

## SERD Meeting Minutes

2/9/09

**Attendance:** Gargi Roysircar, Cindy McKusick, Nate Thorn, Vincent Pignatiello, Antoinette Booth, Sandra Carrazza, Viktoriya Fuzaylova, Amanda Blanchard, Brian Denietolis, Jacob Austin, Fran Berry-Worcester, Ben Herzig, Aric Brown

- Fran is waiting to hear about internships!
- Jacob brought to SERD's attention that his college friend Philip Rizk who is a journalist doing humanitarian work was abducted February 6<sup>th</sup> by Egyptian national security as he was returning from a non-violent protest as part of the "To Gaza" campaign.
  - Jacob showed interest in developing a solidarity letter to send to the embassy to show support for Philip and the humanitarian work he has done (as SERD has done in the past) and requested the support of SERD; there are also online petitions on Facebook; we discussed important points and the appropriate stance for SERD and Antioch to take; the plan is to potentially create a letter within a week's time if there are no legal liabilities for Antioch in doing so; Jacob will be updating SERD with information and links relating to Philip's status.
- Gargi shared with us a thank you letter she received from Ratan Tata for the support received from SERD and Antioch; it was personally signed by Mr. Tata!
- The Shakti application has been updated for the potential trip to Texas and is on the website; it will need to be turned in by March 3<sup>rd</sup> for those interested in being a member of the outreach team; proposed dates are during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of May between the spring and summer semesters.
- Amanda and Brian are working on the children's chapter of the book that will be published through the Multicultural Center; it is still being edited; Feb 23-29 has been targeted as the time where all submissions needs to be turned over to Gargi to be reviewed.
- Brian also requested input into the presentation of the cover for the book; Wendy's name was suggested as someone who would be helpful for the book design due to her graphic design experience; this publication should be a combined effort of many SERD members.
- Gargi and Nate are working on writing about training; she would like some input from Brian and Josefina regarding the Mexico trip, has received some input from Amanda regarding the South Africa trip; the book should be done by May!
- Gargi reported that donations have been coming in as a result of the last fundraising letter.
- The Black History Month Gallery Walk will take place during the weeks of Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the lunch breaks (see Psy.D notes for specific days); Aric from the Environmental Studies Dept. attended this SERD meeting and discussed the importance of exposing the pictures more to the Antioch community

- they are in a dark hallway so they may not always be noticed by Antioch students and staff so the final suggestion given time limitations was that lamps be brought in to light up the hallway and pictures; also discussed making directive and informative signs to lead people to the hallway;
- Sandra, Antoinette, Vince, and Amanda volunteered to be guides for the walks (two for each week); further volunteers will be recruited from the Diversity class.
- Background music was also suggested such as old African spirituals, Sweet Honey in the Rock