Minutes – Community Service Committee 2/10/09

Present: Habitat (Kyle Mattson), Circle K (Jacqui Fable), APO (Christine Roe), IFC (Ken Hutchinson), CS Director (Cynthia Smith)

❖ Habitat for Humanity

➢ Working on Home Run event; has begun to secure prizes from Flavour Café and from Market Block Books
➢ Ceiling tile program moving forward in the Games Room area
➢ Capital Region Habitat building one or more homes in Albany at the State Capital Building over spring break. – Anyone can help with this.
➢ Club will be tabling during three River Rats games – to raise awareness and money
➢ 18 on 86 – Habitat will be there
➢ Spring Break trip – huge response; 14 people attending

❖ Circle K

➢ Iron Chef event will be on 2/28; students are coordinating with the Clothe-A-Child folks to make sure both events run smoothly; club is tabling the week of 2/17 for sign-ups
➢ Divisional meeting for Circle K went well; while there the students made PB&J sandwiches for a local shelter;
➢ Club is also continuing to sort cans for the Humane Society in Menands; huge effort underway after shelter theft and subsequent donation by Price Chopper. Many hands needed
➢ Circle K chosen as Vanderheyden’s Volunteer of the Year – recognition will be on Feb 20!

❖ APO

➢ Continuing to work at the Regional Food Bank
➢ Seed sorting with Community Gardens
➢ Training with Joseph’s House to serve local churches
➢ Helping Capital Region Habitat for Humanity this Saturday
➢ Helping Troy Food Co-OP next Wednesday
➢ Participating in the AIDS National Workshop Raffle Fundraiser – will raffle some jewelry
➢ Working on MMOC – letters to meanest personalities on campus going out this week; fraternity is still deciding which charity to support for this.

❖ IFC

➢ Fraternities will also be helping with the Hudson Mohawk Humane Society can sorting.

➢ Looking into Giving Circle program to send students to NOLA to help rebuild houses. Will work with Cynthia on risk/liability issues.

❖ Community Service Committee Reports

➢ RELAY is underway; another organizing meeting occurring concurrently with this meeting.

➢ Blood Drive dates going out soon; there will be more dates next year; when clubs, fraternities and sororities and organizations get the dates, they will have the opportunity to rank their top three choices, and will be awarded their date on a first-come, first-serve basis.

➢ Notes on the Volunteer Recognition Award nominations will be going out by the end of this week. Students should thoughtfully consider all the good work occurring and nominate those who are worthy.

➢ Rather than set up another Community Service Day this semester – support the initiatives of other to help make them as successful as possible. Senate is looking at a couple initiatives. Earth Day and Holocaust Remembrance Day also options.