University of Wisconsin-Platteville Sexual Assault Awareness Council – Minutes
10/22/13

Present: Deirdre Dalsing, Vickie Dreessens, Sherry Nevins, Scott Marquardt, Tim Swenson, Robin Gore, Ashley Lanz

Meeting called to order by Deirdre at 8:15am

Scott made motion to approve October 8th minutes. Ashley seconded; motion approved.

Deirdre indicated that Carole Spelic is very excited about working with us to coordinate the efforts of the “Ben’s Bells” project we want to replicate here on campus. Deirdre still is trying to find a time to meet with Carole to identify all the logistics involved.

Tim approached Dairy Queen (manager – Katie) and they are willing to support this project by providing us gift certificates for a cone.

Scott shared that he was unable to progress with the technology item he had agreed to take on at our last meeting. Will keep us posted.

Robin shared about the results of the panty pulping event. While she wasn’t very happy that it was moved to a less conspicuous outside area, it was a success with over 250 student participating. Robin did question decision made by MPSC staff to move it, suggesting suppression of the topic is alive and kicking here on our campus. Sherry suggested that the “paper” that they got as a result of the project might be used in the upcoming Boxes and Walls event hosted by Residence Life during the spring semester. Robin will make sure to share that information.

Scott and Tim shared about an app for iPhones which is specific to self-defense for women. Both liked the app. Ashley had some questions about the self-defense class held on campus and whether the University should address adding more classes since they are always full.

Robin shared that while at WCPA conference last week they saw a presentation from UW-LaCrosse which is similar to our TAD. This group though offers presentations to classes and performs throughout the year, unlike ours which is only done at welcome weekend. Discussion focused on whether this would be a good avenue to explore for this committee. Robin has plans to share the information with Val who currently coordinates TAD. Ashley offered that if TAD won’t expand this committee could approach the Pioneer Players, theatre group and ask about their interest in the project. She also wondered if there was a way to have the University make the performances mandatory for all Intro to College Life classes. Discussed how we could use video’s on the website from the performances.

Ashley asked group about starting a facebook page and while group is interested in moving in to that realm, it might logistically be hard unless someone is willing to take it on as a project. We do have access to University facebook page and twitter through Sara.
Sherry reported that Jason from University Police and Kate Demerse from DOS office are working to update the campus anonymous reporting form for sexual assault.

Next meeting is set for 11/12/13 at 8am in Women’s Center.

Respectfully submitted by:
Deirdre Dalsing