

Women in Medicine & Science (WIMS) Meeting
May 15, 2019

Present: Sue Graham, Renee Mestad, Beth Irwin, Deb Hermann, Hailey Westrick, Michelle Dolphin

1. WIMS Book Club

The next book club meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:30pm at Deborah Hermann's home (906 Rugby Road, Syracuse) The book is: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah.

Beth Erwin agreed to work on coordination of the book club with Deb Hermann over the next year, with the plan for Beth to take over coordination when Deb retires next year. Thank you Beth and Thank you Deb for your commitment to WIMS and the Book Club over the years

2. Women in Medicine/Law Dinner

Approx 50-55 people attended the dinner on May 2nd. It was well received by all who attended. A special Thank You to Leah Caldwell for stepping in as emcee and doing an excellent job facilitating the discussion at the dinner.

Again, with Deb Hermann planning her retirement for next year, we are seeking a co-coordinator for this event to work with Sue Graham and the Women's Bar Association. If you are interested, please contact Sue at grahams@upstate.edu

3. Reaching Out to New Faculty

The group is discussing the best process of getting information about WIMS to new faculty and adding them to the email list serve in a timely fashion. We are working with various Departments to get the necessary information so that new faculty can be added as soon as possible. We will contact Stacey Mehlek and possibly Patty Brecht to see how to improve the process of sharing names of new faculty members.

4. Budget

Sue Graham requested a budget of \$500 from Anne Botash for the WIMS Group. After discussion with the group about various events WIMS would like to participate with in the coming year, she will contact Dr. Botash to increase the amount.

5. WIMS Summer Gathering

The WIMS Summer Gathering is scheduled for **Friday, July 12, 2019**. Lisa Alexander has graciously offered her newly renovated home, on Song Lake, for the gathering. More information will be sent via the list serve as the date gets closer.

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Renee Mestad stated that she had a discussion with some members of AMWA at a recent gathering. They mentioned wanting to have some Lunch and Learn events and asked if WIMS would be able to sponsor a couple of them. All present felt this would a good idea and this led to discussion of increasing the WIMS budget to allow for these activities. Sue will contact Lynn Cleary, AMWA's faculty advisor, to discuss extending invitations to these events to other student groups from all the Colleges (Health Professions, Nursing, Graduate Studies).

The next WIMS Monthly Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19, 2019**, at 8:00am in Room 2602 University Hospital (located across from the exit from the second floor cafeteria).