

TSO EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 16, 2014, BC North Campus, Room 1129, 10:30- Noon

Committee Members Present: Chair Jerry Harkleroad, Susan Wilkins, Arnold Kern, Judy Dowling

New members: Bob and Donnelly Wilburn

Guests: J Page, Cindy Coopersmith, Chris Steele

The meeting began at 10:33 a.m. Following are the events discussed.

Recap of Holiday Party: Jerry said that the holiday party came off very successfully thanks to Chairperson Susan Wilkins. She and her committee members had only two hours, from 9am until the start of the party, to decorate three rooms with table and chair setups. Many of the party attendees commented how the rooms were magically transformed into a festive holiday atmosphere. Around 75 to 80 people attended (some did not sign in). Food was provided by Poppinjay's, and it was delicious with two main courses and all the trimmings. A big success.

The Alessandro Seminar was again another very successful event. Alessandro was outstanding in his presentation, answering multitudes of questions from the attendees. He had an incredible knowledge of the subject matter and a great sense of humor. He is only 22 years old!! There were 62 in attendance for the Arab Spring section and 30 for the Human Rights section. Jerry chaired the event.

Museum of Flight Tour: The Tour is scheduled for Friday, January 23. There are 24 sign-ups. The Tour will consist of two tours in the morning and two tours in the afternoon. The first morning tour is on Space and Space Exploration and the second morning tour is on Historic Aircraft. The same two tours will be conducted in the afternoon. So, one can take the Space Tour in the Morning and the Historic Aircraft in the afternoon, or the other way around. There will also be free time to see the Museum on your own. Our own Ron Hobbs will conduct the Space tour and a Museum docent will conduct the Historic Aircraft tour. Because these tours are a Group event, Museum payment of \$15 apiece will be collected at the door by Jerry and he in turn will purchase the tickets and distribute them prior to the tours.

May Elections: Arnold Kern has agreed to chair this Event. Chris Steele will email to us last year's election format and procedure. We all agreed to start the process of finding candidates to fill the various positions immediately. No dates have been set for Elections. That will be done in our February Events Committee meeting.

Great Decisions Discussion Group: There are 30 students who have registered and paid the \$20 booklet fee. The Discussion Groups will be divided into two sections of 15 students each. The first group will meet beginning Thursday afternoon, February 12, from ~~1:30-3 p.m~~ **1 to 2:30** in Room 1128, and will be moderated by Gwen Bevard. The second group will meet Friday morning, February 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and will be moderated by ~~Tom Lewis~~ **John**

Wise. The groups will meet every two weeks through May of this year. The booklets have arrived and Lynn Thomas and Jerry Harkleroad have set up a booklet pickup table in the front building lobby on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 12-14, from 11-1:30 p.m. Jerry and Lynn worked the table on Monday and Lynn did both Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks to Lynn for all of her help. All but six of the booklets are in the hands of Decisions' students.

Future Events: A number of ideas were presented by Chris Steele, among them the following.

1. March Spring Party
2. Possible presentation by one or more of our legislators
 - a. Cindy Coopersmith will follow up on one or two speakers from the Legislature. We cautioned that any political speaker must be non-partisan or have a representative from each party.
3. Ralph Monroe Institute presentation
4. League of Women Voters presentation
5. Upcoming Pompeii Exhibit at the Seattle Center
 - a. Committee member Donnelly will check out the Pompeii Exhibit and possible speaker(s) of interest.
6. A representative of the UW Department of Environmental Sciences on Global Warming and other sciences.
7. Half or full-day speakers
 - a. Chuck Kimbrough is checking for possible speakers.
 - b. We did ask Alessandro if he would come back sometime in the near future to do another seminar and he was very much in favor of a repeat performance on a number of subjects. Date(s) are to be determined based on his academic schedule.
8. Tour of Bellevue Art Museum
 - a. Laura Dillaway, TSO student and a docent at the Bellevue Art Museum has offered to conduct a tour of the latest exhibit at the Museum entitled "Knock on Wood." Jerry was later informed that the exhibit runs until March 31st. We may yet be able to schedule this tour.
 - b. The Bellevue Museum is also scheduling in May an exhibit of Madeleine Albright's collection of jewelry pins. Ms. Albright had these pins designed to wear and represent the people and nations she dealt with during her time as the U.S. Secretary of State. The Museum has not yet designated the dates in May.
9. Historic tour of Spain
 - a. Chris Steele presented the idea of a historic tour of Spain in September under TSO sponsorship. The tour would be 12-14 days. Chris will look into the Administration's tentative approval for the event before the Committee can decide to proceed promoting the Tour.

There being no other business, the Committee concluded the meeting at 12:05 noon.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Harkleroad, Events Committee Chair