

Friends for Life of America
General Meeting Minutes
1/17/2002

8:04 PM--meeting called to order

- I. Friends for Life Overview
 - a. *Friends for Life of America* began 4 years and 11 months ago in an effort to help patients living with leukemia and related cancers.
 - b. Signature events such as Hearts for the Holidays have defined the organization.
 - c. *Friends for Life of America* has expanded in recent months to include colleges and universities nationwide.
 - d. A new broader mission statement has been adopted – our organization now provides “educational, emotional, and financial support for pediatric patients living for cancer.”
 - e. For further information about the organization, please visit the website, www.friendsforlife.com.
- II. Officer Introductions
 - a. Steven Cohen—President (scohen@friendsforlife.com)
 - b. Valerie Lynch—Vice President (vlynch@friendsforlife.com)
 - c. Matthew Willey—Treasurer (mwilley@friendsforlife.com)
 - d. Cristina DuPree—Corresponding Secretary (cdupree@friendsforlife.com)
 - e. Steven Crane—Recording Secretary (scrane@friendsforlife.com)
- III. Mile for a Child
 - a. This event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 at 9 AM.
 - b. Casual Tees, The Trophy Shop, KISS 105.3, Runners' World, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, Smoothie King, Burger King are confirmed sponsors for this year's event.
 - c. The Propel Company will donate 500 bottles of the sports drink Propel if we can guarantee 500 race participants. This will require a great amount of recruiting!
 - d. Other recruiting opportunities include visiting high school track practices, running clubs, sororities and fraternities, and other organizations on campus.
 - e. A few things to look forward to on race day include KISS 105.3 playing music live, race t-shirts, a large race clock, and trophies for the top men and women racers.
 - f. Things to think about in preparation for this event include an upcoming banner painting, tabling at the Reitz Union during the week before the race, possible tabling at Gator Nights the night before the race, and as always... RECRUIT RECRUIT RECRUIT!!!
 - g. For more information, please contact Cristina DuPree (cdupree@friendsforlife.com) or Manisha Palta (mpalta@friendsforlife.com)
- IV. Opportunities to Recruit

- a. Two opportunities to recruit new members and really help the organization are coming up: Student Government Month Fair on Monday, Jan. 28, and the IDEAL Fair on Thursday, Feb. 7. E-mail cdupree@friendsforlife.com if you would like to sign up for a shift.
- V. Painting for Patients
 - a. Members create paintings for hospitals to display in pediatric cancer centers in order to brighten the days of the hospital staff and patients.
 - b. One of our more creative members, Anitha Jain, has completed the drawing of the two paintings we have planned to create.
 - c. At the end of the next general meeting, members will finish both of the paintings.
- VI. Global Outreach
 - a. At the next meeting, members will be given a letter, which they may use to ask for donations of hats or teddy bears from businesses to give to pediatric patients living with cancer.
 - b. Please contact Shelley Rood (srood@friendsforlife.com) for more information.
- VII. Milestones in Medicine
 - a. This event is an interactive forum where members attend a seminar presented by a prominent member of the health profession. This year, in light of the Fifth Anniversary, Patch Adams will be speaking at the University of Florida.
 - b. This event is scheduled for April, and opportunities to help promote this event will be announced later this month.
- VIII. Office Hour Opportunities
 - a. The *Friends for Life of America* UF Chapter office is located in the Reitz Union, in the Student Activities Center, #323.
 - b. Members are requested to log hours in the Friends for Life of America office for doing FFL work.
 - c. Please contact Dewayne Allen (webmaster@friendsforlife.com) to sign up for office hours.
- IX. National Chairman's Citation
 - a. John Crane and Christy Milsted are being given this prestigious award for their work in the Hearts for the Holidays campaign, which brought in over 8000 cards for pediatric cancer patients at the end of last semester.
- X. Announcements
- XI. Member Activity—Members make hands out of construction paper to help decorate the office.

9:00 PM—meeting adjourned