

Women's Center Advisory Committee Minutes
April 27, 2009

Members Present: Angela Henderson, Roberta Milliken, Monique Diderich, Jessamyn Sudhakaran and Mistie Spicer

Those in attendance worked on the Women's Center 2009-2010 Calendar. Roberta said her goal is to have an activity scheduled for every month of the school year.

Monique asked if we could do something on tanning beds. She said she would be happy to do it. May is National Skin Cancer Awareness month but because graduation is early in May, that month would not be good and there are some many activities planned for April. The committee discussed the possibility of having this event in January. Mistie suggested it would be nice to have someone come in who could let people know how damaged their skin was from the sun and tanning beds. Angela mentioned that the mobile health unit has a device called a derma-scan that maybe could be used as part of the program. Mistie said she would talk to Mattie Burton about the possibility of using it for the program.

Classes will start on August 19. The committee talked about having the "Welcome Back to Campus" event on Thursday, September 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the Bookstore patio.

Roberta asked if the committee would still like to do the Denim Day collection for breast cancer. Angela said the actual day for Denim Day is October 2 so the collection will begin the last week in September. She also suggested maybe having the boutique at that same time and tie it in with the Denim Day collection. The boutique is tentatively scheduled for September 28-October 2 and will be held in the Teaching and Learning Center conference room from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Mistie said as a way to raise more money for the mobile health unit she would like to open it up to the community. Roberta said she would reserve the conference room for the boutique and asked Mistie to come up with a clever name to put on the calendar.

Roberta said she talked to Lou Ann at the Domestic Violence shelter who told her they would like to be involved in the domestic violence activities on campus. They would also like to be involved in the Tough Guise video/panel discussion. Roberta said she needed a man to be on the panel and asked Monique if she thought Scott Douthat would be interested. Monique said she would check with him. A 5:30 start time for the event was discussed although a date and a location were not determined.

Other activities slated for October include a Sexual Assault Workshop with Linda Brown and a Self-Defense workshop with the possibility of partnering with the Student Programming Board. Angela suggested that Roberta talk to Tiffany Weaver or Ray Noble who is the new president of the Student Government Association.

In November the committee talked about the possibility of some kind of drive for the Stepping Stones House. Roberta said she, Katy and Mistie met with Susan McComas of the Counseling

Center about some partnership ideas for drives and ways to help. Ideas for drives included books and toys for the kids and Susan suggested even putting together welcome bags for the ladies when they first come to the house.

In January the submission deadline for Tapestries will be January 4. Roberta said submissions will need to be selected before the students go on break so that Tapestries will be ready for the release party on April 14.

The collection for the Go Red For Women will begin at the end of January with the picture scheduled for Friday, February 5th. Roberta said Katy will serve as the point person for The Vagina Monologues which will be presented February 11 and 12.

In March the Read In will be held again. However it may be changed to an "open mic" type of event. Katy is working on coming up with an idea and cool name for the program. Barb Kunkle has offered to do a lecture next March and it is tentatively scheduled as a brown bag lecture type of event and is scheduled for March 3 with the location to be determined. No date for Angela's lecture on Barbie was decided although the possibility of it also being a brown bag event at the museum was discussed by the advisory committee. The Bari Watkins lecture will be held on March 16th at 4:00. Possible locations were discussed but no decision was made. Roberta said she would also like to have the Distinguished Service Awards luncheon in March. Mistie said she would check with Kim Dickey to find out what dates were available to have the luncheon in the lobby of the Vern Riffe Center.

In April, Roberta set the Tapestries Release Party for April 14. She said she checked with the Athletic Department to find out when the Spring Bear Run is scheduled and was told it would either be April 14, 21 or 28th. Roberta said Sarah has not had time to find out when the Habitat for Humanity Community Build is so that may not be an event for next year.

Roberta brought in a home-made cake and the members said good-bye to Jessamyn who is graduating and going to grad school in Indiana.