**Women in Genome Sciences Organizational Meeting**

**Date: 6/7/2017**

**Location: S-448**

**Recorded by: Cecilia**

**In attendance:**

Cecilia Noecker

Beth Morton

Cindy Yeh

Taylor Ward

**Past events:**

* Journal club was small but a great conversation! Paper brought up a lot of interesting concepts.
* The workshop was great though it was unfortunate that we ran out of time at the end. Got ~28 attendees including a decent number from outside the department. Elba brought up a lot of interesting and useful ideas to keep in mind when teaching. Cecilia is working on writing up some notes for the website.

**Upcoming events:**

* Happy hour on Friday - Madeleine is point person. Cheese and wine!
* Tentatively planning to do one more journal club in July/August, when Beth is done teaching. Summer may be a better time for attendance/actually reading the paper.
* We are tentatively going to be involved in two new outreach projects this summer:
  + Cindy and Andi received a grant to host a programming camp for high school girls! It will take place **Aug 7-11** from 9am-1pm, with roughly 13-15 campers from Seattle high schools (who have already submitted applications). Tentatively, at the beginning of the week they will do a PCR and Sanger sequencing of DNA from different organisms, and then spend the rest of the week learning to do various analyses with the data from their sample in the computer lab in Hitchcock. **They will definitely need volunteers and it would be great if WiGS could be a resource for them.** Cindy is going to send out more specifics soon, but they will probably need instructors for different modules, career panelists, etc.
  + We are also going to be involved in running an activity for a Girls in Science camp hosted by the Burke Museum. This will be a **2-3-hour activity** for girls in grades 5-7, during the week of **July 31-Aug 4**. Lindsay will be leading a group of ~3-4 WiGS members to facilitate an expanded/modified version of one of our Expanding Your Horizons activities. Lindsay and Cecilia are meeting with the camp organizer to get more details next week, so expect an email asking for volunteers soon!

**Miscellaneous:**

* Another summer goal is to order some mugs or thermoses with our new logo. In the works, talk to Cecilia if you are interested.