

UConnPIRG Core Meeting
Tuesday October 27th 2015 at 7:02PM
Student Union Room 320

Attendance:

Voting Members: Saman Azimi, Jordyn Styczynski, Abby Katz, Emmett O' Donnell, Nick Ravalese, Ian Beattie, Toyin Akinnusotu, Bob Hannan, Adedoyin (Addy) Ladoja, Prima Gradante, Lee Aggison, Christian Allyn

Late Voting Members: Matt Roe, Ariana Javidi

Guests: Gina DeVivo-Brassaw, Donna Farvard

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Jordyn Styczynski.

I. Intros: At the beginning of every UConnPIRG Core meeting it is accustom to ask upon the attendance of the meeting to state their name, class at UConn, and campaign they are working on, if applicable, along with an answer to the posed intro question. The intro question for this meeting, asked by Jordyn was, "What are your favorite pizza toppings?" All persons in attendance answered said question with gusto. Discussion ended at 7:07pm.

II. Leadership Development: Jordyn stated that some student leaders went to the Boston PIRG office for a leadership summit.

Matt Roe arrived at 7:10pm.

There was a discussion of what members learned and experienced at the summit which ended at 7:11pm.

Ariana Javidi arrived at 7:11pm.

Jordyn gave a presentation and training session on UConnPIRG's leadership structure and how members can increase their skills and gain leadership within the organization. The training ended at 7:52.

The minutes of 10.13.2015 and 10.20.2015 were passed around the core meeting at 7:52pm.

III. Campaign Updates

Solar- Report given by Solar Campaign Coordinator Jordyn Styczynski. Katie from Solar met with the director of Eco Husky and they are going to help with the campaign. Discussion ended at 7:53pm.

Transportation- Reported by Transportation Campaign Coordinator Christian Allyn. This week we will be writing letters to the editor about transit issues across the state. Discussion ended at 7:54pm.

Bottle Ban- Reported by the Bottle Ban campaign coordinator Ariana Javidi. There was 400 petitions gathered at the last table and there will be a table on Fairfield Way on next Wednesday. Discussion ended at 7:55pm.

Democracy- Reported by Democracy Campaign Coordinator Saman Azimi. Seattle is also holding a ballot initiative similar to Maine's. There will be phonebanks on Wednesday

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and Thursday from 5-8 to gather support for the ballot initiative. Discussion ended at 7:56pm.

Hunger and Homelessness- Reported by Hunger and Homelessness campaign coordinator Addy Ladoja. The campaign is networking with other groups and had two tables last week raising \$110 on Tuesday and \$115 on Thursday in change. There will be tables next week to collect more change. Discussion ended at 7:57pm.

Textbooks- Reported by the Textbooks campaign coordinator Toyin Akinnusotu. There will be a textbooks graveyard table on Fairfield Way this week. Discussion ended at 7:58pm.

Antibiotics- Reported by the Antibiotics campaign coordinator Abby Katz. The campaign is currently on standby to defend the Subway decision to phase out of human antibiotics in their meat. Discussion ended at 7:59pm.

Minutes- Jordyn entertained a motion to approve the minutes of 10.13.2015 and 10.20.2015. Addy made that motion, Nick seconded it and it passed unanimously at 8:00pm.

IV. Reimbursements

Saman stated that the \$.575 per mile reimbursement could not be lowered but a cap could be placed on how much money is reimbursed. Saman suggested that the core set the per mile reimbursement cap at \$45.

Jordyn entertained a motion to set a per mile reimbursement cap at \$45. The motion was made by Prima, seconded by Addy and passed unanimously at 8:02.

A motion was made by Prima and seconded by Nick to reimburse Christian and Jordyn \$45 for driving to and back from Boston for the PIRG leadership summit. Christian and Jordyn recused themselves. The motion passed unanimously by the remaining voting members at 8:04pm.

Jordyn adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Submitted by,
Christian Allyn
UConnPIRG Secretary