Merrill Retreat

Merrill Student Government Called to order at 7:44pm by Chair Kimberly Runyan

1. Roll Call

- Lily (Vice Chair)
- Veronica (Advisor)
- Erin
- Bianca
- Amber
- Thomas
- Nicolas
- CJ
- Daisy G.
- Diana (PR)
- Yessi (RA Liaison)
- Karina (Treasurer)
- Patricia (Secretary)
- Maurice
- Kimberly (Chair)
- Jay (SUA)
- Ire
- Itai
- Lily
- Rebeca (Academic Senate)
- Chandler (SFAC)
- Tepp
- Kenley

2. Funding Requests
   a. Matchbox
      - 1/3 literary journals on campus
      - magazine
      - no Merrill students on staff
      - but submit from all over the campus
      - gives students and opportunity to be seen and heard
      - cost: $5.18 per magazine to print but the magazine is free
      - Advertise: FB, Instagram, book available to students
      - Marketing: Online and fliers at the bus stops, Merrill academic buildings
      - Announcements in core classes
      - Merrill Ethos: Quality work, any subject which includes exploring identities
      - Requesting $200 want to address us sometime in November, Magazines are distributed at the end of the year

Q: Money for?
A: Printing.

Kim: Also asking CAO, SUA, Literary Guillotine, other senates for money
Karina: Great opportunity to get their art and writing out there. I think it would be a good idea to hear them.
Karina: I motion to invite Matchbox to the space.
Yessi: I second.
No objections. Motion passes

b. Fish Rap
- the most read campus publication
- distributed all over campus including Merrill
- satirical news paper
- Explores cultural identities
- Merrill Students involved: 15 contributors
- Free Newspaper
- Marketing: Mailroom, DH, and the apartments at Merrill
- Anticipate 750 Merrill Students to Participate in Event
- Requesting: $200 for printing (3 times a quarter only in black and white)
Bee: If you like the onion you’ll like Fish Rap
Lily: I motion to hear Fish rap
Daisy: I second
No objections. Motion passes

c. OPERS
- Event: Battle of the Colleges
- Oaks students to have pride
- Activities to see which college has the most presence
- Olympic games at the end of the year
- Prize: pool party, In & Out food truck etc
- Benefit Merrill students: paved the way for college pride
- Cost: $5 to attend?
- Advertising: Fliers, social media, word of mouth
- Raising awareness on sports
- Anticipate 200 Merrill students to participate
- Requesting: $200
Lily: The colleges were separated so all the students wouldn’t organize together. This could bring us together, But created more friction between us.
Rebeca: I think different colleges are known for different things. There is going to be more involvement from other colleges and it wouldn’t be accomplishing what they want to with this.
Karina: I do not like them in paper. I think that we should give them the opportunity.
CJ: A good way to give UCSC pride because we don’t have huge sports team.
Chandler: I motion to hear OPERS
CJ: I second.
NO objections. Motion passes

d. Slugs for Health and Growth
- 5th annual Conference
- Nov. 12-13th at College 9 UCSC
- Recovery Programs
- volunteer and attend the conference
- education and build connections to support students in recovery
-must register to go to this students, $20 for students (5 meals and full access to the two day event)
-Benefit Merrill: Mental health conference, educating greater community
-advertising: FB, Flier, local Radios, Networking with Student Senates
-Marketing: Merrill Help
-Aimed at unifying the collegiate community for support
-Requesting $200.

Q: something that Merrill student government would benefit from but I think maybe we could send someone and have them report back using out funds?
A: The lead of the event wants to present to us because they need volunteers.

Q: Is it a meeting for recovery? Or?
A: conference. Teach peers how to support one another

Chandler: I motion to hear Slug Health and Growth
Bee: I second
No objections. Motion passes.

e. Whole Street Catalog

- Fall issue, Tues, Nov, 15th
- new student org, connect students with its peer
- visual inspiration and knowledge
- showcase local talent
- 6 Merrill Members
- Cost: $0
- Advertise: social media, FB, Quarry tabling
- Requesting: $200, have not received funds from any other sources
- Marketing: Target Merrill Students by word of mouth
- Raising global consciousness, local talent & local businesses

Chandler: I motion to hear Whole Street Catalog
Lily: I second
No objections. Motion passes.

Adjourned at 8:23pm