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SCALA BOARD MEETING—03/ 03/08 4:15PM SIS 1ST FLOOR

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1) Executive Board Reports

a. Vice President Carver

- i. snail mail confirmation of booth purchase received, along with several promotional brochures which detail the activities, events, and speakers at ComicCon
- ii. Kelly is wanting to increase her involvement in the booth in order to make us a little more Pitt-official
- iii. will be ordering raffle prizes from Amazon and the ALA by the next meeting
 1. grand prize= pack of graphic novels
 2. other prizes will be comic books or individual graphic novels as well as ALA posters featuring graphic novels (Neal Grampa is the celebrity on the poster, last name may be butchered due to an ill-timed sneeze)
 3. approx \$60-70 will be spent in total on raffle prizes

b. Secretary Taylor

- i. continued computer-Pitt compatibility issues, may computer may enter into the foster care of Pitt if issues do not sort themselves out

c. Treasurer Zieja—nothing to report

d. Webmaster Elia

- i. has completed the following items:
 1. creating a SCALA Facebook
 2. creating an RSS feed for the events calendar (which anybody can add an event to)
 3. creating a job links resource
- ii. since the SCALA webpage is so buried on Pitt's gargantuan website, will focus on spreading awareness of the blog
- iii. open to doing a workshop on RSS feeds

2) Old Business

a. Fast Track Weekend



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- i. Joe has been in close communication with Carol Grunbeck, the president of the SIS alumni association
 - ii. the following events will be located on the 4th floor of SIS:
 1. mock interviews, phone interviews, and resume reviews (10:30-12, 1-3)
 2. networking lunch (12-1)
 - iii. Joe is putting together an informational brochure as well as a sign-up sheet for the mock interviews, working from last year's brochure
 - iv. resume reviews will be lead by Erin Brigden from Career Services
- b. Drill Team
- i. after carefully creating a budget with Dr. Alman and discussing with her SCALA's corporate fundraising opportunities, the Drill Team has been shelved for 2008 participation with the expectation that next year's SCALA officers will begin the process earlier than did this year's officers and so lead Pitt to participation in 2009
 - ii. lessons learned:
 1. for 6 people to participate, it would cost \$4550
 2. because of Pitt rules, our only known allowable corporate sponsor is a bindery in Ohio
 3. registration materials arrive with the ALA American Libraries publication detailing all other aspects of the conference
- c. Budget
- i. agreed upon that a larger budget should be requested from Pitt for 2008-2009 school year
 - ii. highlight the following:
 1. NMRT nomination
 2. increased membership
 3. increased activity
 - iii. add the following to budget:
 1. grant to send one SCALA member to ALA Annual Conference
 2. monies for the Drill Team
- d. Duck Tours
- i. agreed to have Duck Tour event at Fall Orientation



- ii. budget of \$555 to reserve entire DUKW (seats 30, including 2 differently abled persons)
- iii. a portion of seats will be set aside for incoming SIS students
- iv. students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the tour, but SCALA will absorb entire cost of Duck Tour itself
- v. Zieja will inquire after the SCALA fiscal year so that we may spend wisely

3) New Business

a. Hot Air Balloon Event

- i. suggested as “SCALA by Land, Air, and Sea” by Rhett, SCALA member and former Officer
- ii. hot air balloon rides sponsored by SCALA for a fun summer activity
- iii. take off point is not far from Pittsburgh
- iv. great group discounts are available, but the expense is still so great that participants would be required to cover some of their own expenses

b. Community Outreach

- i. suggested by Alyssa Arder: collaborative SIS effort to do a food drive for a local food bank
- ii. getting involved with Beginning with Books and Reading is Fundamental brainstormed by board members Zieja and Carver