Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, March, 2016

Time of the meeting: 7:00 to 8:00pm

Notes taken by: Christine Philippe-Blumauer

Present at the meeting:

• Committee members
  1. President: Isabela Morales
  2. Vice President: Lian Zhu
  3. Treasurer: David Cho
  4. Social Chair: Amanda Siemann
  5. Garden Coordinator: Katie Wolf
  6. External Relations Delegate: Akil Word-Daniels

• University
  1. Olivia Martel

• ACC
  1. Gloria Yuen

• Absent
  Webmaster: Jon MacArt, excused

• Residents
  1. Charles Swanson
  2. Levi G.
  3. Vicky G.
Discussion Points

I. Recycling: We've been doing it wrong

When to use transparent bags

Isabella
- Single stream and bagging: all the recycling is taken to a separate facility. If it is not bagged in a fully transparent bag, it will not go to recycling. Transparent trash bags can be purchased in grocery stores such as Wegmans.

Resident
- E-mails should go out and signs should be placed to inform residents that the recycling needs to be bagged in transparent bagged.

Isabella
- We will send the information with the minutes, signs will be put up and we will also put it on our website

Christine
- Why haven’t we been told earlier if it’s PU policy?

Olivia
- I also don’t know why you were not informed.

Gloria
- When it’s in a transparent bag, it’s easier to sort and see if the content is actual recycling.
- The information will also be in the newsletter again.

Isabella
- Facility, which picks up the trash, places everything in the same truck and when it gets to the trash processing facilities, this third party then triages based on the content they can identify in the bags.
Where to collect batteries & water filters

Isabella
• Britta water filters. We could collect them at our monthly meetings.
• www.sustained.princeton.edu is a good resource to find out Batteries, cell phone and electronics can be dropped off at the 100 Level of Frist. There is also a University program where one can dispose off computers, laptops etc.

Lian & Christine
• It will be easier if it is available in the Commons

Olivia & Isabella
• We should ask the needs in the community before deciding

Compromise
• Brita filters will be collected during the monthly town hall meetings.

II. Room inspections for March

Isabella
• This coming inspection will be slightly different: every room in each unit will be inspected and ACC staff will look at possible deteriorations, broken furniture etc. to prepare for the end of the year. If stuff is broken in your unit, this is the time to look into it.

Katie
• ACC might want to avoid wording that will trigger unnecessary concerns on the side of the residents.

Gloria
• It will similar to what is being sent out usually. It will specify that we will be in the units for a little longer but I will make sure that it remains consistent.

III. CSA share updates

Katie
• Honey Brook has been chosen. More information will be communicated to residents by mid-March.
• It will be a closed site, so only people to which we communicate the CSA option will be able to subscribe. We’re looking for a resident to be the volunteers’ coordinator as we will need one coordinator available during the weekly pick-up time.

IV. Ideas for larger Lakeside events

Already planned events
Amanda
• Wine and cheese last night was a great success with approx. 60 people attending.
• Upcoming events are: Pie day on 3/14, egg decorating event before Easter.
• There will also be an entire week dedicated to student appreciation in April when almost daily events will take place, more details to come. ACC is sponsoring the Student Appreciation Week events.

Larger Events
Amanda
• Larger events can be considered in order to foster community, such as BBQs. We can apply for more funding in order for this to happen. For this we would probably need to have a little sub-committee in charge of planning. We can also consider other ideas.
  Katie
• Was Wine and Cheese co-sponsored by GSG?
  Amanda
• No

Christine
• If we can’t do a larger series of BBQs for instance, can’t we not just simply have 1 or 2 BBQs and apply to GSG funding?
Olivia

- Additional GS funding can be asked for in order to host bigger community-fostering events. However, there is no guarantee that you will ultimately obtain it. You would first need to apply and then the Dean of the Graduate School would make a decision.
- GSG funding requires that you open it to all graduate students.

Amanda

- Hosting a BBQ for 200-300 people is way out of the range of what we could get through GSG.

Long conversation follows about what type of events could be selected and feasible budget options. At the end, it is decided that an event on the basketball court in the early summer – an “informal formal” with music, drinks, snacks” is a good option to explore. This event will not be a late-night one in order to be mindful of residents living around the basketball court, especially those with children.

Akil

- Based on D-Bar experience, a DJ will cost $300-400 for one evening.

Amanda

- If we take a GC Formal as a baseline, the budget is of $5,000

Gloria

- Timing will be important to factor in so as to be considerate of people living around the basket ball court especially those with children.
V. Other discussion points

Town halls during the summer

Katie

- Do we meet during the summer?

Olivia

- GC and Lawrence does not meet during the summer. You can if you want but you’re not expected to.

Amanda & Isabella

- We can have an events planning meeting ahead of the summer and this will probably be enough

Kids’ items exchange fair

Amanda

- I got a request asking if there would be a kids’ items exchange fair closer to the summer.

Olivia

- I will ask Community Affairs if we plan on doing this here this year.

GSG Housing Survey

Akil

If you have questions you want to add to the GSG Housing Survey, please e-mail me by next Wednesday March 9 at aword@princeton.edu

GSG elections

Katie

GSG elections will take place next Wednesday.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016.