**Women in Genome Sciences Organizational Meeting**

**Date: 7/5/2017**

**Location: S-448**

**Recorded by: Cecilia**

**In attendance:**

Cecilia Noecker

Beth Morton

Cindy Yeh

Lindsay Pino

Madeleine Geisheker

Eliah Overbey

Sandi Spencer

Bianca Ruiz

**Past events:**

* Another successful happy hour! Thanks Madeleine!

**Budget update:**

* Have leftover funds, need to determine whether we can apply some of the expenses for Kate Rubins’ visit to this year’s budget. Madeleine will email Maureen and cc Eliah.

**Upcoming events:**

* WiGS is organizing a 3-hour activity for the Burke Museum Girls in Science camp: it will be a version of our EYH activity, likely followed by a sequencing center/lab tour. Still waiting on confirmation of the final date (between July 31 and August 4). Lindsay will follow up with details for planning and facilitating – help still needed.
* Cindy and Andi’s camp needs volunteers and/or ideas for a final morning activity: either a career panel and/or an ethics discussion. Contact Cindy with ideas or if you would like to be involved.
* Speaker ideas: a community member recently suggested Bonnie Rochman, science writer with a new book about clinical genetics, Seattle resident, as a potential WiGS speaker. Could be an interesting discussion/career/journal club event for the later summer or fall. Cecilia will reach out to her.
* Short talk about WiGS for summer undergrads: Cecilia is presenting, will keep it focused and optimistic
* Potential August journal club: A few good topic ideas suggested – Beth will follow up
* End of summer picnic: Madeleine will be point person on this because Cecilia will be getting married. Tentative date is September 9 or 10. There was lots of enthusiasm for doing a taco bar from Taco del Mar again.
  + Decided to try to reserve space at Magnuson Park (Woodland picnic area was hard to find)
* Summer social event: Another movie night? Wonder Woman? Outdoor movie showing on the green between Foege and Health Sciences? Feminist documentary? Group attendance at Magnuson outdoor movies? Let Cecilia know if you have ideas for an event along these lines!
* Genomics Salon is interested in organizing a fall event on parenting as a graduate student, wondering if WiGS is interested in co-hosting. Cecilia agreed that WiGS would be happy to help promote the event and potentially be involved in the planning, depending on member interest.

**Future considerations:**

* WiGS role at the GS retreat: it was suggested that we could fill the role of organizing an afternoon social event for the second day. Consensus was that this falls under general “grad student association”-type responsibilities that are outside WiGS’ purview. Alternative suggestion was to have a dedicated WiGS lunch at the retreat to encourage new participants. Let Cecilia know if you have opinions.
* We will vote on leadership for next year at the August meeting, and will therefore schedule the meeting at a time that works for the most members. Please consider if you are interested in filling *any* WiGS leadership role: president, treasurer, communications, journal club coordinator, outreach coordinator, speaker coordinator, social event coordinator. More information coming soon via email.
* Concurrently, Cecilia is interested in collecting your general feedback on WiGS events this year and what members would like to see more or less of in the future. See the Google form survey for a chance to help refine WiGS’ priorities.