

AWM Student Chapter April Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

Attendance

Present

Elizabeth Wicks: *President*

Emily Dinan: *Vice president*

Sean Griffin: *Treasurer*

Amy Wiebe: *Secretary*

Maddie Burkhart: *Outreach coordinator*

Kathleen Champion, Travis Scholl, Molly Baird, Becca Hoberg, Sara Billey

Absent

Minutes

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm in PDL C-036.
2. Event Recaps:
 - (a) Math day:

Several members volunteered (Liz, Molly, Maddie, Sean...) and it was a great day. Free lunch and low commitment since many activities are already well-established or organized by other people. Would be better if our volunteers could advertise the chapter somehow. Segue to T-shirts
 - (b) T-shirts:
 - have been on the back-burner for over a year; Sara thinks we should just pick an amount, say 50 shirts, and just order soon
 - chapter will cover the cost of the order and then make them available at slightly over cost for fundraising (hope to sell at around \$10-15 but will depending on cost of shirts)
 - original design included UW logo so Kellie will handle printing since she is familiar with how to go through official channels for using the logo
 - (c) Study halls:
 - Attendance was up at last quarter's final's week; including more women
 - This quarter scheduled for Monday, April 17 and Tuesday May 30 from 4:30-6:30
 - Last time an AWM email sign-up sheet was passed around near end of session to boost undergrad involvement
 - Participation of MATH 300 students is still low (non-existent), so we should focus on sending people to announce in those classes; possible problem is a separate study hall just for 300 students - did Kathryn organize this?
 - Should also pitch the study halls as a way to connect with other students and grad students in the department
 - Sara suggests we create a writeup about what we've learned (what works/what doesn't, logistics etc) running study halls to preserve for future leadership
 - (d) Gender in STEM conference:

- Emily, Liz, Molly and Jasmine tabled at the conference; only a couple people stopped at the table because the conference wasn't really set up for milling around
 - Since it is already organized by someone else it would be a good event for us to advertise as an event for allies; then we could organize a followup brown bag discussion about what attendees learned
- (e) Brunch:
Last quarter's brunch was a great success; will probably use the same format again (Amy agreed to host again) around 8th week of quarter?
3. Upcoming events:
- (a) AWM Social: (Matthew via email to Liz)
Will go to sweet alchemy or the HUB for ice cream; was going to be next Tues or Wed but will push back a week to give more notice and hope for better weather
- (b) Website workshop: (Manar via email to Liz)
Manar suggests we hold a workshop about creating our own academic websites; Kathleen says that the SIAM student chapter is already having one next month, so we'll advertise this to our students instead
- (c) Diversity lunches:
- Informal brown bag lunches where someone presents a brief overview of an article regarding diversity in STEM and moderates a discussion about the ideas of the article
 - Sarah Garner will organize this quarter because she has experience with this type of event in the Astronomy department
 - Would someone else be interested in organizing in the future? Organizer doesn't present every week, just arranges the room and manages volunteers
- (d) Elections:
- Will do a Catalyst survey as in GSR election; hold ASAP so that future officers can learn from people currently in those roles
 - Ideally want president to come from current year's officers (or if not possible someone who has been highly involved during the year); Maddie and Molly express some interest
 - Same person shouldn't hold a position for more than 2 years in a row
 - Should include some by-law that elections are to be held in Spring
 - Who votes? "Members in good standing" (i.e., people who have paid or made arrangements with Sean regarding dues)
- (e) Undergrad involvement:
- Will be a job for the next president; talk to math club
 - Change Outreach coordinator to a more targeted "Undergraduate Liaison" position (recruit from WXML?)
- (f) Budget survey:
- People generally did not have strong opposition to any spending categories, but we won't use dues for alcohol and maybe should decide on spending priorities for the future once we have more established events
 - Should send out a budget summary at the end of year; or include in a private section of the chapter website along with other admin resources
- (g) Events that might not happen:
- Math jobs talk (for undergrads): already something similar hosted by ACMS. Maybe we could advertise (flyers, post on website) for their seminar (winter quarter) next year instead
 - High-achieving calc reception: too big for our chapter; maybe better hosted by dept
Sara suggests we restrict to female designated students and still run event. She will organize and Amy will assist. We have \$150 in the budget; plan for pastries and some faculty to speak about being a math major. AWM members to attend and promote.

- (h) Undergrad mentoring program:
 - Liz is willing to organize next year if not president
 - Done in physics depts elsewhere; meet and talk over coffee maybe once a month with an undergrad math major
 - Studies show that even this small commitment increases the number of women who stay in STEM
- (i) Chapter Awards:
Nomination deadline is April 13. Perhaps look at awards and work towards earning one next year.
- (j) March for Science:
Larger AWM is encouraging individual participation. There is also a big math event in D.C. that day. Watch for email from national organization.

To Do: See updated list of opportunities (attached and on website).

Next meeting:

1. Date: tbd
2. Agenda: will hold some type of meeting/informal gathering to introduce new executive after elections