

Student Social Work Association Agenda

09-11-08

Meet your 2008-2009 Executive Board:

- Advisors: Karen Aspenson (aspenk82@uwosh.edu) & Cheryl Bates (batesc@uwosh.edu)
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- Historian: Lee Rossiter (rossil20@uwosh.edu)
- Fundraising Chair: Renee Vrana (vranar01@uwosh.edu)
- Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Connie Omitt (omittc30@uwosh.edu)
- Community Events Chair: Bethany Schindhelm (schinb74@uwosh.edu)

Please feel free to e-mail any one of us with questions, comments or suggestions! We're happy to help and like to get feedback!!

What is SSWA? (Tyler)

- **Purpose and Goals:**
 - To stimulate professional interest in the field of Social Work to the students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.
 - To establish and maintain interest in curriculum matters and encourage student participation and representation in the SSWA activities.
 - To promote communication between students, faculty and the community.
 - To become aware of and involved in local and national social work issues and policies.
- **Some Activities that SSWA participates in:**
 - Take Back the Night (march against domestic violence)
 - UW Oshkosh Homecoming
 - UW Oshkosh Diversity Conference
 - Special Olympics Polar Plunge
 - UW Oshkosh Relay for Life
 - Many Fundraisers—Brat Fries/Bake Sales/etc.

- **Donations—these are some organizations we have donated to in the past, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas of one, please let us know! We're open to suggestions!**
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - Truancy Intervention Program (TIP)
 - UW Oshkosh Social Work Scholarships
 - H.O.P.E. Center (for child abuse prevention)
 - Head Start

Remember to be an active member you need to do one community event and one fundraiser per semester.

Community Events (Bethany)

- Dragonboat Race & Festival—Sat. Sept. 20th, 2008 from 8a.m.-5p.m. @ Riverside Park
 - To volunteer, sign up online at oshkoshdragonboat.com
- Take Back the Night—Wednesday October, 1st 2008 from 5:30p.m.-8p.m. @ UWO Polk Library
 - Our group will meet in front of the stump in Reeve (across from the book store) at 5p.m.
 - This is an awesome, powerful experience! It starts off with a rally and speakers and then we march down Algoma to Main Street where there's a candle vigil and another speaker. It's great to experience!
- Winnebago County Health Department Candidate Forum
 - Tuesday October 14th, 2008 from 5:30p.m.-7p.m. @ UWO
 - Guest speakers and local candidates discuss health related issues. There's more information coming!

Fundraisers! (Renee)

- Brat Fry—This Saturday, September, 13 2008 from 9a.m.-2 or 3 p.m. It's at the Piggly Wiggly in Omro.
 - Thank you Tod Roberts for providing the grill!!
 - If you need a ride, meet in the SLIC at Reeve Union or out front of Reeve @ 8:30a.m.
- Puppy Chow Sale—Wednesday, September, 24th 2008 from 6p.m.-until we're sold out! It's going to be in the Scott Hall Dorms
 - If you want to get your fundraiser requirement over with you can drop off ingredients for puppy chow (peanut butter, chocolate chips, powder sugar, crispex cereal (doesn't have to be brand name) OR....
 - You can come help make it! Monday, Sept., 22 2008 @ the Women's Center.
- T-Shirts!!!
 - We have some of last years' for sale for only \$5!!
 - Voting on new color and design next meeting! Come with ideas!!

Oshkosh Student Association (Connie)

- New Grading Policy—UW Oshkosh is voting on whether or not to keep the 8 point grading system that we currently have...(A, A/B, B, B/C, etc.) or to go to a 12 point system (A, A-, B+, B, B-, etc.). What do you think?

Historian (Lee)

- Display case in Polk Library is decorated with SSWA and it looks great! Check it out!!
- Bulletin board outside of the social work office is also up! Thanks Lee!

Secretary (Megan)

- If you can't make the meetings you can always respond to the minutes! Reply now!☺

Treasurer (Stacey)

- The SSWA bank account has \$150.50! This is excellent because usually we start in the hole!

Guest Speaker

- Mary Manchester—AmeriCorps Case Manager
 - Seniors, you're able to use internship hours to count towards AmeriCorps hours! Need to complete 300 hours, citizenship training and 2 Red Cross certifications and get \$1,000!!
 - If interested, go to americorps@uwosh.edu

*****Next meeting 9-25-08—11:30-12:30 Women's Center*****

Check out our website! http://www.uwosh.edu/social_work/SSWA.htm

Suggestions or questions? Email us at sswa@uwosh.edu