

University of Southern Indiana
Master of Public Administration Society
Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2015

Meeting called to Order: 5:30pm

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: approves

Present: Dr. Hanka, Jennifer Sharp, Ashley Hughes, Amanda Salamon, Traci Welp, Marian Yoder, Jessica Ellis, Danette Romines, Lauren Smith, Susan Sauls (10)

Exec. Updates:

President:

Vice President: none

Secretary: none

Treasurer:

- DUES – If you have dues, we need them now!!
- We have t-shirts for \$10 each
- We do have money in our account for service opportunities, etc. Be thinking of ways we could make use of these funds!

Announcements:

MPA Speaker Series – Kelley Coures, Executive Director of City of Evansville Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD)

- November 17th at 6:00pm
- Rice Library basement, room 0018

- Scott Wiley with the Community Foundation will be speaking, sponsored by the MPA Society, late January/early February
 - Ashley and Justin will finalize details and will contact John Farless

GSPN

- Thursday of finals week - passing out finals survival kits, watch for an email! Stop by for a study break
- Working on a mentor/buddy program for all of Graduate Studies

Old Business:

Shirts:

Rotary Santa Run:

- Still in need of volunteers for Santa Run on Dec. 5 at 10:00am, volunteers will likely be needed around 8:30am
 - There will be a training Thursday, Dec. 3 at 5:00pm, Dr. Hanka is looking for another time for those of us who have class
- If interested in volunteering, **contact Dr. Hanka by Nov. 16**, please provide him your name, email, and address
 - Volunteers will meet at 8:30am at EVSC soccer fields, volunteers needed for water, registration
 - www.runsignup.com to register *to run*
 - Volunteers please wear MPA Society t-shirt if you have one (\$10 if interested in purchasing a shirt)

Fundraiser for Spring:

- We would like to do a fundraising opportunity for next semester. Be thinking of ideas!

Empty Bowls:

- We would like to get on the schedule for making Empty Bowls next year!
 - Susan Sauls will get in contact with the Art Dept.

Mayor's Monthly Clean Up every first Saturday – Next one on Nov 7

- Jen will send out email seeking volunteers
- Ashley will have more details at the next MPA Society meeting
- Lorraine Park, 9am, 812 425 4461

Gingerbread House Competition:

- Dec. 5 (same day as Santa Run)
- If we want a team, we can register for free, we only have to purchase materials (with MPA Society funds)
 - Ashley will make announcement in Thursday night class for team members
 - Traci will post on Facebook seeking team members
 - Tara will send out email to MPA Society
 - Marian will register and organize team
 - Contact Jen (jmsharp@eagles.usi.edu) if interested in more information

New Business:

Inviting speakers to meetings?

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Future Meetings:

- Our final meeting for this semester will be a HOLIDAY PARTY
- Exec. Board is planning a **PARTY** for **Friday, Dec. 11** and you will receive details soon – **GET EXCITED!**
- Looking at next semester, we will keep MPA Society meetings before classes on Mondays and Thursdays

Future Service Opportunities:

- Letters for Literacy
 - Jessica is on marketing committee! She will help keep us updated on details and we will put a team together
 - If you are interested or would like more information, contact Tara Riggs
- Dr. Hanka is interested in throwing us a holiday party at his home with a service opportunity attached! Watch for emails about this

Reminders:

Social Media:

- The MPA Society has a Facebook page! Please like/follow us. Search “MPA at USI”.
<https://www.facebook.com/MPA-at-USI-682181135161299/timeline/>

Make suggestions!

- If anyone has suggestions for speakers, service opportunities, etc. please let us know!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sharp