UAWE Coordinating Council minutes 2/10/15

Present: Liz Dussol (recorder), Jessie McShane, Sue Myers, Mary Ann Ryan, Michelle Thom, Colleen Stephens

Approved minutes from meeting on 12/11/14

Reminder that the awards nominations deadline is Feb. 16th 4:00. Beth has done a great job of publicizing this, but so far no nominations have come in. We are hoping Beth can send a note to the list asking again for nominations on Thurs 12 or Fri 13 (so people have the weekend to write letters of nomination). UAWE Coordinating Council members are not eligible to receive these awards, but we are eligible to write letters of nomination (and to remind friends & colleagues to do the same).

Reminder that there is a reception for Calvin Hill Friday Feb. 20 from 2-4 in the OSF library “Leather Room”: all coordinating council members are encouraged to attend.

The Employee Benefits & Services Fairs will be on Mon. March 2 11:30-1:30 Woulfe; Tues. March 3 11:30-1:30 MOH202. UAWE will have a table. We will give out bookmarks (there is a stack in the LDCW; does Beth have more of them?); have a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to be added to the Friends of the LDCW/UAWE mailing list (Jessie has a template for the sign-up & will get those who sign up enrolled); have copies of the questions we asked at the fall reception on hand so that people who stop by our table can fill them out if they choose. VOLUNTEERS STAFFING THE TABLE: MONDAY (St. Paul): Liz, Mary Ann, Sue, Jessie, Michelle will be at the event; TUESDAY (Minneapolis): Liz and Paddy and Ea??

We’ll have the work/family balance panel Tues. March 3 3:30-4:30 in the LDCW (panelists = Becca Swiler, Allison Jessee, Bernie Armada). Colleen asked if we have gifts for the panelists. We will write thank-you cards, but don’t have gift items, though Jessie volunteered that we could give them each an LDCW mug.

The gift question made us think about the possibility of having giveaways for the fall reception (25th anniversary of the UAWE). Ideas included water bottles, jump drives, mugs & pens. Jessie was going to check on prices. We were going to check with Paddy to see how much money we’d have in our budget for this.

We discussed the April 9 reception. Ideally, the emcee will be Ea (she has done such a great job in the past); if she is unavailable, Sue volunteered Liz to emcee. Ann Johnson will speak & give a brief history of the UAWE, Sr. Pat Kowalski & Dr. Pauline Lambert. Liz will invite all members of the President’s Cabinet to attend the event. Once we have determined the award nominees, Liz will order the awards. Paddy has traditionally been the one to order linens, food & flowers for this event: we hope she can do so again.

This will be 25th anniversary of the UCW/UAWE: let’s make a big production of it in the fall and invite Charlie Keffer & former UCW Coordinating Council members.

We ordered a UAWE poster-board from the Service Center (which arrived about 15 minutes after the meeting…. Rats), which we can have on our table at the Employee Services & Benefits Fair, as well as at events. We’d like to have a bigger banner: Colleen will submit a proposal to the Beverage Committee to see if they will fund it. We also talked about getting a “25 Years” fabric banner to drape across our poster.
We had a long conversation about lactation rooms. Human Resources has been carrying out an assessment of lactation rooms available on campus: some of the information currently out there is a bit outdated. It would be nice if there were more lactation rooms like the one in ASC. Mary Ann has been talking to Jim Brommer, and in future buildings we will be more sensitive to including lactation rooms and gender-neutral restrooms. UST has talked about “radical hospitality” – let’s see who is on the strategic planning group and make sure this issue is on their radar. Jessie mentioned that the back room of the LDCW (OEC104) can be used as a lactation room.

We were asked whether we wanted a photo of the Coordinating Council in the Aquinas yearbook. The professional photographer will not be on campus during a time that we are scheduled to meet. However, Kim Rueb, the Aquinas Yearbook advisor, will come to the LDCW on Wed. March 4 around 3:00 to take a photo of the UAWE Coordinating Council.

NEXT MTG: WEDNESDAY MARCH 4 3:00 in LDCW (MTG TO DISCUSS AWARD NOMINEES, DECIDE RECIPIENTS)