

ROMUN Advisory Council Minutes

March 10, 2009

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1. Introductions were made.
2. Efficiency & Strength – Mentoring, Follow-through, Wiki on Website
 - a. Utilize our resources: we need to use the website and its tools
 - b. Fundraisers – what can we learn from each?
 - c. Conference Management: experienced head delegates
 - d. Mentoring – Elections will help here.
 - i. Need to prepare mentors (head delegates, etc.)
 - ii. Delegate development meetings don't help a great deal
 - iii. *Train the mentors, train the head delegates, train the committee heads, train the officers* ← put in regular meetings
 - e. Stronger team unity – More events, evenings, bonding
 - i. Officer Fun Nights – lame is good! ☺
 - f. Practice Meetings & Business Meetings
 - i. Divide work, new topics, explore some in depth
 - ii. Debates along the way
 - iii. Will this help new member anxiety?
 1. Early fall conf – partner with experienced delegates
 2. One experienced with groups of younger ones?
3. Add a Template for Debriefing, Follow-Through with projects
 - a. Timelines, Contacts, Resources Needed, Committees to Create, Responsibilities of key people
4. Community Outreach – omnipresence
 - a. Parent involvement – Fall potluck
 - b. E-Newsletter needs to be reinstated: sponsors, supporters, etc.
 - c. Presentations at meetings—school board, Rotary, Inter-Club Council (monthly meeting—president of the clubs), Chamber of Commerce, Business partnerships, Meet and Greet (Chamber) monthly at restaurants and such!!
 - d. Other events in city—let's put tables and displays at everything we can!
 - e. Silent Auction – within a larger purpose/event that we jump onto
 - f. Euchre Tournament in town/community.

5. Class

- a. Amnesty Int'l – Lizzy K, Lara P
- b. OCC -- Larson
- c. Uof M – Mike Hartman
- d. Greenpeace – Vial
- e. UNHCR – Pierce
- f. State Dept. HR – Lara P
- g. ACCESS – Arab Social work health care – Lara P
- h. UNESCO – Lara P
- i. UNICEF – Denmark
- j. Tigers – Community connections (Curtis Granderson)
- k. Bosch – Alternate Energy/UM/US Gov't – Lawniczak
- l. Engineering, etc. – Lawniczak
- m. Michigan Policy Project
- n. Non-profit Palestinian immigrants (SFran) – Vial
- o. Freedom House
- p. HeadStart in Wayne County (Hartman)
- q. Chrysler – Lynch
- r. Auto supplier and TNCs, Asia – Lynch
- s. CIA –Lynch
- t. NSA – Frank Schugar
- u. DHS – Lizzy
- v. Healthcare Lobby – Lawniczak
- w. Political Campaigns – Mahrle, Hartman, Vial
- x. Justice Dept. HR – Photiades
- y. Michigan Human Rights Coalition –film library
- z. ROHS Business Dept. – Donna Brewer
- aa. Michigan Policy Project
- bb. TakingITGlobal
- cc. Organize for America
- dd. UNA-USA
- ee. Millennial Mayors Congress –Pierce
- ff. Power Shift – Zach Holden
- gg. SOCCRA – local environment issues
- hh. Sierra Club – Chisnell
- ii. Green America—Chisnell
- jj. Local implementation of stimulus money
- kk. Mayor of RO – Lawniczak
- ll. Sandro Faber-Bermudez – Pistons contact

6. Need class topics – send those out to group along with passwords and ways to add names and connections
7. Peru Trip –
 - a. Costs: \$3500-3700; volunteerism through Emlyn Lee; ACIS is primary booking company
 - b. Itinerary—Machu Picchu / Inca Trail hike
 - i. Amazon River / Eco-Lodge
 - ii. Indigenous peoples connection
 - iii. Volunteerism – 3-4 days; rural schoolchildren
 - iv. Conditioning – Altitude, limited water/energy
 - c. Sign up by April 1 = \$200 discount
 - d. Hardship insurance – against job loss, etc.
8. Goal: \$1500 in general fund to re-open individual funds
9. Scholarship – Once/year allocation in the fall then evaluate as we may need more
 - a. Intent: once/year with priorities established early on
 - b. Statement of Account: How much is there?
10. Communication –
 - a. E-vite
 - b. Advisory Council
 - c. FaceBook Group
 - d. Others – get to everyone
11. Alumni Liaison – Lara P

Agenda

- Follow-up on Fundraisers
- Member responses to new priorities
- Class Issues
- Noodles and Company Fundraiser