

CSI MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 16th, 2007

EML 170

7:00 PM

Members present: Amy Meier, Chasity Odden Heide, Jason Baumgartner, Amy Martin, Kathy Fahramand, Beverly Lahlem, Carol Hoheisel, Alyssa Brandt

1. We discussed the upcoming social event and fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, April 21st. There will be a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Special Olympics at Olivet Lutheran Church from 8:00am-2:30pm. Special Olympics has asked for members of CSI to help out at the breakfast. There will be about 10 members present to volunteer. Immediately following the pancake breakfast, the social event will take place at the America Inn in Moorhead.

Cost of the social event is \$5.00, and members are encouraged to bring a food or beverage item to donate. A reminder of the social event will be sent out this week, so be checking your e-mails. There will be snacks and pizza served, and members are encouraged to bring children and/or significant others.

A concern was mentioned, as to whether or not a social event should be used as a fundraiser, and the possibility to change the format of the event for the future was discussed.

2. Amy Martin, Jason Baumgartner, and Alyssa Brandt had met with the Special Olympics coordinator, as to see whether or not CSI could form a partnership for community service with Special Olympics. The response from the director was very inviting, and she was excited that our organization had such an interest in Special Olympics. The director mentioned some upcoming service opportunities for judges and event helpers in the near future. Some upcoming opportunities to volunteer are:

- Sunday, May 13th from 1:00-4:00pm at Roosevelt Elementary. Helpers are needed at the Volleyball tournament
- Sunday, May 20th from 6:30-8:30 at NDSU. Helpers are needed at a bocce ball tournament.

More details will be sent shortly. Also, there will be volunteer opportunities this summer at hot dog stands, located at Hornbachers and Cash Wise. Volunteers will be needed on Fridays and Saturdays to help out.

Special Olympics collects used ink jet cartridges and had asked if we would be interested in helping with that collection. We discussed that it would be a great fundraiser for our CSI organization. We will discuss with Carol Nelson, if she would be willing to set a box out in the front office of the counseling office for donations from faculty and students.

3. We discussed briefly the orientation for new graduate students to be held on Monday, June 4th. Jason had typed up an outline of the day. We set up a time for committee

members of the orientation planning committee, could meet to discuss the outline further. Carol Hoheisel mentioned that she would still be having class that day, so we had to be done with orientation by 3:00. Also, we need to be aware of financial issues when thinking about ordering lunch. We would like to order t-shirts for all the students, and they would pay a fee of \$15.00 for the orientation. Carol Hoheisel also mentioned that some of the information could be carried over into her first class that day. More information on this event is to come shortly.

4. T-Shirt orders are still on hold, from those that were taken at the conference. We would like to get more t-shirt orders, and discussed taking orders at the social event this Saturday. Carol Hoheisel stated that some interested buyers were still waiting for their t-shirts they had ordered at the conference, so we would like to get an order in soon.

5. The graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 11th at 2:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Founders Room of the EML building on campus. All graduates and their families are encouraged to attend the ceremony. Invitations will be mailed out shortly.

Other business: We discussed the formation of a manual for the new students coming in, sort of like a program check list.

We discussed having a mentor program for the new students. A CSI member could be assigned to one or two students to provide them a contact if they have any questions.