

SSWA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2016

Location: UFV-Abbotsford Campus Room B136A

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm

Co-Chairs: Katen

In Attendance: Katen, Kathryn, Tannis, Rayna, Preet, Shawna, Jasmine, & Justine

Special Guests: Jill & Mike

Regrets: Hayley, Kerstin, Jen, Sidra

Recorder: Justine

Positive Living Fraser Valley:

- Positive Living is a local agency that deals with STI's and blood borne diseases. They service 1.6 million and are the only option from Langley to Hope. This service is greatly needed as there is not another local option and Abbotsford has the highest hepatitis C population in all of BC.
- Public Health Canada has recently restructured their funding for services such as Positive Living. As a result, Positive Living has recently lost its funding entirely.

Action:

- We want to advocate for this cause and create public awareness
- Lucki has drafted a letter and would like student input and contribution
- Are we able to pull off a forum in six weeks? - this would be a big project and would need the involvement of the faculty, students, and Positive Living.
- Positive Living has drafted two letters and an impact statement- we would like to support them in this. Perhaps the two students who did their third year practicum could offer critical points and feedback.
- Connect with the Cascade so that the student body is aware of this issue as a whole.
- Infographic could be created and shared on social media to grab people's attention
- Try to involve MP's and MLA's

Winter Formal:

Tentative date: December 8, 2016 to set up and event held on December 9, 2016

Tentative location: UFV great hall

Subcommittees for planning:

1. Food

- Led by Preet and Rayna
- If we use the great hall we will have to get food from the Canoe or UFV's cafeteria- are culturally sensitive food options offered? This will be looked into
- Alcohol: We would like to have alcohol (cash bar). We need to figure out liquor license
- We will need to discuss the budget with Hayley

2. Decorations

- Led by Jasmine and Rayna
- Community leader in Langley is potentially willing to be apart of this and lend a hand in design
- Perhaps connect with business students for advice, as they have held events in the past.

3. Raffle Gift

- Be mindful of the connections that we have for gifts and donations
- Connect with BCASW

4. Design

- Led by Katen and Shawna
- Use Eventbrite for ticket sales
- Create an itinerary for the evening

5. Music

- Preet will communicate with Civil radio station at UFV. Were hoping to create a partnership- ie. we use their logo and they provide music

6. Speakers

- Ideas of speakers to include: Aboriginal speaker, drumming circle, 4th year student wishing well to the 3rd year students

7. Photography

- Potentially we could arrange for a arts media student to do this for free

Recruiting 3rd Years for SSWA:

- We as an association are wanting to assist the third year students into their future positions as our term comes to an end
- We currently have the following positions available if students are wanting to get involved now: secretary, clubs and associations representative, BCASW representative

Meeting adjourned: 8:20