



May 2015 Members Meeting Agenda

Date: May 28, 2015

Time: 5-7:30pm

Location: QNC 1506

Attendance: Members 25 – Quorum as of 5:40 P.M.

Time Keep: Amna El Shatshat

Minutes: Amna El Shatshat

Chair: Brandon Love

Minutes

1. Review of Meeting Rules & Agreement & Land Recognition 5
2. Approval of Agenda 5

Motion: Add WiCs application to number 6.

Moved by: Fatema

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 23; against 0; abstain 1

Motion: Move WiCs application to (b)

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 25 ; against 0; abstain 0

Motion: Add A Celebration of Afrikan and Native Resistance to Colonialism application to number 6.

Moved by: Julia

Seconded: Saam

Decision: for 23; against 0; abstain 1

Motion: Add “Stigma of Mental illnesses, Math” for Action group Mindsphere to number 7.

Moved by: Josh

Seconded: Adrian

Decision: for 22; against 0; abstain 3

Motion: Approve Agenda

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Rachel

Decision: for 24; against 0; abstain 0

3. Approval of minutes from March meetings

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Motion: Approve Minutes from March

Moved by: Amna

Seconded: Patrick

Decision: for 20; against 0; abstain 5

4. Board & Action Group Updates & Announcements

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Mindsphere: Amina, restructuring of the group, will be off campus. Event coming up, would like any help.

Dan, KW Solidarity network- Rent from Rebel, currently doing poster campaign to inform students. Go into buildings to book fake appointments. Tenant union is underway. Organizing committee, two people to get into the group, learn more about organization.

Chris, Waterloo350 - action group, divestment of UW funds from fossil fuels. Focus on Waterloo environment students endowment fund, organizing people around AGM in September to make decision if divestment will happen.

Max, PSAG - Goals to get 600 signatures this term, focusing on volunteer recruitment. Fall referendum, publicity, research and petitioning volunteers.

Food not bombs - Reproduced food, serving in front of Kitchener City Hall. Volunteer options, low committed, sign up online.

Community garden - Grow fruits and vegetables, tuesdays every week at 5:00PM, north east corner of Columbia and Westmount.

5. Member Motions: Mexican Declaration Motion (Attachment #1)

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Discussion: Question: Removing it from safe countries? Answer: Does not end trade agreements with Mexico, if you are travelling, it is no longer on the list of safe country (not a tourist destination). No longer acknowledged by Canada. Also related to immigration laws; immigration Canada has list of safe countries. Does not break trade agreements.

Discussed by: Rachel

Decision: for 22; against 1; abstain 2

Quorum: Yes

6. Funding Applications

a) Bus ride to 350's We > Tar Sands event in Toronto on July 5th - Javier Fuentes (Attachment #2)

Discussion: Organize bus for Waterloo students and members. Awareness around climate action, \$700 for renting bus and difference between anything not gotten back from donations. Question: Feds bus is cheaper? Answer: Expense if WPIRG, don't have access to Feds services so this is not accessible to WPIRG.

Motion: To fund \$700 for Bus ride to 350's We > Tar Sands event

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Rachel

Decision: for 12; against 0; abstain 13

Quorum: Yes

b) WiCs intersexuality workshop

Discussion: Question: What is the scope of the event? Answer: Exploring different types of diversity, open to anyone. FemPhys involved? Answer: Not sure

Motion: To fund \$210 to the WiCs workshop event.

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Rachel

Decision: for 24; against 0; abstain 2

Quorum: Yes

c) "We Don't Want C51" - KW Day Of Action Funding Proposal - Julian Ichim (Attachment #3)

Discussion: Julia, event occurring today, May 28th. Involves march against c51. March to Victoria park, then picnic with speakers talking about c51. Second part of event catered to those with families; as well as including artistic and cultural performance. Intended to raise awareness of c51. Question: Based on budget breakdown, requested amount for renting PA system seems expensive. Has it been thought through based on actual quotes? Answer: PA system, bbq yes and not sure about tent?

Question: Event already happened, will money go to the individuals who payed out of pocket? Answer: Yes, this will be a reimbursement.

Motion: To fund \$450 to the KW Day of Action funding proposal.

Moved by: Brandon

Seconded: Nataly

Decision: For 13; Against 0; Abstain 10

Quorum: No

d) “Working for Each other, Working for Ourselves: A Revolutionary Worker-Organizer Summit” - Max Bang (Attachment #4)

Decision: Applicants not in meeting. Question: Funding application or asking for support? Answer: Funding application. Discussion about whether anyone in WPIRG was interested, or would like to attend this event. Brandon is attending. To work about workplace organizing, can protect yourself. Question: How big is the event, turnout? Answer: Not sure. Question: Budget is requesting \$1000, but they are asking for \$500? Discuss whether we should fund \$1000, or \$500.

Motion: To fund the event \$500.

Moved by: Rachel

Seconded: Erin

Decision: For 17; Against 0; Abstain 5

Quorum: No

Motion: Amendment to raise funds to \$1000.

Decision: Event is not local, other organizations may be contributing to the funding.

Moved by: Josh

Seconded: Nataly

Decision: For 1; Against 13; Abstain 8

Motion: To fund event \$500.

Moved by: Rachel

Seconded: Erin

Decision: For 17; Against 1; Abstain 7

Quorum: Yes

e) At the Root Festival - Janice Lee (Attachment #5)

Discussion: Grass roots festival was successful, presented four shows, workshops, spoken word and got last minute funding from CEI creative enterprise. Budget on last page, artists that do socially conscious art forms, organized by Richard Garby and Janice Lee. \$450 to pay artist fees, money has been given out and this money will be going towards reimbursement.

Motion: Motion to fund the At the Root Festival \$450.

Moved by: Rachel

Seconded: Tessa

Decision: For 24; Against 0; Abstain 1

Quorum: Yes

f) "Palestinian Nights" (SFPR cultural show) - Suhaila Elbatroukh and Rachel Thevenard (Attachment #6)

Discussion: Combination of Palestinian culture in variety show in Feds Hall. Requesting \$700, dabke team is in question; if they don't have team they may not need all the funds, but any extra funding would be sent to refugee camp or anything of interest to WPIRG members. Difference would be \$200 without dabke team. Question: Why not fund something local? Answer: Money is going to people who really need these funds; Palestine is in more dire need as well as this being a club related to Palestine solidarity. Question: Will the group be charging admissions? Answer: Yes, admissions of \$15 early bird, or \$20 after. Anything done as club, is to raise awareness or raise funds to refugee campus.

Motion: To fund \$700 to SFPR cultural show.

Moved by: Amna

Seconded: Tessa

Decision: For 22; Against 0; Abstain 1

Quorum: No

g) "Rebel! Rebuild! Rewild!" - Anton Bueckert(Attachment #7)

Discussion: Applicants not in meeting. Funding request for group in Ottawa; education and action camps. Looking to do similar retreat this summer, where people coming from variety of locations. Event is open invite. Overall budget is attached, but a specific amount is not defined. Question: Group organized based in Ottawa, who else have they asked for funding. Question: Possible to contact them and ask for budget from them? How are they being supported. Event is June 22nd, four weeks. Caravan from Mi'kmaq land defenders, members would be in favor of supporting them.

Motion: To table applicant to the Board.

Moved by: Adrian

Seconded: Saam

Decision: For 23; Against 0; Abstain 1

Quorum: No

h) "Mobilisation in Support of Chippewas of the Thames Line 9 Appeal" - Rachel Avery (Attachment # 8)

Discussion: Line 9 is a pipeline running through indigenous people's territory, and through the law, this community must be consulted, but they were not. This community has appealed to challenge line 9, also requires support. Would like to get a bus from

Guelph and Waterloo to the rally in Toronto, June 16th. Getting support from PIRG in Guelph.

Question: Which fund from the budget would this come out of? Answer: This would come out indigenous solidarity fund. Question: What happens to \$1000 if it is not needed? Answer: It will be needed, already in process so lawyers need to be paid. Question: Suppose they don't reach \$1000? Answer: They are very committed to appeal, and will hope to pay it off as soon as they can. Question: Is the appeal for the original pipeline going or change going in? Answer: Present appeal is for the change to the pipeline. Called national energy board, discussion of 40 yr old pipeline and switching from crude oil in 2010. This has spilled and has yet to be cleaned up. Extremely important issue with settlers and treaties, but also important for health and environment. Question: Ways to put pressure on government? Answer: They are at the last stage. All construction has been completed and Harper government is pro pipeline, so this is the last main effort that is viable to stop this. Question: If you don't spend money on budget, where does it go? Answer: Reset budget every year, if there are suggestions about reducing or increasing the budget accounts, this will reflect what we have seen used from this budget. Question: If they stop pipeline, how would they get oil from A to B? Answer: Trains being used for the transport of oil. There isn't a safe way, but the concern is to the threat of their lands.

Motion: To approve funding of \$1500 to Mobilisation in Support of Chippewas of the Thames Line 9 Appeal.

Moved by: Rachel

Seconded: Nataly

Decision: For 23; Against 0; Abstain 1

Quorum: No

i) A Celebration of Afrikan and Native Resistance to Colonialism Funding application (Attachment # 9)

Discussion: Another application for an event that occurred in June. Miscommunication in March members meeting, but some problems with understanding how much was actually agreed upon. This additional fund would cover the remainder of the costs of the airfares. Ticket price went up to \$1800, due to the miscommunication of amount agreed upon. Looking for other funding? If we do approve the funding, would we be saying that we are supporting them in the future. Follow up on how money was used after applications for funds are approved.

Motion: To amend to lower funds to \$500.

Moved by: Amna

Seconded: Menaka

Decision: For 8; Against 1; Abstain 14
Quorum: No

Motion: To amend to table to the board

Moved by: Tessa

Seconded: Rachel

Decision: For 20; Against 1; Abstain 3

Quorum: No

7. Announcements from Associated Clubs/Groups

Discussion for Mindsphere: working with undergraduate associate of mathematics, putting together community to see if people would be interested in. Stigma, signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and what resources are provided on campus. Would need to pass test every term to get access to learn, so everyone would have an understanding. More for breaking down stigma, not screening people for mental illnesses, just raising awareness of the signs and symptoms. Template proposed is the CS plagiarism exam, it would cover different signs, symptoms, stigmas and you would need to fully read it in depth to answer the question. This would ensure that you are responsible for reading it. Going to departments specifically or orientation week? Feds orientation told him to try elsewhere? This is important as part of your education, not forced upon people.

Motion: to move discussion

Moved by: Rachel

Seconded: Nataly