

BWIS Board Meeting Dec 13, 2012

Attendees: Bernadette, Kathy, Linda, Vinita

Agenda Items

1. High School Career day scheduled for April 16, 2013. Kahille is organizing this.
2. Report on meeting with Rosa Palmore, Diversity Office
3. CARE Workshop follow-up: Request to hold another Workshop submitted Oct 30th. Simer has not heard back from them. We still have approximately \$4000 from the \$10000 grant – about \$6000 were spent on the last workshop. We need \$2000 more for another workshop. If we decide to organize a workshop we should ask BNL for administrative and logistical support.
4. Peconic Bay Zonta Meeting on Dec 11. Kathy and Mona are Zonta members and Kathy attended the meeting. Zonta would like to co-sponsor more Girl Scouts events with BWIS and add a mentoring component that stresses widening career options for 5-6 grade girls.

Zonta would also like to work with BWIS on a program for Women's History Month. It is called "Room Full of Sisters," named for a poem by Mona Lake Jones. The poem starts as follows:

A room full of sisters, like jewels
in a crown: vanilla, cinnamon, and
dark chocolate brown.
Now picture yourself in the midst of
this glory,
as I describe the sisters
who are part of this story...

It was described as a gathering and celebration of women. Participants (can pay for their own meals or we can have something) and listen to each other read or say something about women. As part of the event, a charitable donation can be made. We could also invite women vendors to set up a marketplace where they sell items for women. Zonta had a lively discussion about how we might adapt this idea for our group. It was suggested using the program to raise funds for some of the programs we have been considering recently, like sending an eastern Long Island kid to a science camp at Brookhaven Lab. The theme "supporting women and girls in non-traditional fields" emerged as we continued talking through the evening.

5. Vivian was asked by Carrie Ann if we would like to partner with Peter Paul's office and sponsor a table at the Wise Annual Student Banquet on April 25th. We could ask Peter to sponsor a table and invite BWIS members. Ask BWIS Board members if they can attend.

6. A suggestion was made to emulate the BREA Membership model and have Annual, 5 Year and Lifetime dues.
7. Report on W&C party: Nov 29, 2012. The W&C party was great – approximately 30-40 people attended. Thanks to Linda, Loralie, Kathy and Vinita for organizing the event.

The BWIS Highlights newsletter was a big hit. Next year we should send a membership renewal letter before the W&C and collect dues at the event.

Action Items

1. We need to have Board elections ASAP. Kathy will take lead.
2. Co-ordinate with Rosa Palmore to organize the Lester Hoffman Workshop. Kathy
3. Organize the Shirley Kendall presentation on APS site visit Committee and task force recommendations. Vinita
4. Invite Maggie Sullivan to present update on the Mentorship program at BNL. It would be good if the BNL community had some input into how this mentorship program develops. Is Peter Daum involved in the HR effort? Are Vivian and Triveni in the loop?
5. Follow up on WISE banquet invitation. Vivian.
6. CARE Workshop planning session in January.
7. Zonta Meeting follow-up. Zonta members recommended a mentorship program for Girl Scouts grades 5-6. It could be combined with a 'science day' at BNL. Bernadette and Linda will make plans for another event. Firoza Zanoni may be interested. Mark Israel suggested that BWIS look into sponsoring a 'science badge' for the girl scouts.
8. Add more general interest talks to the Colloquia series to attract a more diverse audience.
9. Create a Calendar of events for next year. Kathy will put it on the BWIS website.

Calendar of events planned for 2013

Event	Date	Organizer
Lunchtime Networking event Super Salad or something else?	February (tentative)	
Dr Lester Hoffman – Recognizing and Overcoming Bias against Women	March 8, 2013 (tentative)	Kathy Walker
Shirley Kendall Update: Implementation of the APS Site Visit Committee and BNL Task Force recommendations	March (tentative)	Vinita
High School Career Day	Tuesday April 16, 2013 (confirmed)	Kahille Dorsinvil
WISE Annual Student banquet	April 25, 2013 (confirmed)	Carrie-Ann Miller (SBU) Vivian (BWIS contact)
Goldhaber award presentation and reception		Linda Bowerman
Chasman award presentation and reception		Loralie Smart