Minutes for 9/8

- Agenda approved
- Introductions, hello hello
- Faculty/University Committee delegations
  - Graduate Studies
    - Last year just one meeting, nothing afterwards, no commitment
    - Dillon will do it
  - Undergraduate Studies
    - Met twice a month, lots of talk about how to bring more students in and that sort of thing
    - Ruth will do it
  - Faculty
    - Biweekly meetings, sit in on faculty meetings
    - Madison will do it
  - Research
    - Do most of the legwork for brownbag lunches, also grabs pizzas – pizza grabbing is vital
    - One of the more labor-intensive committees
    - Claire will do it
  - TAU
    - Our representative to the union, Claire’s doing it
  - GSAC
    - One meeting a month, have to be present at the meetings or else we lose funding which we need so please go
    - Need four members, but only one person needs to show up to meeting
    - Sometimes there’s interesting stuff, so report on gossip, dinner – please
    - Emily, Austin, and A.T. doing it, need one more member
  - Events
    - They organize Christmas party and end-of-the-year retreat, that sort of thing
    - Need people for this committee
  - Phi Alpha Theta
    - Go to undergrad Phi Alpha Theta meetings, two-week rotation of fun meetings and business meetings, report on them
    - Jacob will do it
- HGSO Committee Representatives
  - Fundraising
    - Aiming to do three to four fundraisers over the course of the year, be a little more active this year – might be a little more labor intensive
    - A.T., Brody, Ben, Emily, and Derrick will do this
  - Social Affairs
    - Tsar Pete
    - Put on welcoming committee/softball, homecoming tailgate, Halloween Party with or without Institute, Grand Rapids trip, movie night once a month, etc.
    - Pete, Jacob, Ben, and Austin
      - Derek REFUSES to work with Pete, shame on Derek
  - Workshop
    - Usually stage two or three workshops per semester
    - Need lots of input for first years, workshops geared towards helping newer grad students be successful
    - Usually try to get faculty assistance with this
    - “Is what we make of it”
    - Austin and Emily will do this, need a couple more people here
  - Spring Speaker
    - Spring Speaker our big yearly event, first year students should see this as opportunity to make connection for Ph.D. applications
      - Must be a dues-paying member to head the committee, vote on the speaker, etc.
      - Speaker does not necessarily have to be a history professor, a couple years ago we did a religion professor, another year an anthropologist, etc. so keep your minds open
    - Want to vote on it by mid-October, early November at the latest. Try and suggest someone by next HGSO meeting. If you have someone in mind please shoot them an email just to see if they’ll be around
  - Research Awards
    - Nora Faires: large endowment that we essentially control, must be a dues-paying HGSO member to receive it and vote on it, helps for thesis research
  - Treasurer’s Report – Brody
    - Doing pretty good on this front
    - Social committee has way more money, Pete is excited
    - Should end up with $50 more than last year by end of year with Brody’s budget; budget approved
• Monthly meetings
  o HGSO exists for first year peoples especially, so we especially want to hear from them on when meetings should be, we’ll send out an email later to try and figure out a good monthly time and place
• Announcements
  o Thank you card for Dorilee – she’s the best, she saves us food and gets us out of jams, she does everything, especially with Linda gone
    ▪ Maybe gift card too?
• New business
  o Writing club with Medieval Institute, once a week or biweekly meetings writing with theses or dissertations – something to maybe keep in mind. Talk to Christine in the Institute.
  o Pete brings up homecoming game is October 14, we’ll do a homecoming tailgate, game is free with WMU ID
    ▪ Also, we’ll plan to go to Grand Rapids sometime, and 53rd annual J.P. Grassley film night with A.T.
      • If you want to show a movie, A.T. says you must give a two-to-three-minute lecture on the movie you plan to show, and business attire is required – please honor the memory of Dr. Grassley
• Adjourned