

## **UConnPIRG Core Meeting**

Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Student Union Room 317

Attendance:

### ***Voting Members:***

*Sam Bedard,, Ian Beattie, Alex Pawlak, Brandon Chesnut, , Kharl Reynado, Saman Azimi, Colin Bixler, Matt Talley, Casey Lambert, Alex DePasquale, Emily O'Hara, , Chelsea Garcia, Cameron Cantelmo, Metban Ajak, Benjamin Hellmann, Samuel Jaffe, Angela Holley, Kelly Flanagan*

### ***Guests:***

*Gina Devivo-Brassaw, Shawna Upton*

Meeting Called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Kharl Reynado

- I. Intros
- II. Overview of Agenda
- III. Discussion
  - a. Retreat De-Brief (Casey)
    - i. Review retreat structure, open discussion about the PIRG story, discuss campaign actions (150 phone calls to Senators for Oceans Campaign, photo petitions for ABX campaign, voter registration)
    - ii. Discuss what we learned from the retreat, retreat experience, campaign breakouts, discuss ConnPIRG resources, discuss PIRG victories
    - iii. Next Retreat: November 18<sup>th</sup>, in Western Mass
  - b. Tripod: Leadership (Saman)
    - i. Discussion on how to pitch leadership to new members.
    - ii. Talk about the steps on the leadership ladder and the many ways people take on leadership.
    - iii. Talk about the structure of leadership across the organization and beyond campus chapter leadership.
    - iv. Saman shared his personal leadership story.
- IV. Updates
  - a. NVP
    - i. Mini-Blitz this week, will be doing class raps, tabling and dorm storming on Wednesday and Thursday.
      1. Goal 1000 registration
    - ii. Class wrap training on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
    - iii. Discussion on reaching out to other student organization
    - iv. Phone bank Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8-9 in SU 214
  - b. H&H
    - i. Spare change table coming up
    - ii. Meeting with OxFam to hold banquet

- iii. Meeting on Tuesday at 5pm to vote on charities that we will be donating to this semester
  - c. Bottle
    - i. Table on Thursday the 29th: 67 petitions, 29 interest cards
    - ii. Chelsea asked for people to take photos for the bottle Instagram
    - iii. Designs for products have come in.
  - d. Democracy
    - i. Working on planning an event with Laurence Lessing and other town representative will give a talk to small donor empowerment programs and Citizens Unitized so students can learn about campaign finance reform.
- V. Business
  - a. Ban the Bottle Product Budget Votes
    - i. 2000 Stickers
      - 1. Will cost at max \$300
    - ii. 1000 Water Bottles
      - 1. Will cost at max \$900
    - iii. Total budget Request \$1200
    - iv. Casey motions to approve the budget
      - 1. Brandon motions
      - 2. Kharl seconds the motion
    - v. Passes Unanimously
  - b. Hunger and Homelessness Donation Disbursal
    - i. Disperse account values of:
      - 1. \$944.26 to Syrian Refuge Relief
      - 2. \$972.69 to My Sisters Place
      - 3. \$972.69 to Holy Family
      - 4. \$972.69 to Windom Region No-Freeze Shelter
    - ii. Saman motions to disperse the funds
      - 1. Ian
      - 2. Brandon
      - 3. Passes Unanimously
  - c. Last weeks minutes
    - 1. Kharl motions to approve last week minutes
    - 2. Chelsea seconds the motion
    - 3. Passes unanimously

Meetin Adjourned at 8:03 by Chair Kharl Reynado