

Verano Resident's Council Meeting 7/20/09

Present: Carrie Carmody, Andrew Hatch, Tia Peterson, Ashlie Taggart, Raphaelle Rabanes (by phone), and Kindall Wilbur (Cyber Café Manager).

- Assignment of roles for the new council:
 - Community Liaison: Raphaelle Rabanes
 - Campus Liaison: Tia Peterson
 - Financial Duties: Carrie Carmody
 - Website and Newsletter: Andrew Hatch
 - Event Planner: Ashlie Taggart (will also cover the placement of newsletters, meeting notes, and fliers at the Cyber Café).
 - Chair: Carrie Carmody (a position that rotates every 2 months and will change in September)
 - Secretary: Tia Peterson (a position that rotates every 2 months and will change in September)

- Budget update:
 - The CGG committee may look into revising guidelines for resident's council funded events.
 - Budget for the current VRC year, ≈\$8000.
 - We agreed that it will be our goal for the year to spend 1/3 on community events, 1/3 on the welcome event, and 1/3 on community improvements.

- Welcome Week Event Ideas:
 - Preferred dates October 10th or the 17th
 - To cater or cook? Since we are expecting around 450 catering makes more sense
 - Definitely want to purchase special kids meals too.
 - Potential options: In & Out truck, Albertson's, El Pollo Loco, & KFC.

- Ideas for purchases we might want to make in the coming year:
 - A soda machine and syrup were suggested by Andrew. New it would cost \$2000 but used closer to \$600. Kindle noted an issue in that if it were to be purchased and placed at the Cyber Café sanitation laws might be violated as the only sink the Cyber Café has is the one in the bathroom and it would need regular cleaning.
 - Painting all non-visitor spots RESIDENT was also suggested by Andrew.
 - A cotton candy machine was also suggested by Andrew. Carrie noted that they do take some learning to know how to use.
 - Andrew also suggested that the playground near the Cyber Café needs help. Carrie and Tia pointed out that even a single new structure would take our entire budget as costs for equipment are high but smaller improvements can be made if identified.
 - Ashlie suggested buying toys for the playground and the council noted that removable items are not likely to stick around for long.

- All council members took note of the issues with the television in the Commons and that it would be nice to replace with an easier to use model if possible.
- Andrew noted the need for more card machines for the laundry room and Carrie noted that it costs \$1200 to run the internet/phone line to a laundry room plus a monthly fee of \$12 per line.

- **Next meetings**

- July 28th at 3pm meet with HA's regarding Welcome Week
- August 5th 6pm VRC meeting at the Cyber Cafe