

AWM Student Chapter January Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018

Attendance

Present

Maddie Burkhart: *President*
Molly Baird: *Vice president*
Sean Griffin: *Treasurer*
Amy Wiebe: *Secretary*
Sara Ahmed: *Undergraduate Liaison*
Sara Billey: *Faculty Sponsor*
Kellie MacPhee, Travis Scholl, Sam Fairchild,
Undergrads: Emma

Absent

Jasmine Burns: *Outreach coordinator*

Minutes

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm in LOW 115.
2. Upcoming events
 - (a) *Study halls*: will be in C-36 this quarter. Continuation of midterm study halls will depend on attendance (Jan 23). Finals hall will be Mar 5 - will this be too soon for students to be thinking about their exams?
 - (b) *Mentor program*: mentors should remember to email/meet with their mentees this quarter. Sam asks if people can sign up for the program mid-year/each quarter? No for now. Maybe once the program is more popular/well-established?
Discussion of a yearly/quarterly large mentor/mentee get together. Molly will help Liz coordinate. Idea include: Arboretum winter garden, bowling at the HUB, rollerskating at the IMA (free on Fridays?), a hike
 - (c) *Movie night*: had great success with Hidden Figures night last year. Maybe people would be interested in going to another movie: Wonder Woman, Last Jedi, Wrinkle in Time, Black Panther.
Consider renting a room on campus with a projector and doing our own screening of a movie from the library.
 - (d) *New outing idea (Sara B)*: support a women-owned business, Seattle Storm, by going to see one of their basketball games. Could open to rest of the department as fundraiser or just to bring down cost of tickets. Games happen May/June? Would be around \$15/ticket.
 - (e) *Quarterly brunch*: Amy is away; Molly will look into hosting. Possible weekends: Feb 10/11, 24/25, avoid president's day weekend as many people might be away.
 - (f) *AMath Panel*: AMath is hosting a panel on how to apply for grad school Feb 27. Will advertise to our interested undergrads. Since application for math/amath are similar could we help with the panel?

- (g) *Mental Health Panel*: similar to a current topics, Feb 8, organized by Soumik, Kellie, Jonathan B. Will be focused on mental health, awareness of issues faced by us as grad students, but also by our students and the resources available, will include some discussion of effects of diversity. Will have people from UW Health & Wellness and Counseling center present.
- (h) *Math Day*: will be the Monday of Spring Break. It's not too late to get involved! Contact Molly if you are interested - you can still give a talk, help with origami (see Sam F) - watch for future email about volunteer opportunities.
- (i) *Coffee with speakers*:
 - Job talk speaker Greta is available Friday. Arrange coffee with her at 10am?
 - MAC talk speaker on Feb 16; Sean to organize a coffee with her.
 - Annually or quarterly we should email seminar organizers to remind them that if they have female speakers coming who would be interested in lunch/coffee with our chapter, they should contact us to arrange a time.

3. Funding:

- (a) We have \$1200 from the department.
- (b) A generous donation of \$500 from Tvrtko Tadic was also matched by Microsoft.
- (c) Plus we have \$600 in the bank.
- (d) Since we have around \$2600 of our funding still remaining, we probably don't need to fundraise this year. Although we could do something small that people want anyway - Maddie suggests we design AWM stickers, this seems like a popular idea.

4. Sara B task for larger AWM:

- (a) Sara has to write a proposal for fundraising for a new grant for the larger AWM organization
- (b) Inspired by Piper Harron, she is trying to form a "revolutionary fund" that could be used for people/projects that wouldn't otherwise get traditional funding.
- (c) She asks us to help brainstorm ideas of ways this funding could be used:
 - Travel funding - especially for non-standard talks, like those combining math and social justice, for example
 - Workshop funding - again could be used for non-standard topics or minority focused workshops
 - Books - organizing old book exchange, giving time off for book writing
 - Time off teaching in general
 - Outreach - for example, for filming something like the math day talks and making them available on the internet to a wider audience; Emma mentions that UW rents cameras to students that could be used to record, but could use the funding to compensate someone for time or for other projects where people might not have access to props/cameras/editing equipment etc

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

6. Next meeting:

- (a) Date: tbd
- (b) Agenda: tbd

Sent by Amy Wiebe, sent on Thursday, January 18, 2018.