

SCC CARES Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Friday, April 27, 2012; in attendance: Rita Gregory, Kay Wolf, Sheri Turk, Amanda Pressley, Cheryl Contino-Conner, Kim Argo

I. Results and updates on projects

A. Earth Hour – Around 200 students/faculty/staff signed up their commitment to Earth Hour on March 31st, 2012. It was a great project in conjuncture with the SCC Environmental Club.

B. Spring Fling Cards For Elderly – 128 cards were made at the Jackson Campus Spring Fling and 76 at Macon. These cards were delivered by the councils of aging for Jackson and Macon counties.

II. Newsletter and Facebook

A. The newsletter and our Facebook page is gaining notice. The newsletters were presented to the college's board of directors and they were "very pleased". The newsletters can be found on our page on the SCC website.

B. Amanda Pressley has taking on the task of our Facebook page Administrator – she is doing a great job with keeping the page updated with current "caring opportunites". The facebook page allows us to recognize more volunteerism, immediate needs, and follow-ups than our newsletter allows. Together they provide a great resource for volunteerism in our service area. Please contact Amanda if you have pics of an event with SCC students/staff/faculty – or if you know of a local event so we can advertise for them and recognize the volunteerism.
email: a_pressley@southwesterncc.edu

III. Recognition of Samantha Patrick

Samantha Patrick is the SCC graphic arts student who designed our SCC CARES logo. Cheryl and I will be presenting her with a certificate of appreciation on Monday, May 7th. The exact time will be sent out in an email in case anyone else would like to attend. We will meet at Amanda's office on 2nd floor Balsam.

IV. Fall events:

A. Ideas for the **SCC CARES Fall Event**: We will be setting up boxes around campus in September (exact dates to be determined) to take up food for the "Backpack Programs" in our service area. These programs provide food for students on Fridays to ensure they don't go

hungry over the weekend. These students receive meals at school Monday-Friday. There is a program in Jackson County – Varying members of the committee will be checking on the other service areas to see if they have similar programs.

B. **Welcome Back Event** – we will be setting up a table at the Welcome Back event in the Fall. The theme will be hunger in our area. Amanda made the suggestion that we hand out bookmarks with facts about hunger in our community. Please contact me if you have further suggestions.

C. **Christmas Caroling?** Cheryl suggested the idea of caroling at local nursing homes and taking cards and care packages. We decided to discuss this more in the fall.

D. We are starting to get other clubs approaching us about co-sponsoring events. We will be glad to recognize the various community service activities throughout SCC, but we will need to keep our direct involvement limited to one-two events per semester as decided on by the committee.

V. Fall committee assignments

A. Committee members are assigned in the fall each year. If you wish to continue on with SCC CARES, please approach your Dean. We are an active group – so feel free to recruit those with a desire to help others and are willing to roll their sleeves up!

VI. September Newsletter

A. The next newsletter will be in September. We will focus on the Backpack program, welcome back, and recapping this year's events.

B. If you have suggested topics for future newsletters or would like to write an article, please contact Kim Argo – kargo@southwesterncc.edu, phone: 339-3459.

VII. Thank you for a very successful and productive first year!!! See you in the Fall!!