



**Alpha Gamma Sigma
College of the Redwoods ~ Gamma Rho Chapter**

**General Meeting Minutes
10/02/03**

Note: All item numbers coincide with the meeting agenda.

Time: 4:40 – 6:10

Place: Lakeview Room, CR cafeteria

Attendance: Mj Goble – Acting President, Patrick Cross – 2nd Vice President, Charlotte Peters – Secretary, Jared Serfling – I.C.C. Rep., Diqui LaPenta - Advisor, Anna Young, Kathleen May, Sarah Newman

Guest: Jessica Pierce, Food For People, Inc.

Agenda Approved

Patrick would like to add permanent membership as a discussion item under members-at-large. Margaret Burton has proxied her vote to Mj. Mj reminds members that when a vote is proxied to another member, the member who receives the proxy has the ultimate say in how the vote is cast.

1 - Consent Calendar:

Approved.

Roundtable introductions.

Guest Speaker: Jessica Pierce, Food For People, Inc. (FFP)

1. FFP background: FFP started providing food boxes for people and food pantries in 1978. They currently help 10,000 people/month with food and other assistance; however, they are serving more people due to recent budget cuts. FFP also provides 20 other programs designed to help people become more self-sufficient and healthy. They also work on legislation regarding community assistance.
2. At a previous meeting, AGS members agreed to participate in the annual FFP food drive. We can situate food barrels on campus and FFP will collect the food. FFP is attempting to raise \$40,000 over the holidays in food/money. For every 2.5# of food raised, \$1 will be added to the fundraising pot.
3. FFL will be having an open house on 10/23 from 5-7pm.
4. Jessica read that 30% of Humboldt County residents are food insecure, meaning that they go to bed with hunger pains.

2 - President's Report:

- 2.1 Autumn Vintage Wine Auction Gala (AVWAG) is on Nov. 8 from 5pm-11pm and again on Sunday from 8:30am-11am for the after party cleanup.
 - a. This is an annual CR fundraiser for the Northcoast Hospitality Institute in Arcata.
 - b. Members are needed to help showcase the auction items on Saturday (must be 21 or over) and to help with cleanup on Sunday morning (we will receive \$50 for cleanup if we have a minimum of 6 people). AGS will get their choice of shifts. This event requires formal dress. Members can invite their significant others to help us out, but members will do the showcasing.

- c. Members agreed to participate in Saturday night's events as their prime choice.
- 2.2 Science Night will be Oct. 24 from 5-10pm with about 15 instructors hosting activities in the Life Science, Physical Science, and Applied Technology buildings.
- a. Diqui announced that docents are needed to help people find the different activities. Docents will receive an orientation. Members interested in being a docent should contact Mj Goble, and she will submit a list of names to Michelle Green. Mj will get posters of the event to post in our display.
 - b. AGS will be hosting a refreshments table in the Physical Science building. Diqui heard that the Math & Science club was going to be selling refreshments as well. Mj will check into it because she was told that only one organization was being selected to sell refreshments, and AGS has already been approved.
 - i. We could work the table in shifts. Kyle will coordinate CostCo baked good donation.
 - ii. For drinks, we can use sodas left over from the Women's Herstory month event and water donated by Kathleen.
 - iii. Mj will check with Pepsi Corp. about getting drink donations.
 - iv. We don't have a hot water container for hot drinks, but we will check with CostCo. If anyone can find one to donate for Science Night, it would be appreciated.
- 2.3 Mj has ordered the CASA KidWalk T-shirts and expects them in next week.
- a. There is a team meeting @ CASA (2356 Myrtle Ave., Eureka) on Oct. 11 from 4-5pm.
 - b. Jason Beaver, Kid Walk coordinator, will be present to show a video and give information.
 - c. Deadline for turning donation money into Mj is Oct. 15 by 1pm.
- 2.4 Reminder for continuing members to get paperwork turned in by Friday, Oct. 17 at 5pm.
- 2.5 Gamma Rho HAS to attend the Regional Fall Conference in Madera on Oct. 24-25.
- a. If Gamma Rho does not attend this conference then we will NOT be in good standing with the state. The AGS chapter will NOT be able to compete for scholarships at the spring state conference as a result.
 - b. The fall conference is hosted by Reedley College.
 - c. Continuing members are invited to attend the conference.
 - d. AGS will pay for registration fees; however, each attending member will be financially responsible for lodging and meals. Lunch will be provided at the conference.
 - e. We need at least 1 member and 1 advisor to attend. We would leave Friday afternoon and return late Saturday night. George has offered to use his car for driving and will attend the conference as well.
- 2.6 CA Coastal Cleanup Day was a huge success.
- i. All members who participated received a Coastal Cleanup T-shirt. Mj passed around two letters of recognition from Nita Brake-Mills, Caltrans A-A-H Coordinator and Gerald Kingsfather, Humboldt Waste Authority.

3 - 1st Vice President's Report:

Mj spoke on Kyle's behalf.

- 3.1 CostCo donates goods to Jefferson Elementary School. Kyle feels it would be a good gesture for AGS to take some kids on a tour of the Bianchi organic farm to pick pumpkins for Halloween.

4 - 2nd Vice President's Report:

- 4.1 We have 19 members right now.
- a. The deadline will be extended to Oct. 31 for students who show interest in the organization when we host the Science Night table.
- 4.2 We've raised about \$311 from the two bake sales.
- a. Patrick thanked everyone for working the membership/bake sale tables and baking

goodies.

5 - Treasurer's Report:

5.1 We have \$375 from dues so far.

6 - Secretary's Report:

6.1 Charlotte has made 2 versions of a letterhead for AGS correspondence

- a. Mj will e-mail members the letterheads for members to vote on which letterhead they want us to use officially.

6.2 Members voted to keep the officer business card design as is.

7 - Advisor's Report:

7.1 Diqui talked about Science Night under the President's Report.

8 - I.C.C. Rep.'s Report:

Jared had no report.

1. Patrick mentioned that there will be an ASCR meeting in the boardroom on Oct. 10 starting at 1pm.

9 - Newsletter Editor's Report:

9.1 Margaret has finished the Sept. newsletter, and Mj passed around the issue.

9.2 Article deadline for the Oct. issue is this weekend, Oct. 5.

10 - Webmaster's Report:

10.1 Charlotte has updated the website.

- a. The home page will reflect the date and pages of the last two updates.
- b. The service points have not been updated. Hopefully, Mj will tally the points this weekend.

11 - Members-at-large:

11.2 Patrick inquired about Permanent Membership status.

- a. In order to become a permanent member you need to have completed 60 units and have a 3.5 GPA.
- b. You need to apply for permanent membership, but the state does not supply applications.
- c. Each chapter is responsible for creating and providing their own permanent membership application.
- d. Mj will tackle the application during the winter break.
- e. Kathleen asked about the benefits of permanent membership. According to state bylaws, you get a certificate and pin.

12 - Announcements:

12.1 October 3 – Last day to petition to graduate

12.2 October 3 – Visiting author's series in Forum Theatre

12.3 October 6 – ASCR run-off results

12.4 October 12 – A-A-H cleanup #11 starting at 12pm

12.5 October 18 – CASA KidWalk at 11am

12.6 October 18 – Football (CR vs. San Francisco) at 1pm

12.7 October 20 – General meeting at 4:30pm

Meeting Adjourned.

Charlotte Peters
AGS Secretary