

SFC Minutes

October 28th, 2019

1203 University Center

- I. **Call to Order**
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call**
 - A. All members present
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - A. *Greg* motioned to move EDM Club to the last New Business item
 - *AJ* second; unanimously passes
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. No minutes
- V. **Chair Report**
 - A. ***Chairperson- Greg Mihalopoulos***
 - SFC has \$55,528.30. We're doing great guys, and we have a lot more money to give out!
- VI. **Advisor Report**
 - A. ***Faculty Advisor- Kash Dhanapal***
 - Please, as always, be recruiting people. Also, it's going to snow tonight, so whatever precautions you need to take, make sure you take them.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. **Black Student Union - Let's Talk About It**
 - *Sammi (SFC Member and Representative of BSU)*: Let's Talk About It is an open forum discussion that's been going on for a few years now. We normally host one per semester, during which we talk about issues in current news or just general discussions of things that affect the culture. We're planning this for November 12th at 6 p.m., and we already have Jamrich 1311 reserved. We just need funding for advertisement in order to get the word out there and hopefully broaden people's scopes on diversity.
 - *Greg*: How many people are you expecting?
 - a) *Sammi*: I'd say about 30. We have roughly 20 active members now and we normally get anywhere from half to double that of general student turnout
 - *AJ*: I see here you've got \$154 listed, how'd you come up with that number?
 - a) *Sammi*: We took them from Promotional Services' pricing sheet
 - *Greg*: This cost is about \$5 per student. So, the Black Student Union is taking care of every part of this event aside from the printing of the posters?
 - a) *Sammi*: Yeah, quite honestly there's really not much of a cost for the event, seeing as how we just make a PowerPoint and then have a discussion. I know I could even design the poster myself. Two years ago

when we had advertising, we had a turnout of about 50 people, including two international students. It did get a little heated since we were discussing the issue of transgender individuals and the army at the time, and it did get a little awkward. However, we do have a mediator in the event that something like that happens again, and the group itself is able to navigate a situation like that as well.

- *Kaitlyn*: How long has this been going on?
 - a) *Sammi*: At least since I've been a freshman. I'm not sure quite how long it was going on before I came here though.
- **SFC Deliberation**
 - a) *Emily*: This is a low amount they're asking for, and the cost per student is very good. The only problem I would have seen is that she said one time there were 50 people that came, but the capacity of the room is 40.
 - *Greg*: Whenever they have the Birds of Prey event come in, I'd say there's always 100 people comfortably in that room. There are ways to maximize capacity.
 - b) *Emily* motioned to approve this budget for the full amount
 - *AJ* second; passes unanimously

B. Marquette After Dusk

- *Kyra (from Marquette After Dusk)*: This past Saturday, Marquette After Dusk held our second annual NMU Hallowfest. We rented out five rooms in Jamrich Hall and then invited other clubs to join us in hosting a Halloween party open to all students on campus. Each room held different activities, such as party games, arts-and-crafts, and we even had a room showing of old Halloween movies. We also had a Cosplayers Unite room, as they were one of the only clubs available to join us this year. We got between 35 and 40 participants there. Along with that, we also decided to include a haunted hallway in the LRC tunnel, which hosted between 7 and 8 groups of students. The original budget was \$315, but in choosing cheaper materials for the hallway, we reduced it down to \$230, which is what we are requesting from you. Quite a few people came and I do believe they were having a good time that evening.
- *Kash*: Do you have receipts for these purchases?
 - a) *Kyra*: Yup!
- *Greg*: It says here that you expected about 100 people to show up; last year, 60 did. Are you concerned that attendance went down this year?
 - a) *Kyra*: Slightly, though this may just be a fluke, as we had a number of clubs drop out pretty close to the actual event. We are hoping that this was just an off year, and that next year we're able to get back in the groove.
- *Greg*: The \$15 listed on here is a contribution from your group; did it come from your pockets?
 - a) *Kyra*: It came from our own members contributing

- *Sammi*: For the final estimated count of people that came through the event, including the rooms and the tunnel, what would be your best guess?
 - a) *Kyra*: I'd say about 40. We got a lot of attendees from the escape room, as we were working side-by-side with them. I'm not sure how many people the escape rooms got, but we counted about 40.
 - *Greg*: That puts it at about \$6 per student
 - b) *Kash*: On here, it says that there was a \$1 ticket fee for some events, was there money collected?
 - *Kyra*: There was a small fee for painting pumpkins, which was \$1 per pumpkin. We got about \$5 from that, so that's slightly negligible I'd say
- **SFC Deliberation**
 - a. *Sammi*: It sounds like there was a good event! I know there was a lot going on in Jamrich, which was exciting. If anything, with the 4 to 5 dollars, if we wanted to, we could knock that off of the amount we give them.
 - *Kash*: I think that since they are asking for \$100 less than before, that we don't have to worry about it.
 - b. *AJ*: They were able to do so much with that money too! Six whole rooms of events.
 - c. *Sammi*: They had good advertising too, I saw posters up all over campus.
 - d. *Greg*: I like the way she showed up with receipts!
 - *Sammi*: I think that says a lot for the responsibility factor of it all.
 - e. *Greg*: Keeping 35 to 40 people occupied for a whole evening on \$200 is very impressive
 - f. *Sammi*: Also, their collaboration with other organizations is great.
 - g. *Emily* motioned to approve the budget by line
 - *Sammi* second; passes unanimously
 - h. *Emily* motioned to approve the full amount for event and supplies, line number 7135
 - *AJ* second; passes unanimously
 - i. *Emily* motioned to reduce the equipment budget down to \$100
 - *Kaitlyn* second; passes unanimously

C. EDM Club

- *Sammi* motioned to table the budget
 - a) *AJ* second; passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

- A. No old business

IX. Public Comment

- A. *Rachel*: You did great, I had fun!

X. Good of the Order

- A. *Greg*: Campus Cinema has been giving punch cards that give you a free concession, which I think is really awesome of them!
- B. *Emily*: November is coming soon, and we really want to start recruiting now so we can get interviews going before Thanksgiving and finals.
 - Times for the committee to recruit members were figured out
- C. *Sammi*: I agreed to help out with the United Conference, which is during the weekend of Reel Rock 14. So I will no longer be able to audit that. Will someone else be able to go to the event?
 - *Kaitlyn* was able to cover *Sammi's* post

XI. Adjournment

- A. **Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**