

Minutes of Staff Development Meeting, Oct. 10, 2005:

Members in attendance: Donna Beatty, Joan Beem, David Bransky, Susan Bricker, Barbara Cogert, Patrick King, Alisa Moore, Chair, Ted Prell, Joe Reznak

Alisa called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes to the previous meeting were accepted without objection

Alisa introduced new members, specifically Joan Beem from Nursing and Barbara Cogert, also from Nursing.

Business:

Flex Week evaluations: (Alisa reporting)

- All evaluations are complete and summary responses sent to the presenters of the Flex activities evaluated
- Alisa shared that the reviews are “stunning” and that everyone who presented “did a great job.” An overall thank you went out as well.

The Faces project, Alisa announced, is on track. The photography will be done in color. Many College personnel are already scheduled for photographs; others will be sought out so that everyone will be photographed. Also being solicited are contributions from any personnel of photos for a set of pages in the Faces book that will provide a fun activity of “guess who.”

On a personal aside, Alisa announced that related to the Faces project, Tom Rowe, formerly of the College Faculty and Chair of Staff Development for many years, communicated to her that he is very happy about the prospect that Faces is being resumed as a way to put faces to names with the College community.

The 80th Anniversary:

- David Bransky reported that getting people to a meeting to coordinate activities, events, etc., for devising and tracking 80 acts is not feasible. So he is relying upon Angie Marquez’ Acts of Kindness list of people to elicit help in this regard
- Alisa announced that she is collecting lists of events and activities so that as many acts as possible that have been done can be noted, with the goal to documenting 80 acts.
- It was also noted that posters will be used to advertise the 80th anniversary
- Joan Beem asked for clarification on what acts are to be included as 80 acts. Alisa responded that just about any will do.

January Flex:

Alisa introduced the subject of January Flex day, describing some of the Flex activities and presentations scheduled:

- Student Learning Outcome Symposium
 - Donna Beatty raised some questions about this symposium, suggesting that its organizers have not yet fixed on a speaker and may be thinking about changing the focus.

- Alisa advised that she has been in touch with the organizers and has encouraged them to stay focused on learning outcome.
- Deborah McDaniels and others in the LRC are being encouraged to present sessions specific to classroom equipment use
- Mike Clark will be offering a session in welding
- Alisa will be checking with the District on its plans for Flex Week training
- Alisa also solicited suggestions for Flex Week; David Bransky asked whether tours of the LRC would be conducted; Alisa offered that they would and that anyone interested should contact the LRC management for setting up a tour
- Donna Beatty suggested that the One-Book-One-Campus organizers expand their planning activities in the fall to make the event more inclusive of all the campus. Alisa responded that she would speak to Deborah Ventura, English Dept. Chair, about that concern

Starfish Committee announcements:

The Starfish Committee has selected winners for October, November, December, and January. The October recipient is Karen Brown of the Reentry Center and Art Dept. All present at the meeting were encouraged to consider offering nominations to the Starfish award.

Other Business:

Barbara Cogert asked for a listing of specific 80th Anniversary events:

- Cake decorating contest will be held on Saturday before Halloween in the mall
- An Essay/Poetry writing contest for 3rd-5th grade students in local elementary schools will be held – the prize to be a MacDonald's lunch with the College President.
- Open house is scheduled for March

David Bransky announced that student elections are slated for April 5 & 6

A birthday celebration in honor of the 80th Anniversary has been requested by the Board of Trustees. The Board has asked for a cake and a banner marking the anniversary and to be a part of the November Board meeting that will be held on the Ventura College campus.

The meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2:30 p.m.

This meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.