



Chi Sigma Iota  
Beta Chapter

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
6:00 PM, Norman 1327A

Present: Eric Davis, Eric Thompson, Cheryl Pence-Wolf, Isabel Thompson, Edie Siemann, Laura Reid, Millie Harris, Stefanie Bero, Andrew Hurley, Megan Scharett, Michael Brubaker, Whitney Nobles, Hilary Amberg, Elisa Mott, Eric Brown, Jessica Young, Ashlee Shaw, Claudia Pereira.  
Unable to attend this meeting: Lauren Schommer, Ashley, Croom, Dr. Dixon

Welcome

- By Eric and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Officers and Committee Chairs Goals, Plans and Reports:

- President: Eric
  - Deferred to officers and committee chairs
- President elect: Cheryl
  - Working on wellness program with Eric T. and Isabel
  - Also promoting CSI as a viable source for professional development, networking etc.
- Treasurer: Isabel
  - Deposited \$385 from membership dues
  - Currently working on a proposed budget
  - Silent auction was huge benefit last yr and plans to help with that this year
  - Also involved in grants from which Beta Chapter has received funding.
- Secretary: Edie
  - Plans to work with everyone on creating and maintaining a master calendar for the year and coordinating dates with Candy
  - Assist in promoting the Beta chapter at CSI at the local and national levels.
  - Maintain records for the Beta Chapter
- Community and Awards - Laura Reid
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> community committee meeting will be held on Thursday at 4pm in front of the library 5 people are planning to attend so far. Those interested in joining committee may e-mail Laura (laurz@ufl.edu)
  - The committee is looking for community service events that promote the scholarship of counselors

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- Ideas suggested by Whitney included: a voter registration drive (per Dr. Loesch) or a blood drive
- Laura will be meeting with Laura Shure this week to discuss how CSJ & CSI will work on mutual goals related to counselor involvement in community service events.
- The Awards program requires a commitment for one semester – Whitney will take the lead on the awards beginning today – faculty and students work on nominations at the national and local levels – events that took place last year can be nominated. Volunteers are needed to support this CSI effort.
- Bulletin Board: Lauren and Ashley
  - Eric has talked with Lauren & Ashley, who have a class at this time and were unable to be here. Eric reported that plans are underway for this bulletin board which will be unveiled shortly.
- Newsletter and Membership: Andrew
  - On Membership: plans to increase membership include: sending out e-mails to invite people to attend an outing perhaps at Lake Wauberg.
  - Will get flyers out on the bulletin board to recruit new members
  - On the Newsletter – need a co-editor – a signup sheet was passed around at this meeting inviting contributors to the newsletter to write an article (250 words) to include any pictures (labeled) – Please ensure that you get it done a week before Thanksgiving – and email the article to Andrew
  - On membership – induction is at the end of the semester
  - Will create a paper copy of how to of joining CSI – with the steps written out which may be posted on the bulletin board and brought to the potluck on Friday (9/12)
- Professional Development – Megan
  - Professional Development Day is held in the Spring and is an opportunity for students to present papers, posters, projects etc. to counselor ed fellow students and professor at home before presenting at conferences. Suggest begin considering projects now in order to be well prepared with a submission.
  - Considering Dr. Sherrard's presentation on licensure in the Fall
  - Other presentations will be considered as well
- Fundraising: Millie and Stefanie
  - Auction was done last year – touched base with Sara and invited people to e-mail with thoughts and information about contacts to acquire auction items. Consideration was given to having it in the spring (i.e. February) instead of the Fall?
  - Other fund raising events include the sale of: Ice-cream and T-shirts – Millie reported that TCBY has agreed to give 20% of the



ice-cream sold on a specific day during set time period to benefit CSI - need to pick a day

- T-shirts (Counselor Ed) may be sold – ideas for creating the shirts design included having elementary school students offer designs, have professionals offer their design or have a contest which when tried in the past did not meet with success.
- Another fundraising idea was – a book drive where people bring books that they don't use any more - - books that cost \$3 – sell them on line.
- Webpage: Eric Thompson
  - Has a long history of winning awards – international awards
  - We need to get a new server – because there is no access to the server, there is strong need to have it,
  - With this new set up we could do a number of things that cannot do now, podcast, clear pdfs etc – cost will be \$1.99/ month for first 3 months and will go up to \$3.99 after that and will be the price thereafter. Would be \$48 per year. It will be a dot org vs a university web site.
  - Since we are not currently on grove – we can easily switch to this new site
  - It will be called csigators.org- and has 25 subdomains
  - As a matter of new business discussion was invited on this matter.

#### New Business:

- Beta Chapter Webpage Update
  - After discussion on the pros and cons of this decision, there was a call for a vote.
  - Cheryl calls for the vote that CSI switch from grove to this new website called sss.csigators.org Eric Thompson seconded – It was passed unanimously
- New Theme for Beta Chapter
  - Discussion took place about identifying a theme/slogan to be used as a focal point for beta chapter activities in the coming year. Last year's theme is written at the bottom of the minutes.
  - Everyone agreed to think about some options and bring ideas to the October meeting
- Beta Chapter Pot Luck – Andrew reported on plans for the pot luck on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 7 PM at Dr. Sherrard/s – plan to bring CSI banner.
- ACCA (the Alachua County Counselor Association) has their meeting tonight and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month as well – Cheryl asked if this is a conflict for anyone here tonight.

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Next meeting Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

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