluck at an agency and bring donations by letting the staff know ahead that there will be a small group. A possibility may be the Harvest Project in North Vancouver
 - Barb has some ideas that she will share with the group on Sunday

Action

- Barb to share her ideas and discuss further with branch members
- Gillian will contact family friend who works part time at Harvest Project if that is the idea that the branches are interested in

6. Meeting Schedule

- It was agreed to rotate branch meetings, and three members offered to host over the fall. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 18th, 2006 at Gillian Sexsmith's apartment in Vancouver. Request address through Duncan (seatosky@vcn.bc.ca).

Social Work Week 2007 Event, To Do List

Before the event

- Setting budget (all)
- Room booking Duncan
- Liaise with UBC SWFS
 - Graham Riches Angela
 - Professors/students
- Abstracts (obtaining, photocopying)
- Arranging catering
- Arranging thank you gifts
- Pick up BCASW materials
- Pick up balloons, flowers
- Invitations

On the day of the event

- Room set-up
- Table set-up
- Display set-up
- Balloon and flower set-up
- Food set-up
- Door greeters / ushers (2)
- Mingling/interacting with students
- Presenting BCASW pins to students/professors
- Photography
- Opening speech
- Structure, organizing
- Closing speech/presenting gifts
- Clean up (all)

Afterwards

- Evaluation (all)
- Write up for Perspectives