

**Women's Center Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**April 15, 2009**

**Members Present:** Brooke Miller, Sarah Smith Richards, Angela Henderson, Katy Mathuews, Jessamyn Sudhakaran, Monique Diderich, Roberta Milliken, Mistie Spicer

**Breast Cancer Awareness/Bear Run:** The annual event is next week on Wednesday, April 22. Roberta said the tee-shirts have not arrived but are expected to be in later this week possibly tomorrow. She said the center did not receive as many donations to purchase the shirts as in the past and not as many people signed up has had in the past.

**Tapestries:** Sarah reported that the proof is done. She said the cover is different from in the past. Sarah said Leah did a beautiful job. It is a 48 page book. She said she and Tom will meet with Leah for the final editing before the book is published. The release party is scheduled for noon on April 29 in the Library Alcove.

**Distinguished Lecture Series Grant:** Roberta told the committee that she has applied for two grants and although she has not received confirmation she believes they will be approved. She applied for a \$3,000 grant for the Jackson Katz lecture in October and has applied for a \$1,000 grant to bring Bari Watkins, a History professor at Ohio University to campus for a lecture. She said Watkins will speak on "American Women's Social Reform."

**Development Foundation Grants:** Roberta told the committee that after doing more research on the Mentors Against Violence program she discovered that it was going to be a very expensive program approximately \$3,500 a day plus travel expenses for four people from Florida and incidentals and therefore did not apply for a grant to offer this program on campus.

Roberta told the group that she did apply for a grant from a women's math mentoring project which she called "One Plus One." The project will be for female students who are struggling in the developmental math classes they are taking. The students will be paired up with other female students who struggled with math at first but who are now doing well. Roberta said Krista Maxson, the chair of the math department has offered to help the Women's Center locate potential mentors and Krista said the math department faculty will also be willing to assist.

Roberta said the program will begin with ten pairs who will meet every two weeks for an hour. The mentors will also help with study skills as well as assist with the math. The grant proposal calls for the mentors to be paid \$10 an hour. The grant proposal is with Dave Todt for his signature.

**Director's Evaluation:** Sarah reported that the evaluation process is on-going. She is hoping to get all of the responses in by April 27. She said people can send them to her by a student or via inner office mail. She will compile all of the information and give a summary to Dave Todt who will then schedule a meeting to sit down and go over the results with Roberta.

**2009-2010 Calendar:** Roberta said she would like to have the Women's Center do something every month. She would like plan more events in October to tie in with the Jackson Katz lecture and the focus on domestic violence. Roberta has some brochures with domestic violence videos. She said the center has \$800 left in this year's budget and she asked the committee about the possibly of purchasing some videos to show during October. One of those videos was Jackson Katz's "Tough Guise." Katy suggested

that we focus more on campus violence against women. Brooke said Linda Brown did a sexual assault awareness month presentation for the residence halls and did a very good job. She suggested that this might be a good program to offer. Angela suggested instead of trying to focus on both breast cancer awareness and domestic violence in April that we might want to focus more on breast cancer awareness in April since we already do the Breast Cancer Awareness Bear Run or she suggested that we do the Breast Cancer Bear Run Awareness during the fall semester Bear Run since it is held in September and right before Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Roberta said she would like to see Linda do more relationship workshops next year. She said she checked with Linda who said the workshops do not always have to be on the same day of the week next year.

Katy told the committee that she has been in contact with Peggy Gemperline with Stepping Stone House as a possible new partnership for the Women's Center. She said the Stepping Stone House works with women with children who have substance abuse problems. She wanted to know if the Women's Center would be willing to meet with Peggy to talk about possible ideas and projects. Roberta suggested that we explore this potential partnership and asked Katy to set up a meeting with Peggy.

Sarah brought up a couple of other program ideas including a traveling Congo show and a "Women's Build Day" in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. She said the national observance of the day is held during the week of May 2-10<sup>th</sup> and suggested that we partner with the Scioto County Habitat chapter and maybe look at doing something next May.

There was some discussion about continuing the Read In next year. Katy suggested that we move the venue so that the event is more visible.

Roberta asked everyone explore any ideas they may have for programs, do the leg-work and then the ideas will be compiled for the committee to look over.

**WCAC 2009-2010 Members:** Angela, Mistie, Katy, Sarah, Sharon and Tom will remain on the committee next year. It is not known if Pat Carson will stay on. If Pat would not like to stay on, Roberta asked if the people whose names were suggested at the last meeting, Sarah Clausing, Tracy Conn or Phyllis Noah would be interested. It is also not known if Heather Thacker or Monique are staying on. Roberta asked for possible names of staff members who would be interested in serving on the committee. Angela suggested Becky Herpy and Mistie suggested Jonna Cook and Kim Robbins. Roberta said Jasmine Tilford and Ashley McCray have agreed to serve. She said another student is needed and Ray Noble's name was brought up.

**The next meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Women's Center to work on the calendar and to say good-bye to Brooke, Jessamyn, and Whitney.**