

Friends for Life of America
General Meeting Minutes
9/6/2001

8:04 PM--meeting called to order

- I. Introduction
 - a. Steven Cohen, President, (scohen@friendsforlife.com) welcomes everyone to the meeting and shares with the members the history of *Friends for Life of America*, including the story of Daniel.
 - b. Steven passes around the e-mail sign-up sheet.
- II. Past Programs—Valerie Lynch, Vice-President (vlynch@friendsforlife.com)
 - a. We plan to increase our involvement in the *Hearts for the Holidays* card campaign that was so popular last year. We will invite newcomers to get involved in this exciting and worthwhile event.
 - b. The inaugural *Mile for a Child 5K Run* last year was a huge success. We raised \$2500 for leukemia patients, and we plan to raise even more money this year. We begin planning for this event at the start of the spring semester.
 - c. Last year's *Milestones in Medicine* forum was a huge success, boasting a great turnout to hear the keynote speaker, Dr. John Graham Pole. We plan to continue this exciting program this year with another innovative speaker.
- III. Currently funded programs—Matthew Willey, Treasurer (mwilley@friendsforlife.com)
 - a. *Friends for Life of America* has provided funding to build a teen room at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in For Lauderdale, FL.
 - b. *Friends for Life of America* has made one child's dream come true, sending a leukemia patient to a special Girl Scout Camp.
 - c. *Friends for Life of America* has funded the well renowned *Make-A-Wish Foundation*.
- IV. Membership Requirements
 - a. Visit the *Friends for Life of America* website at www.friendsforlife.com. Under the *Members* section, find the *Membership Information* link, which will bring you to the online membership application form.
 - b. Encourage friends you may have on other college campuses to start new FFL chapters by encouraging them to visit our website.
- V. Volunteering Opportunities—Cristina Dupree, Corresponding Secretary (cdupree@friendsforlife.com)
 - a. Shands Hospital
 - i. Call the volunteer services office at 265-0360.
 - ii. Register for a hospital orientation meeting, required by Shands hospital. The next orientation will be next Thursday, Sept. 13, from 4-6 PM. The last orientation will be held on Oct. 8, so please make sure to register before this date, if you are interested in volunteering.

- iii. All volunteering information can be found on the *Friends for Life of America* website at www.friendsforlife.com.
 - b. We will have an information table at the IDEAL organization fair and the Reitz Union organization fair. Please sign your name on the sheets being passed around for tabling shifts if you are interested.
- VI. Office Decoration—Cristina
 - a. We are decorating our Reitz Union office (room 323) with help from all of you. After the meeting, please trace your hand on the construction paper provided and write your name on it. We will post these in the office within the next week.
- VII. Cabinet Applications—Steve
 - a. The various *Friends for Life of America* programs require much planning. We have several Cabinet positions open for application from current members.
 - b. The following positions require dedicated individuals to help put on the quality programs for which *Friends for Life of America* is recognized. To apply, fill out an online application located on the University of Florida webpage in the Members section.
 - i. Member Services—member retreats, log of membership, special events for members
 - ii. Greek Affairs—work with the Greek community to solicit their support
 - iii. Community Outreach—working with the Gainesville community for local events, press relations
 - iv. Special Events—non-signature events, one-time programs
 - v. Chapter Programming—planning what we do for the year—project coordinator
 - vi. Hearts for the Holidays coordinator—The size this program demands an individual to handle the bulk of the workload. This position is not currently listed on the Cabinet application, so please tab to *Special Request* when asked for the position in which you are interested.
- VIII. Table Poster—Manisha
 - a. Manisha created a beautiful informative poster board this summer for the various tabling we will be doing as an organization.
- IX. Leukemia Awareness Month
 - a. Steve Cohen
 - i. Prominent Pies in the Face
 - ii. “Tell us how you feel about Leukemia” bulletin boards
 - b. Valerie
 - i. Tea bags for leukemia
 - c. Matthew
 - i. Tabling at Reitz Union, distributing blue and gold pins and information booklets
 - d. Cristina
 - i. Painting a mural on the 34th St. Wall

- e. Steve shares some statistics from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society information booklet and tells of his experience with meeting a cancer patient in remission on campus while tabling.
- X. Meet in committees for Leukemia Awareness Month

8:32 PM—meeting adjourned