

Safety Committee Minutes – March 9, 2016

Call to order 11:03 am

In attendance: Bob Riffle, Marla McBride, Shirley Smith, Celeste Phelps, Robyn Udell, Marcia Jeffredo, Julia Cherney, Debbie Valentine

Staff request for staff self-defense training. Continued discussion:

Staff Development has been offering a variety of great programs--and reviews have been positive—but attendance has been low. The committee wonders if this is because participation is not required and there is no monetary compensation. Buy-in of administrators might be helpful. The Safety Committee believes that such classes would be valuable. Shirley, Marla and Celeste will look into available trainings. Meanwhile it was suggested that the class offered by The School of Education be advertised and promoted. *After the meeting it was discovered that SCE has discontinued offering the class due to lackluster interest in enrollment.*

Wheelchair needs on campus? Continued discussion:

Bob told Karen that the committee doesn't recommend buying more wheelchairs. Karen asked if the campus has an oversized wheelchair. Marla said that one was purchased around 2012, but it doesn't fit through standard doorways, and it's extremely heavy.

One-time funding:

Sub-committee of Bob, Alex, Celeste, Debbie & Marcia met March 2nd. Recommended Theater fire curtain renovation and installation of magnetic locks on unsecured theater doors. Recommended the new lab stools requested by SEM. Suggest to Karen that a safety component section needs to be added to these requests for detailed explanations/justifications. Also, the committee feels that the Strategic Plan needs to be revamped to better accommodate requests from non-academic departments.

Fire Marshall inspection scheduled for March 21st and 22nd.

Dental Lab had a surprise inspection from the Health Department March 4th and passed.

Debbie advises that if OSHA shows up to please call her and have them reschedule.

Adjourned at 12:05 pm
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Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13,