

CVIP Retreat Notes
September 9, 2015
Brody, Cafeteria, MSU

Meeting called to order by President Stacey Bieler at 8:20 a.m.

Introductions:

James Dorsett – Director, OISS

New At-Large Members: Marge Weldon and Starlett Dietrich

Guest (Carol Towl) – Ellen Milne

Pat Barrett introduced office staff: Ou Ni, Ruby Bato, Katayoun Bahrami, Bernard Pope, Carol Towl. Ruby will be leaving soon for a new job.

Joy Walters – Icebreaker – each table stranded on a tropic island

Speaker - James Dorsett, OISS

Approximately 8,000 international students. A little more than half of these are from China. Korea has next largest group. The economic situation in China is now a concern for OISS (continued funding for students?)

Korea – current issue of concern if flu flare-up. Skirmishes between North and South.

India – concerns – build-up of infrastructure and increase in higher education.

Brazil – MSU has large student population

SEVIS – large database – will require more input, more information entered than ever before by OISS

Master Card Scholars (100)

Sponsored Students – Their governments pay for these students

Orientation Review

A little more than 500 taxi coupons were given.

Still a gap between planes arriving and volunteer assignments (due to change in flight times, etc)

Summer Projects

Sue/Stacey updated PD's – trying to make them more comprehensive, and uniform

Stacey worked on archives – merged Lillian's boxes with office documents

Stacey met Emily Wolfe and they identified people in four photo albums

New Programs?

Difficult to assist 4,700 Chinese students but could we help the 100 African students?

Barb Sawyer-Koch – (a) how to facilitate students to visit other parts of Michigan

(b) How to match students with alumni for business connections and (c) have student rep on Board

Could spouses of students be representatives to the Board (since no conflict with classes)

Could ISC develop activities for single student/scholar/spouses – during evening?

Revisited matching international students for Holiday Dinners

Communication Chair

We recognized the need and we are going to create a new chair position. The working group will work on a job description. The group will include: Katia, Skyin, Rick and Barb. Stacey said the title "Communication" was chosen because it is broader and more encompassing. Be responsible for display board, arranging talks, providing information to media, branding, uniformity of brochures, etc.

Working Groups on Goals – Breakout for one hour

Five Groups: Program Goals, Volunteer Management Goals, Communications and Marketing Goals, Resource Management Goals, Organizational Structure and Management Goals

Report Out (from working groups). Results from Work Groups will be typed up and a new goal sheet for 2015-2016 will be handed out at next board meeting.

LUNCH

Yunker's Fundraiser - Iris Horner – Need someone to take over the Yunker's book sale. Money from this fundraiser goes to Scholarship Fund.

Pat Barrett – update on website revamping. Need high quality, updated photos for web. Need statement (summary) from each Chair explaining their program. Need this in the next 2 weeks.

Leadership – Mary Hennessey

Pam sent letter to Chairs asking for specific needs – what kind of Volunteer do they need/want?

Met with Skyin (OISS) – asking for ideas

Going to reach out to community groups – Jackson National, MSUFCU, etc.

Susan Venticilla Googled "Lansing Volunteer Opportunities" and found a lot of sources.

Iris asked if we want to consider paying for an Ad in State News? Smallest ad is approx \$114.00. Or City Pulse.

Thank you – Stacey

Thanks OISS for support. Lutheran Church - meeting rooms at no charge

Also, Stacey and Rick will meet with all Program Chairs in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Dates – Wendy commented on Global Fest, wondering where GF items will be stored once Spartan Village is gone. We need a way to advertise that the Gift Shop funds go to Scholarships.

Sept 17 – Lansing dedication honoring Lillian Kumata

September 27 – E.L. Welcomes the World

October 7 – CVIP Exec Committee

October 14 – CVIP Board Meeting

November 22 - Global Festival