

GO:MCB Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th, 2017

1. Drink with a Scientist

- This outreach event is being led by Katrina Velle
- Email address: Drinkwithascientist@gmail.com
- What is a science café?
 - <http://sciencecafes.org/>
 - Based on pre-existing model from above website. Includes instructional videos to see what is needed to start a café
 - Casual setting, open to everyone, start conversations about science with people who don't normally engage in science
 - Would include short (10-12 min) lectures and encourage dynamic 2-way interactions to empower the public to learn
 - Aims to target the portion of the population that are good intentioned but don't have all the facts about science and don't know what to do
 - Would like to have the event be well attended but not swamped out by MCB/UConn members
 - 3 listed in CT:
 - "UConn Science Salon" in Hartford
 - "Peabody Science Café" in New Haven
 - "Tilde Café" in Bradford
- Potential locations:
 - Katrina would like to start one up in the "quiet corner" of CT (many republicans live in this area) and also Manchester and other areas
 - Sarah has a spreadsheet with possible venues
 - Something Simple Café in Hebron might be a good place to start
- First topic: dinosaurs
 - Invite Rachel O'Neill who has given a talk about if Jurassic Park could actually exist
 - Topics would change week-to-week/month-to-month
- What do we need to do to get started?
 - Invite speakers, including both professors and students from different departments
 - Need engaging speakers to get this off the ground
 - Invite people who do the 3 Minute Thesis competition
 - Katrina made a brochure that we can give out to potential cafes
 - Can post ads in local newspapers
 - Sarah can contact Patrick Skahill at WNPR to announce it
 - Two main positions needed for these events:
 - Café coordinator (contacts café to get things set up)
 - Café moderator (leads discussion)
 - Listen to "You're the Expert" podcase to get an idea of how to have a "fun" conversation about science with the public
 - Might need to provide our own projector/something to project on

- Office of outreach – can ask if they have equipment we can borrow if we can't use the department's
- Need to confirm if GO:MCB can be associated with an event that promotes drinking off campus
 - Might require permission to go off-campus as a club event

2. Skype with a Scientist

- Henry (EEB student) will be updating the website
- Someone is making a code to match scientists with classrooms

3. Bake your research

- #bakeyourresearch on twitter
- Hold event where each person will submit a baked good that represents their research
- Kendra Masse and Barbara Mellone have volunteered to be judges
- Host event in early summer

4. Nominations

- Need to submit GO:MCB roster by May 12th
- Will be hosting elections soon
 - 5 positions outlined in constitution
 - We can only have one or two people in the same position as the previous year
 - Email Rose if you would like to nominate someone or be nominated for a position
 - Vote the first week of May

5. Nicole Dublier Coming May 30th

- Nicole Dublier is the student invited speaker for the year
- Coming from Germany and then heading to ASM Microbe meeting
- What events do we want to have with her?
 - Potentially a discussion of career paths with grad students
- In June we can vote on the speaker for the fall