

Meeting minutes
Society of Professional Journalists
IUP Chapter
October 5, 2009
8:05 pm
The Commonplace Coffeehouse

In Attendance

1. Mike Wilson, president
2. Ilona Globa
3. Ticairra Bazemore, secretary
4. Melissa Thompson, vice president
5. Prof. David Loomis, adviser
6. Graham Tripp

Absent

Alicia King, Alyssa Choiniere, Karah Jennings advised they were unable to attend.

Business

- I.** Movie showing, collaboration
 - a. *"All the President's Men"* is set for Oct. 27, 2009
 - b. Location: Stouffer Hall, Beard Auditorium @ 6:30 pm
 - i. debated the eligibility of food in the auditorium.
 - ii. We are co-sponsoring
 - iii. Melissa Thompson has offered to pitch SPJ at the function.
 - c. Michele Papakie (PRSSA Faculty Adviser) suggests we make a pitch for SPJ either before or after the film.
- II.** Journalism Workshop
 - a. Karah Jennings has agreed to do the workshop.
 - b. Melissa Thompson has also agreed to assist later in the day.
 - c. Workshop is Thursday October 8, 2009
- III.** "Global Alert," SPJ-Sponsored Radio Show
 - a. 2nd WIUP-FM radio program on White's Woods controversy will air Oct. 11
 - b. 1st show on Sept. 27 was successful but needed tweaking.
 - i. Needed someone else to answer phones and additional questions.
 - ii. Sept. 27 show had numerous callers.
 - c. Oct. 25 show on Evergreen Conservancy, local enviro group
 - i. Looking for volunteers to help with the show.
 1. be on air
 2. Report live
 3. Interview people
 4. Write feature stories
 5. shows are recorded for portfolios.
- IV.** Bob Woodward
 - a. Frank Destefano , IUP administrator
 - i. Declined SPJ assistance in the email, prof. Loomis sent.
 - ii. Mike Wilson will be emailing Mr. DeStefano to see if he changes his mind.

- V. Melissa Thompson's SPJ-subsidized conference
 - a. Background by Dr. Loomis
 - i. SPJ budget is about \$900
 - ii. First IUP SPJ president Bill Harder established this fund to help pay expenses of SPJ members to attend conferences and other enrichment opportunities
 - b. "Politics, Press in the economy: 21st century roadmap"
 - i. November 13-14, 2009, in Washington, D.C. (Holiday inn)
 - ii. Institute on Political Journalism
 - iii. WWW.DCinternships.org/IPJconf.
 - c. discussed expenses
 - i. Proposed subsidy is up to \$250.
 - d. Vote of SPJ officers unanimously favored the motion to subsidize Melissa Thompson's travel expenses up to \$250. Check will be conveyed within a week, according to Professor Loomis
 - e. Melissa Thompson promised to help with annual SPJ spring fundraiser
- VI. Discussion of Fund Raiser @ Brown Hotel
 - a. Bill Harder & His blues band
 - b. Local bluesman Jeff Kelley
 - c. Professor Loomis and his band
 - d. Spread the word now/ looking for performers
 - i. See Professor Loomis
 - e. March 2010 event
- VII. Natalie's Symposium
 - a. Will we be having it next semester?
 - i. Iona will not be able to participate due to an internship Spring semester.
 - ii. No date is nailed down for event
 - iii. Natalie was not present to give further details.

#BTW'S Foreigner in Fisher auditorium was great, SPJ was represented in the fourth row ☺

- VIII. SPJ Symposium (On the right to know law)
 - a. Make inquiries about venue for April 7, 2010
 - i. Promotion, organization assistance needed – volunteers?
- IX. Oct. 8, 2009, High School Journalism Workshop, sponsored by The Indiana Gazette and the IUP Journalism Department
 - i. Call for SPJ assistance was answered by Karah Jennings
 - ii. Melissa Thompson also can assist
 - iii. Event is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Venue: The HUB
- X. Journalism Jobs Boot camp
 - a. Let's do it before Thanksgiving
 - b. Who will lead this program
 - i. Committee: Ticaïra B., Iona G., Melissa T., Graham T.
 - c. Location: HUB or Davis Hall?
 - d. Time and Date?
 - e. Who do we contact? (Prof. Loomis has a list)
 - i. Possible: Jana Hoffman/ Lehigh Valley style magazine, (08 alumni)
 - f. Get at least 2 people involved
 - i. We need promotions
 - ii. Newspaper, Public Relations, Magazines
 - iii. Need help organizations

- XI.** Changing of the meeting Venue
 - a. Suggested move to Stapleton Library outside of Java City
 - i.** Approved unanimously by voice vote

- XII.** Next meeting of SPJ is Oct. 19, 2009, 8 p.m.
 - a. to Do List
 - b. Venues for April 7, 2010 Symposium
 - c. Assistance organizing J Jobs boot camp
 - d. Arrangements for Melissa T's trip
 - i.** Registration fee/ Deadline (October 14, 2009)
 - ii.** Contact Natalie the treasurer
 - e. Journalism t-shirts (Designs ideas or suggestions?)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.