

Student Red Cross Club Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2008

Advisor- Wendi Keeler- KeelerW@usa.redcross.org

- Our **THON Blood drives** went well so far- the first day we got 134 for 120!
Keep in mind, if you volunteer for THON, five spirit points will be given to our club!
Also, every donation gives two dollars to THON and five spirit points to our club. Be sure to make your appointment to donate and/or volunteer at www.psuredcross.org
- Attached is a flyer for the THON blood drives. If you can, print it out and clip it to your backpack. Become a walking advertiser for the blood drives!
- **Platelet fundraiser:** We need your help!! Jim Harvey is organizing a committee to get the word out about our new fundraiser. Basically, the downtown chapter office (on Pugh Street) needs new donors for platelet donation. Platelet donation is important because, when giving a unit of blood, you give 1/16 of the platelets needed for a platelet transfusion, thus, requiring a person that is in need of platelets to receive it from 16 different people (increasing the chance of rejection/illness). When you donate platelets, you will donate what is needed for the transfusion. This process takes about an hour and half and is very easy! Because they need donors, they offered to pay the Student Red Cross Club \$25 for every new donor that goes to donate platelets. If you are interested in (or know someone who is interested in) donating platelets or being part of this committee, please email Toni Gibson (tlg5004) and/or Jim Harvey (jwh5076).

President- Toni Gibson- tlg5004@psu.edu

- **CPR classes:** The next class is on Feb. 3 from 1-5 pm. It is \$30 to be trained in CPR/first aid/AED. Yes, this is also the day of the superbowl, but Louie is teaching the class and he wants to watch the superbowl, so you will be out in time (I promise). If you are interested in being trained, email Louie Shou at l1s206
- **Upcoming elections:** If you are interested in running for an officer position, start talking to the officers! We will have the officer descriptions out shortly. Start getting your hours in early so that you can run. Platforms will be read at our general membership meeting on March 24, and officers will be announced the following week (March 31).
- **Office hours:** The officer's office hours are as followed. Please don't hesitate to come in to ask questions/hang out/make friends/anything else! Our office is 221C HUB
 - Toni (President): Thursdays 12:30-2:30
 - Emily (Vice president): Friday 11-1
 - Brian (Treasurer): MWF 11-12
 - Jess and Peg (Education): Tuesday 2:30-4:30
 - Aleana (Publicity): Wednesday 11-1
 - Tricia (Blood Drive Coordinator): Wednesday 2:30-4:30
 - Andrea (Special Projects): Monday 11:15-1:15
 - Jenn (Officer at Large): WF 12:15-1:15

Vice President- Emily Ritter- ear5000@psu.edu

- **Canning trips:** Jan 25-27: two trips to Sea Girt, NJ and New Hope, PA
Feb. 15-17: three trips: To the Angi house, New Hope, PA, and New Cumberland, PA
PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US HIT OUR GOAL of \$15,000
- **THON donations:** If you have any money from break or any other donations, please get them to Emily as soon as possible, especially if you'd like to be considered for a dancing position. You can hand in donations all the way up to the Saturday of THON, but if you want them to count for the club's total this year, get them in sooner. If you need a letter to send to businesses or have any other ideas/questions, contact Emily
- **THON T-shirts:** There is an adorable THON t-shirt we are selling for \$7. If you purchased a t-shirt please get your money into Emily as soon as possible. More information on when the t-shirts will be available to come.
- **Angi update:** The Angi are our THON family. Gabe is our THON child. He is 8 years old and was diagnosed with leukemia. He has two younger sisters: Ronnie (6 years old) and Sydney (4 years old). Gabe is doing wonderful! He just finished treatment, so he has a ton of energy!

Treasurer- Brian Ault- bma136@psu.edu

- **Budget overview:** The challenge sucked our money away. After we finally finish paying our bills and receive our donations, we should have around \$3,450. So go donate platelets to get our money back!
- **New treasurer:** Unfortunately, Brian eventually has to graduate. He has been our loyal treasurer for four years and, in his time, gained a lot of wisdom and knowledge about UPAC, HUB reservations, etc. Because it will take awhile to learn all of this again, he's looking for someone to possibly shadow him now so they can take over next year. If you're interested, please contact him asap.

Membership

- **Membership requirements:** Don't forget! To be considered an active member, you must volunteer for 15 hours per semester. If you are also an OSC (On-site coordinator), you must volunteer 20 hours, 10 of which have to be OSCing.

Education- Jess Havern (jeh5079@psu.edu) and Peg Schoening (mgs5002@psu.edu)

- **Bone Marrow Registry:** We will be holding a few bone marrow registries: Feb. 14, 15, and 23 in the HUB from 10-4. Please consider becoming part of the registry. Because we target minorities to diversify the registry, the registration fee is paid for (normally it is about \$75 to join the registry). To enter the registry, no blood will be drawn: it is a simple cheek swab. Also, if you would like to help out with the organization of the registry on those days, please contact Peg or Jess to start training.
- **Charles Drew Blood Donation Campaign (CDBDC):** These blood drives target the African American community. The drives will be held in the HUB on Feb. 14 and 15 from 10-4.

- **Valentine's Day (February 14):** What else would you want to do other than donate blood and enter the bone marrow registry? Remember, there are millions of people that can be given the chance to celebrate Valentine's Day because of donors like you.
- **Chalkboarding and class announcements:** Don't forget to be writing the upcoming blood drives on your classroom blackboards! This really helps us get the word out. Also, we really need help doing class announcements. Attached is a script for a classroom announcement. If you can do an announcement, let Jess or Peg know so that they can give you an hour of volunteer time.

Publicity- Aleana Kuhn- ark201@psu.edu

- **HUB Sign up tables:** If you are interested in helping with HUB sign up tables, please email Aleana. We are always in need of volunteers for the sign up tables. Basically, what this consists of, is you will sit at one of the HUB sign up tables and hand out flyers and recruit people to donate blood. Donors can make appointments at this table to donate blood. This is an active position—you should be actively recruiting donors. Aleana is looking for a committee so that, when she needs help at the tables, she has people to call on. Email her if you are interested.

Blood Drive Coordinator- Tricia Groleau- pfg5000@psu.edu

- **Upcoming drives:** Please check out www.psuredcross.org to sign up to volunteer and donate at the upcoming blood drives. Again-- \$2 for each unit donated and 5 spirit points for donation and volunteering!
- **OSC Training:** If you are interested in becoming an OSC and were an active member last semester, you can train to be an OSC this semester. The training is on Feb. 4 after our general membership meeting (approximately at 8pm). Let Tricia know if you would like to train. If you were not an active member last semester, but are still interested in becoming an OSC, you must volunteer 7 hours at the upcoming blood drives. Let Tricia know if you are in this situation. Also, if this training time does not work with your schedule, let Tricia know.

Special Projects- Andrea Schwander- ams5351@psu.edu

- **Paint the Town Red:** This is our annual formal that raises money for the downtown chapter.
 Donation committee- if you are interested in going downtown to collect prizes for our raffles, let Andrea know by the end of Sunday.
 Invitation committee- If you are interested in helping with invitations, let Andrea know

Information Technology Officer- Daniel Sandberg- dzs5023@psu.edu

- **New website:** If you have any questions about the new volunteer system or are interested in helping maintain the new website, email Toni (tlg5004) or Daniel.

Officer-at-large- Jenn Schweighauser- jes5224@psu.edu

- **THON letter writing social:** Come write letters to Gabe and other THON kids during kid's mail. Feb. 6 from 7-9. Email Jenn if you are interested or sign up online (www.psuredcross.org)

→ **Ice skating social!:** Sat. Feb 9 from 1-3. Email Jenn if you are interested. It should be less than \$6 and lots and lots of fun!!