MEETING AGENDA
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ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, CANTON, NEW YORK
THE HANNON ROOM, SULLIVAN STUDENT CENTER
February 3rd, 2016: 7:00PM

I. Do Now
II. Thelmo Orientation
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IV. Member’s Time
V. Speak Up, Act Now – Diversity & Inclusion

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Thelmo Orientation

THELMO 101
Do Now

- Get your headshot taken
- Sit down and speak with the Senator next to you about the most interesting interview question you have ever been asked
Women’s Retreat Weekend

Organization/Club/Group/Individual(s) requesting funds:
Outing Club (Gigi Gadenne), The Women’s Resource Center (Anna Carpenter), L.I.G.H.T House (Lizz Muller)

Phone number and e-mail for at least one representative: 781-864-4186, gagade13@stlawu.edu

Describe the event and its purpose:

This is an all-women’s retreat weekend. It is meant to be a time for women to share the company of each and to empower and rejuvenate. We will be doing activities such as: discussion groups (similar to a Dub Club style), yoga, mediation, a hike up Mount Arab/walk around Lake Massawepie, cooking meals together, reflection through journal prompts and a self-reflection art project.

It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of school and lose sight of what is truly important to you. This weekend is meant to be a time to “catch up” with yourself, to reflect in a calm manner and engage in activities that ultimately help you connect to other women in your community and to yourself.
Women’s Retreat Weekend

Cost of event (total itemized costs): 815$
Lodging for two nights (625$).
   Keymel Lodge 142.50$ per night
   Voyageur Lodge: 170$ per night
Food: 100$
Transportation: 60$
Crafts: 30 $

Exact dollar amount requested from The Society: 625$

State the date and period of time for which the event is scheduled:
3/4-3/5 or 3/11-3/12

Target audience: All women of St. Lawrence University.

Number of participants: 20 (not including the three trip leaders)
Women’s Retreat Weekend

Other organizations/groups/departments etc. involved:
Joint effort of the Outing Club, Women’s Resource Center, and the L.I.G.H.T House

How you plan to advertise the event:
Sending out an advertisement on the OC Listserve, The Dub Listserve/facebook page and the L.I.G.H.T House Listserve/facebook page

Use of funds – please address the following:
Other sources of funding (mention amount and source, or any attempts made to get additional funding):
We will be using our clubs funds for transportation, food and crafts (190$). However, the cost for the lodging is too much to ask of our clubs to split.
The OC: Winter is one of our busiest times of year. With constant trips and large events such as Titus there is no room in our budget for something that costs this much money.
The L.I.G.H.T House: the budget cannot support as large as a sum of money as this demands.
Women’s Retreat Weekend

Any other comments that may support your proposal:
Last year we had 52 women respond for this trip for 12 spots. We took the first 12 that responded. This is why this year we are interested in renting two buildings – so that we can include 20 women.

Also, last year we only stayed one night. We believe that in order to have a truly effective retreat, two nights would be more beneficial. This way, as soon as you “get in the flow” of relaxing, it will not be time to leave.

Lastly, we do not want to charge individuals for the trip because we do not want individuals who want to come to be unable to participate due to financial issues.
Town Hall

Speak Up, Act Now – Diversity & Inclusion
"Have you enlarged your knowledge of obligations and your capacity to perform them?," asked Trustee Owen D. Young of the class of 1931. This question still motivates Laurentians today. It consistently challenges us to ensure that we expand our capacity to learn from one another as we prepare students to become responsible members of our interconnected and thus interdependent global community.

Today, we also ask, “what will hold our diverse and inclusive community together?” While respecting and valuing individuals as our founders desired, as a community of learners, Laurentians will seek to find common ground or, at least, strive together to understand our differences. We believe that students, faculty and staff from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, identities and heritages, when working together, are more likely to produce the leaders our society needs.

We believe that St. Lawrence University must work to create an environment that thrives on the diversity individuals bring to this community of learners. We understand that what will hold our diverse and inclusive community together is our clear commitment to finding common ground through ongoing communal dialog, our sense that a strong educational foundation is at once empathetic, ethical and intellectual, and our focus on positive educational and social outcomes. To integrate diversity meaningfully into our curricular and extracurricular community life, we acknowledge the need to challenge previous habits and assumptions, understanding the structures of power and injustice in which they exist. We are willing to risk difficulty and discomfort in working towards achieving these goals.

To prepare students for intellectual leadership, professional achievement and responsible global citizenship, St. Lawrence University is devoted to creating, sustaining, and expanding a diverse University community.
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