**City and Local Affairs Committee**

**October 22nd, 2018**

**Attendance:** Kwasi, Meghan, Sofia, Jael, Indigo, Aidan, Peer Marie,

Genavieve

**Absent:** Aadi (E), Alex (E), Chloe (U), Stephen (U), Yitzak (U), Ching (U)

1. Updates from most recent SA meeting(s)- Indigo
   1. Report from web accessibility team
      1. Need 2 step verification for student essentials after winter break
   2. All voting members have to release a report on what they’ve been working on
2. Home Plate
   1. Updates on Action Items
      1. Updates from members not present
         1. Aadi- Created spreadsheet in doc with catering info
         2. Alex- Contacted Class Councils
            1. Can’t formally promote event without co-sponsorship but can promote on personal accounts
      2. Updates from present members
         1. Kwasi- Contacted St. Luke’s Church about promoting Home Plate
            1. Church put it on the bulletin board
         2. Aidan- Contact the First Generation Student Union about marketing Home Plate
            1. Haven’t heard back yet
         3. Sofia- Reach out to the Tatkon Center about marketing Home Plate
            1. Going to talk to them tomorrow
            2. Anabel’s Grocery- said they’d like to promote it but would need approval from the rest of the group
         4. Indigo- Edit and print Home Plate Quarter Cards (Contact me about funding for printing)
            1. Sam- Talk to Dale about funding
            2. Printing service bottom of Olin- 200-300
         5. Jael- Find Cornell faculty list servs where we can promote Home Plate and reach out to the people in charge of them (encourage them to let their friends in the community know about the program)
            1. Gov. Dept. responded and forwarded the email
         6. Meghan and Chloe- Find 3 local restaurants/catering companies each and ask for a price quote for catering the Home Plate Welcome Dinner (We don't have exact numbers yet but assume likely no more than 40-50 people.)
            1. Need to discuss to food options

Need meat, vegetarian, vegan options

* + - 1. Peer Marie, Yitzak, Gena, Stephen- Find 5 Cornell groups or local organizations who have regular volunteer opportunities that we can publicize in a monthly volunteer opportunities newsletter.
         1. Cornell Public Service Center has weekly news blast and so does Tompkins County

Help publicize it and provide them with our contacts

Linking to volunteer databases

Student Programs: <https://psc.cornell.edu/students/student-programs>

Tompkins County Service Opportunities: <http://getconnected.uwtc.org/need/index/>?

Post them to FB page

* 1. Family Outreach Brainstorming
     1. Meeting with Denise Thompson at 3pm tomorrow
     2. Mike Bishop- community partner email
     3. Send email to PTA contacts - Gena
     4. Send out personalized emails to last year’s participants
        1. Split up names and assign a few to every member
     5. Quarter carding at Wizarding Weekend
        1. Make a sign-up spreadsheet
  2. Student Outreach Planning
     1. Send out reminder email to students

1. Town Hall
   1. Formulate date, location, and list of topics
      1. Reach out to EHub about availability in mid-March- Aidan
      2. Have a table with material/brochures about collegetown housing, volunteer opportunities
      3. Student panelists from relevant student orgs.
      4. Topics
         1. Cornell’s environmental impact on the local area
            1. North Campus Expansion Project

Don’t know how it will affect the environment

Building not going to be sustainable

* + - * 1. Investing in fossil fuels
        2. Switching to geothermal heating but tapping into Cayuga Lake water (a few buildings on campus)

Impact of building pipelines

* + - 1. Does Cornell care? - Labor Relations
         1. Tompkins County Workers Center contacts- Gena
         2. Preventing grad students from unionizing
      2. City Identity
         1. Mayor’s Initiatives
      3. Road Quality/Lighting (Infrastructure)
         1. Reach out to City Planners
      4. Housing Issues
         1. Quality
         2. Affordability
      5. Public Health
         1. Opioid Epidemic- Mayor’s Initiatives

1. Volunteer Initiatives
   1. Regular social media blasts
      1. Making a CiLo Instagram- Indigo