Community Service Committee  
February 23, 2010

Minute notes

APO (Michael Giehl and Kristen Fable)  
March plans include: 
  3/2 Can sorting at Hudson Mohawk Humane Society 
  3/6 – Paint Samaritan Children Center 
  3/15 – Waffle Sale to benefit Troy Bike Rescue – to get bikes back to campus 
  3/21 – Food Bank 
  3/24 – Troy Boys and Girls Club 
  3/27 – H4H – Disney Give a Day, Get a Day 
  If they earn days they will give them to Troy Boys and Girls Club; unsure if they are participating in the Habitat Build-a-Thon in April 
  • Club is talking about a possible video arcade program to raise money so they can buy video games for children at Samaritan Hospital – investigating www.childsplay.com 
  • There are 17 new pledges, potential for 74 brothers 

Circle K (Sage Foley and Jess Martinolich)  
  • Their major fundraiser is this Saturday – “The Iron Chef Competition”. So far six teams are signed up with proceeds going to Gilda’s Club in Latham. The program is from 7-9 p.m., in the Union. Tix are $5 in advance, $7 at the door. Still recruiting chefs! 
  • Circle K Division is building with Habitat this coming week 
  • Division had its 12 hours of service marathon last weekend, 41 volunteers from 7 colleges, 2 key clubs participated, and made a variety of items to be used by kids of all ages. 
  • Continue to work at Troy Boys and Girls Club, The Eddy, where students have adopted grandparents, and the Food Bank 

IFC (Jon Williams)  
  • March 5 is the deadline for all the fraternities and sororities to turn in their service reports for the 5 STAR Awards 
  • If clubs need help with anything, they can send information to Jon, and he will send to the fraternities and sororities to see if there is interest in helping. 
  • IFC and Panhel are talking about having Greek Week at the end of GM WEEK – brainstorming service ideas – last week they conducted an Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with Troy Night Out 
  • Will explore the Racism Program with the local YWCA 

Habitat (Kyle Mattson)  
  • Habitat Spring Break trip to Chincoteague Island is filled with 13-14 people signed up. 
  • Club is still waiting for a new local build; Rensselaer County is building homes with two other groups at this time. 
  • Planning Home Run for Habitat this semester. 

American Red Cross (Courtney Caplette – sent report)
• ARC had a poly article on 2/10
• Held a bake sale on 2/22 with the brothers of Phi Mu Delta and raised $150 for the Haiti Relief effort.
• Working to establish relationship with the canteen crew to help out at the blood drives.

General (Cynthia Smith)
• Blood Drive Dates for 2010-11 will be posted soon. One confirmed date is Saturday, September 11, for which we will have media coverage this year.
• Community Service Day will be May 1 this spring. Confirmed collaborators are Oakwood Cemetery, Frear Park, Prospect Park, Joseph’s House and Shelter and the Lansingburgh Library. Registration will be available in the middle of March on the website. Everyone should participate and encourage widespread participation.
• Volunteer Recognition Award nomination forms are now available – and the Dinner date is now confirmed for Wednesday, April 28.

The next meeting will be led by Jessica Martinolich and Jacquie Fable, in the DOSO Conference Room on Tuesday, March 16 – at 7 p.m.