

Officer Students' Spouses' Club
Executive Board
Monday, February 4, 2008

Members Present:

Michelle Krakar, April Benham, Ashlee' Crook, Amanda Johnston, Elizabeth Bernotavicius, Jennifer Wilson, Heather Ferebee, Ronnie Englebeck, Jean Smarsh

Meeting called to order at 1804

Minutes from the January 14, 2008 meeting are approved.

President's Report – Michelle Krakar.

- The status of the following executive board and committee chairs is as follows:
 - President: No replacement has been found.
 - 1st Vice President: Heather Ferebee is considering this position.
 - 2nd Vice President: Jenny Minor has agreed to fill this vacancy.
 - Treasurer: Elizabeth Bernotavicius must step down as of August or September 2008.
 - Secretary: No replacement has been found.
 - Newsletter: Lisa Trismen has agreed to fill this vacancy.
 - Christmas in the Adobes: No replacement has been found.
 - Bargain Fair: Still need a volunteer to assist Karen Woodson and assume responsibility for this position.
- The JAG maintains that they are unable to advise the OSSC due to our status as a non-Federal entity.

1st Vice President's Report – April Benham.

- March 3, 2008: Bingo will be held at Hayes Community Center.
- April 7, 2008: Bunko will be held at Hayes Community Center.
- May 5, 2008: Ashlee' Crook will coordinate a spa party to be held at Hayes Community Center. April Benham notes that the budget is \$100.00.

2nd Vice President's Report – Ashlee' Crook.

- January New Spouses' Welcome
 - Despite receiving fifteen RSVPs, only four new spouses attended.
 - Low attendance may have been due to the fact that directions to the Stanley House were not provided.
 - Next New Spouses' Welcome will be held on April 7, 2008 at 6:30pm (prior to the General Membership meeting). The board meeting will be rescheduled.
 - The only speakers will be current OSSC members and/or advisors.

Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Bernotavicius.

- \$4000.00 is currently available for scholarships and allocations.
- Liz notes that our tax status is an IRS 501 (c) (7). As such, the OSSC is considered a non-profit organization; however, donations made to the OSSC are NOT tax-deductible. Receipts cannot be given for donations made to the OSSC.
- If the OSSC's IRS tax status was a 501 (c) (3), we would be permitted to give receipts for donations made to the OSSC. Changing the tax status would entail legal fees and proceedings. The OSSC will remain a 501 (c) (7) and keep this status in mind when soliciting donations for silent auctions, etc.

Committee & Volunteer Updates

- Bargain Fair – Karen Woodson. Report submitted by Michelle Krakar.
 - Event will be held on March 1, 2008.
 - Booths will be sold on February 17th and 24th as well as at the February 4, 2008 General Membership meeting.

- Bylaws – Michelle Weiner. Report submitted by Michelle Krakar.
 - Consider changing Article I (name of Officer Students' Spouses' Club) to Officers Spouses' Club to reflect the fact that membership is not limited to the spouses of NPS students. The OSSC is open to the spouses of all officers stationed in the Monterey area.
 - Change Article II to reflect our IRS tax status as a 501 (c) (7) organization.
 - Change Article IV, Section II, ii, to stipulate that all Monterey Bay active duty military spouses will be permitted to be “Active Members” as opposed to “Associate Members.”
- International Tea – Report submitted by Michelle Krakar.
 - Michelle Krakar will meet with international students to determine whether there is enough interest to warrant holding this event.
 - Due to time and scheduling constraints placed on the current executive board, this event will have to be fully planned and coordinated by a committee.
 - Michelle Krakar will ask Louise McKernon if she is still interested in coordinating this event.
 - Past events have been held at the Stanley House and catered by MWR. To reduce costs, food for future teas will be provided by the attendees.
- Scholarship – Amy Zinkhon. Report submitted by Michelle Krakar.
 - Application forms will be dropped off at Fleet & Family Service Center on March 14, 2008.
 - Applications are due on May 1, 2008.
 - Michelle Krakar emailed all pertinent information to committee chair Amy Zinkhon.
- Window – Jenny Wallace. Report submitted by Michelle Krakar.
 - Scholarship info will be placed in the window.
 - Suggestion: enlarge photographs of OSSC events and display them in the window.
- Wine Tasting – Heather Ferebee and Jennifer Wilson.
 - Event scheduled for February 15, 2008 at 7:00pm.
 - Thirty out of 300 tickets have been sold.
 - Volunteers (from the OSSC) must pay for their tickets.
 - If permission is granted, tickets will be sold on NPS.
 - Board members agree to participate in a Jamba Juice fundraiser wherein the OSSC will pass out fliers to its members. Members then take fliers to Jamba Juice on a specified date and buy a Jamba Juice product. 20% of the profits will be given to the OSSC.

Meeting adjourned at 1850

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Johnston, OSSC Board Secretary