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Council for IWU Women Homecoming Minutes

What a great meeting at Homecoming! It was a great chance to reconnect with dear friends and our fellow council members. Thank you for taking the time to support IWU!

If you do not see your name listed under an event for the March conference and would like to volunteer, send a note to Elly Jones bjones2111@comcast.net or Molly Rollings at mmrollings@yahoo.com.

Welcome to our newest members!

- Laurie Diekoff
- Linda Stone
- Stacey Tichenor

Attendees included: Barb Nathan, Pat Wilson, Molly McLay, Clara Ehardt, Laura Ehardt, Alyssa Sherman, Celeste Flachsbarth, Tracy Wych, Carol Liske, Claudia Brogan, Kathryn Breich (IWU Student President), Julie Hainline, Jess Olsen, Darcy Greder, Jane Baines, Tracy Garrett, Jennifer Shaugnessey, Karin McDowell, Laura Wey, Mary Ann Guenzler, Laura Randolph, Cindy Zieglis, Lora Wey, Molly Rollings and Elly Jones

Guest Speaker: Our objectives include teaching and mentoring one another, as well as providing our members with an opportunity to share their stories. Our very own Barb Nathan spoke about the Cancer Center. Barb shared information about the importance of mammograms and the level of awareness within McLean County; however, we still have some work to do. Barb also shared a touching story about one of their volunteers who has been impacted by cancer yet again. The courage this woman displays is amazing. The work at the center has been one of Barb's greatest gifts.

Conference Planning: We quickly got down to business and began discussing the 2011 Conference on **Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2011.**

I. Coffee Talk – Partnership with the Career Center

- Volunteers: Laurie Diekhoff, Molly Rollings, Elly Jones
- Comments:
 - Council members need to bring business cards.
 - Let participants know a 5 minute warning before changing tables.
 - Need more space. Dug Out works well, but may need to take all of the tables.
 - Offer Non-Profit, Business and Graduate School conversations.

Dougout

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II. State Farm Event ^{2:15}

- Volunteers: Barb Nathan, Elly Jones
- Comments: Good feedback on the joint event with State Farm.
- Need to offer Non-profit experience as well. Possibility with the Cancer Center. Provide an event for both business and non-business functions. Recommendation to have 2 off-campus events:
 - Non-Profit Sector – Cancer Center
 - Private Sector – Business/Mentoring Event with State Farm

III. Mocktail/Cocktail Party

- Volunteers: Tracy Wych, Celeste Flachsbart, Carol Liske
- Comments:
 - Very successful!
 - Everyone agreed to do this again.

IV. Financial Planning Presentation

- Volunteers: Lisa Dieter
- Comments: Great feedback. Lisa was every effective at explaining financial decision making in easy to understand terms. Molly confirmed Lisa is willing to share her talk again.

V. Young Alumni Panel

- Volunteers: Molly McLay, Alyssa Sherman
- Comments: Possible themes: “Navigating life after college.” “Your world after Wesleyan.” Good way to get young alums involved with the Council.

VI. Guest Luncheon Speaker

- Volunteers: Open
- Comments – guest speaker Possibilities:
- **Margaret Bertram** – IWU – Class of 2005. She graduated from IWU in 2005 and now works in student affairs in New York. She also works for an organization called Active Minds, which seeks to dialogue openly about mental health issues in the collegiate community. Margaret is one of their speakers, and she is trained to speak with college audiences about mental health issues. Her work comes a great deal from her own experience dealing with mental illness, an eating disorder, and coming out as a college student. Molly indicates Margaret is a great speaker and is known to infuse humor into her presentations.

http://www.activeminds.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=311&Itemid=273

- **Nancy Brady** – if Bill Brady is elected Governor, this may be a possibility. However, we do want to be mindful of invitations to political parties. We

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do not want to give the appearance that IWU is choosing or recommending a particular party.

- **Kelly Petrowski** – returning from her trip overseas.
- **Pat Armstrong** – class of 1990 – feminist.
- **Charlotte Joslin** – class of 1993 – eye researcher.
- **Entrepreneur** – Founder of Cupcake and Revenge – featured in American Express.com advertisement. Molly will research to see if this is viable.
- **Cindy Zeglis** – Psychologist – wellness talk

VII. Other Panels

- **Global Issues Effecting Women – Nicholas Kristoff “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide”**
- Comments: Event for the Council during the Young Alumni Panel.
- **Preparing Oneself in the 2011 Job Market** *Room Friday 1:30*
- Volunteers: Linda Stone, Tracy Garrett, Stacy Tichenor, Katie Coleman, Laura Randolph
- Comments: Setting realistic expectations with oneself after IWU graduation. How do you keep yourself in the game? Economy. Setting realistic goals. What if the job is not a good fit?
- **Kelly Petrowski's Experience**
- Volunteers: Darcy Greder
- Comments: Is this viable through Skype?

Other Goals for the Council:

VIII. Mentoring Program

IX. Networking/Mock Interviews

You shape and mold the female leaders of the future. Thank you for all that you do to help our women students at IWU. We appreciate you!

Elly and Molly

Coffee 9:30-10:15
Box lunch on Friday CNS??
NO TOUCH OF CLASS
Reserve Dougout 10:30-12:00
12:15 Mentoring lunch
1:15 prep work for the JOB Market
2:00 Leave for S. Forces
9Am Registration