ICC Board Meeting February 20, 2011

Meeting Called to Order: 6:12pm

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Attendance

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Agenda approved.

3. Minutes approval

Staff report, said Fred Gerstell has been donating to Alumni team. He has actually been donating to the ICC.

Minutes approved.

4. Member time

Kayla, Truth – Talking about Pet Policy. Want to share experience of having a pet in Truth. Over Summer, father was no longer able to take care of family dog. Pet Policy that allowed pets was very convenient. This semester, father can accommodate pet, but option of being at Truth is very useful. Much of the pet issues in ICC has to do with responsible owners, not the pets.

Joe, Black Elk – Speaking on behalf of present housemates. Understanding is that a large amount of Board favors banning pets from ICC, despite member dissent. Believe that banning pets is against ICC values. Banning pets is not a cooperative solution, and there are better options, such as holding houses responsible for their pets, or having periodic room checks for rooms with pets to catch damage before it gets severe. It is wise for the ICC to function as a business for many reasons, but if uncooperative decisions are made, it goes against the ICC’s values.

Jordan, Black Elk Maintenance Manager – Pet Policy has been a major issue in Black Elk. Black Elk has always been a pet House. House often rallies around pets to help take care of
them. In ICC statement of beliefs and values under community section it says that everything that turns a House into a home is supported by the ICC community.

Jon, Black Elk – Have a cat names Lola in the House. Picked Black Elk because knew that House would welcome pet. Cat has opened me up to being more tender, responsible, etc, making me a better co-oper. Although these attributes cannot be compared to financial costs, they still need to be considered. Recently had to turn away a contract because interested person had a dog that couldn’t move in due to moratorium.

Adrienne, Black Elk – There is a section of Ann Arbor community that has or wants pets. We need to accommodate this. Perhaps this is a better opportunity to solidify a Pet Policy that makes us more responsible for our animals instead of banning them.

5. House reports

Debs – Busy trying to pass inspection on first try. Geoffs have been over a lot and Members have been working hard. Held expulsion hearing for a Member. Was not expelled, but has already been evicted by ICC Finance due to not paying charges. House hoped GM would have been at expulsion hearing. Questions about whether expelling Member would give House total say over who could move into spot.

Nakamura – Gearing up for house inspection on February 28th. Both Geoffs have been in and out the House along with contractors. Going to good co-op parties!

King – Just had House meeting a few hours ago. Last Sunday, had an intense clog in main water drain, resulting in a small flood in basement. Geoff got people to clean it up along with House Members. Cable communication kerfuffle about whether King or ICC pays for cable TV. Now resolved.

Gregory – All well. Had Work Holiday. House is much cleaner.

Baker – Vote on stuff for interim period.

Owen – Had problems with second floor shower, but now fixed. Was leaking into kitchen. Had masquerade party. Failed first kitchen inspection, but passed second. Having amenities discussion tonight. Having some issues with a Member, hoping to work it out soon.

Truth – Had Valentine’s dinner with Nakamura. Awesome! Also passed follow-up kitchen inspection. Found House’s sign on Luther’s porch and want to inform the Board to not steal our stuff.

Ruths’ – Nothing out of the ordinary. Going to be meeting soon to discuss operations over break. Michigan – Had Secret Lost Party. Built a snow fort on the front lawn, but now melted. All well now.

Escher – All is well. Not sure what dish is going to be brought to WAM. All well.

O’Keeffe – Work Holiday over weekend. All clean now. Vote in Ren about non-student Member. Application was rejected in Ren, but on O’Keeffe’s agenda tonight. Problem with washer leaking. Getting pool table fixed.


Renaissance – Had Work Holiday. Rejected non-student by a fair margin.

Luther – Just had a Disco Party last night. Apologize for whoever stole the sign, wasn’t me. Paint holiday scheduled for after Spring Break.
Minnie’s – All is quiet. Planning some murals. Had meeting a few weeks ago to take care of interim.


Lester – All is quiet. Had a small issue with Food Steward work hours and how many hours they should be getting. Some Members wanted to reduce hours, but discussion was resolved. Shelf built by Maintenance Manager in kitchen. Want to grow spices and herbs.

Linder – Doing OK. Had an expulsion hearing last night. Night before had a great glitter party.

Questions:
Why were people not voted in as non-students?
O’Keeffe - Person had lived at O’Keeffe for a few years. Has history of creating problems and altercations. Don’t want to repeat drama. Also, currently in dispute with current landlords.

Vail – Member used to live at Vail and he often made people feel uncomfortable in House. Decided he wouldn’t be a positive addition to community.

6. Committee reports

Report in packet.
CoCo – I sent an email out after the last night and wanted to state again that we did reach the 2/3rds need to move forward with the motion to vote on the Budget. We went over the procedure and what happened and got some good feedback on how we could improve things for next year.

Devo – Natalie (Sustainability) – Passed out surveys on Sustainability. Please bring them back to House and bring completed surveys back by next Board meeting (March 20th).

EdCom – Approved $1,000 subsidy to Co-op Spring Break and $250 for filming of instructional videos.

7. Staff report

Eric, GM – Met with Mayor on Friday. Interested in having co-ops adopt parks (would include keeping eye on and some cleaning). Specifically, park across from Black Elk and park down the block form Osterweil. Would help with community involvement and image. Also, have discussed lighting in neighborhoods.

Questions
What would be involved in adopting parks?
    Mostly just cleaning them up.
Any benefit other than just being good citizens?
    We would be good citizens. The Mayor lives down the block from Black Elk, so he would definitely appreciate it. Would improve relations with neighbors.

8. MSA report
Jeremiah – Savi our MSA Rep. couldn’t be here because of work. Spoke to CoCo about a month ago. She put a report in the Weekly Reporter. Doing a fantastic job. Future reports will also be in Weekly Reporter.

Could be useful if Savi asked if MSA could help us at all with marketing the ICC

9. January variance statement

Salam, FinCom
Notes:
More membership turnover than planned (note 2).
Major maintenance is over budget, but the Board approved $20,000 from the Steven’s Fund, which is not reflected (note 4).

10. DivCom training

Led by Kiran – Was asked to come to talk to you about institutionalizing social justice work within the organization. Conversation can be relevant to any work that is being done.

What do you think of when someone says “Social Justice”? 
Disenfranchised populations.
Looking to level out the oppressions or disadvantages that exist in social order.
Addressed equality, human rights, and right to equal access. Relevant to understanding backgrounds and other things.

How would we institutionalize social justice?
Create Committee – E.g., DivCom.
Implement rules.
Stay accessible to people of all backgrounds.
Actively reach out to different populations.
Most of these are actions, and actions don’t usually happen without strategic planning.

What makes a good goal?
Measurable.
Interesting.
Attainable.
Something that you don’t currently have.
Able to be broken down into defined steps.
Temporal (usually 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, or 10-year).
Specific.
Realistic.
SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely).

What are some of the ICC’s goals?
Affordable student housing.
Sustainability.
Creating objectives is useful. Objectives are things that help you know whether you have met your goal. E.g., if your goal is to give affordable student housing, one objective could be that beds are full at 75% of market rate. Useful tools to help meet goals. Usually intended for one year.

To create objectives, think, “how would we know if we have met our goal?”

Goals and objectives should be reviewed often. In the ICC we review the 5 year plan annually and the annual plan 3 times per year. It is common for organizations to quickly review annual plan quarterly.

Goals should be known by all Board members. Usual amount is 3-7.

*Out-of-your-seats activity.*

Activity review:
What are the ICC’s social justice goals?
  - Affordable housing.
  - Open housing regardless of [preferences].
  - Create accepting, social democratic environment to live.
  - Houses more ADA compliant.
  - Sustainability.
  - Non-discriminative housing.
  - End sexual harassment in houses.

Is there an effort to track diversity in houses?
  - ReCo survey.

One interesting thing that Berkeley does is they compare their survey to University demographic.

Social Justice work the ICC is doing now:
  - DART.
  - Lancaster Project.
  - Payment Plans.
  - Scholarships.
  - DivCom events.
  - Sustainability initiatives.
  - DivCom in general.
  - Visiting scholars.
  - Information on rights and responsibilities.
  - Public potlucks.
  - Open and equitable housing.
  - Trying to make houses handicapped accessible.
  - Contract releases.
  - Meeting democratically and representatively.
Did anyone feel as though they didn’t know what work the ICC was doing that related to social justice?
None.
This paper can be useful by comparing it to your five year plan and one year plan’s specific goals. You want to look for connections. Even if the work done is fantastic, if the connections aren’t there, then the good work being done isn’t institutionalized. Ideally, all work in an organization is institutionalized such that all work can be immediately related to a one year or five year goal.

If I were to choose the ICC’s social justice goals, the top 2 would be:
  - Affordable housing.
  - Some pet houses.
  - Diversity of ethnicity among members.
  - Providing safe, enjoyable, affordable environment.
  - More GBLTQ policy.
  - Encourage active member engagement.
  - Look for ways to decrease budget line.
  - Increase environmental sustainability.
  - Provide better awareness of social justice resources available to ICC populace.
  - Increase number of substance-free houses.
  - Make houses safe places for all members.

What was one theme here?
  - Affordable housing.
Another one?
  - Diversity of membership.
  - Ecologically sound housing.

Some of these things aren’t necessarily three year goals. One example of a one year goal would be “ADA compliance at Ed Center.” It is specific and can be quickly attainable.

Next Steps: How can we integrate this into the remainder of the ICC’s year?
- Create better framework for annual and five year plans to help create more focused goals.
- Involve membership.
  - Online survey?
- Building off five year plan for annual plan.
- Reference annual and five year plan for guidance for future VPs.

11. Devo restructuring proposal

Richard, Devo – Last time we’ll discuss this before a vote. Expansion Committee would also deal with reducing number of Houses, so new name could be SMART (Size Management And Restructuring Team). SMART would report to Board once a year. Truck use Standing Rules change. Chapter 17 title change from “Expansion” to “Right Sizing.” Will probably have a few more edits to take care of edits.
Discussion

Title “Right Sizing” may not appropriately convey to Membership what the chapter discusses.
Could add a colon and clarification.
“Property Management”

Beginning of Chapter 17 is ambiguous with regards to what the chapter will be about.
Proposal will be for entire chapter and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

17.2.4.A.3 may not appropriately describe the process by which a House is bought or sold.
Confusion is with regards to how the referendum comes into being and who it goes through. Would team conduct referendum without permission and then get the results of the referendum approved?
SMART should seek authority from the Board to conduct a referendum.

12. Clarifying abstention votes proposal

Jeremiah, same proposal from the last time we talked about it.

Clarifying questions?
None.

Discussion.
Major effect – abstention isn’t a “no”.
Could help more people share opinions.
Abstentions sometimes mean conflict of interests, but also sometimes mean that a convincing enough argument hasn’t been made in one direction or another. There is an issue if three people abstain due to conflict of interests because it could block a proposal.
According to Robert’s Rules of Order an abstention counts as a “no” vote.
If everyone on the Board is neutral, and one person has an opinion, that proposal should not be passed.
There are times in which a Board Rep. is neutral and should not be forced to vote “yes” or “no.” Abstentions could just leave the room.
Should abstention vs. no vote be clarified?
There should be two different “abstentions.” One should be for conflicts of interests in which that vote does not get counted. The other should be for indifference, and that should count as a “no.”
This is the procedure for reconsideration (after reconciliation). This would only be for approvals and not necessarily for everything.
What about when a Board Rep. is new and they don’t feel qualified enough to say something one way or another.

Calls for reconciliation?
None.

Proposal 31/2010-2011 passes.

13. Break (Snacks by Vail House)
14. GM evaluation and review proposal

Discussion: Board goes into Executive Session.

Vote: Do the voting Board Representatives accept the results of 2011 GM Evaluation and Review?
   Yes: 17

Proposal 32/2010-2011 passes.

15. Pet Policy discussion

Rhiannon, MemCom – MemCom decided that there should be another Board level discussion because there have been a lot of opinions and perspectives contributed.

Pros of pets
Morale and bonding.
Selling point to pet owners.
Reduced stress.
Fun…

Cons
Allergies.
Retention impact of bad experiences.
Damage.
Nuisance of unpleasant smells/noise.
Escape or revolt.
Liability.
Administration costs.

Questions to consider
Do the benefits outweigh the costs?
How do we maintain the positives while eliminating costs?

Possible solutions
Allergies – Ban pets from Houses with forced air heating (Baker, King, Linder, Luther 1510).
Damages and liability – Require all pet owners to pay a pet deposit and to have insurance. Make House collectively responsible for covering fines/damages accrued so they think carefully about allowing pets.

Administration costs – any suggestions? Any policy involves a lot of staff time/effort.

Discussion
Round robin about discussions at house. Also, if a house has pets, please say so.
Debs – No pets currently. General consensus is that while people personally are lukewarm about whether they should be allowed pets, people are more comfortable with the decision being up to Houses, or designating some Houses as pets and no pets.

Nakamura – No pets currently. Reactions similar to those at Debs. One idea for Staff time, pets should be approved at room pick meetings.

King – One resident has two awesome cats. King sees both sides of this issue, especially because of apartment #2. General consensus is that blame is usually a result of irresponsible ownership, which is uncontrolable. To eliminate such a positive psychological thing because of human fallacy would be... well, we like pets.


Baker – No pets. House was not vocal.

Owen – One cat, unregistered, but approved by House. Strongly in favor of having pets, despite costs associated. Prefer pet and pet-free houses. In favor of moving responsibility from office to House and enforcing responsibility on that level. For example, perhaps Officers should periodically check in on rooms.

Truth – No pets. Mixed on issue. Some people are particularly vocal, although there are many indifferent people. Will bring it up at the next House meeting. Personally, know there are a lot of responsible owners, but the irresponsible ones bring a bad name to pet owners and that the cost outweighs the benefits.

Ruths’ – No pets. Had a member applicant who had a pet who could not move in because of the moratorium, but would not have been voted in due to allergies. House does not have strong opinions, but there is support for the House specific solution. Believe that House cleanliness is one of the most focal issues that we deal with in the co-ops.

Michigan – No pets. Don’t allow pets in Constitution. Had rabbit over summer, breaking constitution, I guess. Have spoken with some Members in private who would love to have cats or dogs. Have some Members with allergies. Mixed response from Houses. Personally, believe that pets are a nice positive for the lowly student life. Also, people can be just as damaging as animals.

Escher – Mainly have talked with people in Renaissance. Most people like the policy on North Campus, although there has been frustration with some people not being able to move pets into their suite. One person was completely against pets in co-ops.

O’Keeffe – Three diabetic degus. Haven’t gotten much opinion. Pets don’t have a lot of presence in North Campus. Leaning towards allowing Houses opt into pet friendliness. O’Keeffe may have banned pets in their Constitution. Pets grandfathered in.

Vail – No pets, but cat last year. People were receptive to hearing about issues discussed at MemCom. Laid out pros and cons. 10 said no pets, 1 said caged pets, 3 said current policy, 8 said some Houses. Some concerns include a lack of repercussions. Other concerns about whether fish were allowed. People wanted to know about the grandfathering in of current pets. Furthermore, high turnover in Houses is not conducive to pet ownership. No way to assess responsibility of owners until it’s too late.

Renaissance – No pets. Had a cat until end of December. Had degus until they moved to O’Keeffe. Most people were either in favor of the current policy or of going to pet friendly Houses policy. A few people talked about the benefits of pets for member health. People brought up issue of when pet is approved, specifically that you can move in and then have your pet not approved by House. One member opposed pets.
Luther – 2 dogs and every year has always had a pet. Usually some minimal damage year to year necessitating a room clean or something. Similar sentiment about timing of pet approval. Members don’t feel as though the ICC should be no-pets, but none believe that the ability to have pets would affect whether members would sign. Members would choose to keep pets, but believe that the voting in after move in process is inefficient.

Minnie’s – No pets. Opinions not strong. No pet people were financially minded. Off-the-book opinion is that the majority of people favor pets in some Houses.

Black Elk – 4 pets. House is very in-favor of pets. Decided that best policy is that Houses can elect to have pets. Concern about pets being grandfathered in if pets were banned. Policy is getting so much attention because King House issue, and that might be unfair if the pet owner was just a “bad egg.” Believe that loss of pets would be a detriment to Black Elk and probably the rest of the ICC. There is a possibility if pets were banned that they would be snuck in. Room inspections are probably a good preventative solution.

Lester – No pets. People are generally in favor of designating some Houses as pet-friendly and some as not. Two House Members believe that pet Houses that suffer damages should absorb total costs of damages. Another Lesterite said that there should be a pet damage fund that is financed by pet ownership fees.

Linder – One bunny. People were not very committed to one side or the other, save the bunny guardian. People seemed confused in the beginning of semesters as to what needed to be voted in.

#3 option (some Houses are pet Houses) is pretty popular. If a House decides to be pet friendly or pet free, is that permanent. Should organization designate Houses or should the Houses do that themselves?

Had understanding that, once House voted, House would be pet free or pet friendly forever.

What’s Eric’s (GM) perspective?

Historically, pets have caused the ICC a lot of problems. There have been dog bites, pet dander issues, other House problems. Pet issues cascade: one time, a member had their sister look after rats for them, the sister did a poor job, the room smelled like rat urine, and when ICPSR came through, they stopped recommending the ICC to their members, losing the ICC prospective summer members. Any damages over and above what is collected by owner is the House’s responsibility. Enforcement doesn’t work, last year there were no registered pets. This year, after a barrage of emails and personal contacts, Houses have most pets registered. We house people, not pets, and pets raise member fees because they cost money. There is an ADA issue as 20-25% of people are allergic to pets, meaning that at least some houses need to be pet free. Mich, Minnie’s, Gregory are pet free, and they happen to have very strong retention.

Perhaps one or two houses should be decided upon by MemCom.

What about seeing-eye dogs?

Assumed that forced-air heating Houses would not be allowed to have pets at all.

Some people in my house asked why the Board was involved in this decision at all. They wanted a member referendum.

There is no way of predicting how many people move in because we allow pets. Could be a financial issue.
Pets don’t just take up Staff time, but it also takes up Committee time. On MemCom since May, this has absorbed more time than any other issue on MemCom. We also lose a certain amount of recruitment from allowing pets. Think that forced air issue can be remedied with a cloth over the vents or something similar. Furthermore, important to install a check in system in Houses to check up on Members. Former resident who created King issue ruined a room at a different House before moving to King. If there isn’t permanence to the pet friendly or pet-free Houses then the policy would not make a serious change. Furthermore, would be uncomfortable with current Members deciding whether pets are allowed or not in a House forever, so perhaps pet-allowance should be approved indefinitely. Finally, want to reemphasize that a ban could influence people to bring in their pets anyway. Sounds like general consensus is pet or no pet. We need to require insurance and make sure that pet costs are covered by the House and that the House knows. It’s not unreasonable for us to expect that pet damages will occur and that these things should be budgeted for. Would like to hear what people think about limiting cost of damages that go above what the owner pays to the House in which it occurs. Could dramatically raise the charges that members pay in a House. Straw poll: Should damage that goes above what an owner pays go to the House, pet-friendly Houses, or ICC? Just the House?
Yes: 16
No: 2
Neutral: 1
Spread across pet-friendly Houses?
Yes: 2
No: 15
Neutral: 2
ICC?
Yes: 2
No: 19
Neutral: 0
Issue seems to be collecting money from pet guardians. Don’t like idea of a couple Houses having pets when those people might not be able to afford having a pet in a setting in which they have all of the liability, whereas in the ICC these members’ pet liability is borne by the ICC Members. ICC is not only a business but is also an alternative way of living. Taking away pets is taking away a Member right. Many people are in support of personal freedom in their Houses. In favor of ICC at large being responsible because doing otherwise would be shirking our duty as Member to pay attention to the upkeep of our own home or others. Membership at large should say whether they are willing to pay for others.

16. WAM potluck sign-up

Zach, EdCom – Houses should plan to bring enough food to feed 40-50 people. Food should be labeled as to what it is and whether it is vegan, veggie, or has meat. Should be brought to
St. Thomas. Do not bring lasagna or dessert. EdCom encourages Houses to cancel their dinners to encourage attendance.

Round robin: What is everyone bringing?
Linder – Salad.
Debs – 3 bean salad (veggie) and Greek salad.
Nakamura – Fancy pizza recipe (veggie) with feta.
King – Salad. Talked vaguely about each person supplying a unique twist to salad. Probably like Lost.
Gregory – Pasta dish.
Baker – Forgot.
Owen – Undecided, will be figured out tonight.
Truth – Deciding at next meeting.
Ruths’ – Greek salad.
O’Keeffe – Tater tots.
Vail – Variety of leafy fruit and nut salads. Plenty of snacking available.
Renaissance – Whatever Chef Lynn makes for us.
Luther – Stuffed peppers.
Minnie’s – to be determined.
Black Elk – Lizzie will likely cook biscuits.
Lester – to be determined.

17. Role of the House Treasurer proposal

Salam, FinCom – Role of Treasurer under review by FinCom. Now that there is the online payment option, Treasurers are doing much less work. Treasurers used to take checks to office to Finance Office. This proposal would not require treasurers to have any additional responsibilities. Instead, it would reinforce responsibilities in Standing Rules. Responsibilities include reviewing the budget mid year and submitting Treasurer variance reports. Budget reviews and variance reports can help prevent Houses from having to pay additional money at the end of the year or for overpaying such that they receive massive refunds.

Straw Poll: How many Houses did budget reviews in January?
Yes: 5
How many Houses’ Treasurers give periodic variance reports?
Yes: 5
How many Houses decreased the amount of hours Treasurer receives?
Yes: 5
How many Houses’ Treasurers send notifications that charges are due?
Yes: 12

18. Brainstorms

Jay, Connor
Jay, Debs – Have had complaints from House and other members about internet quality. Have heard about a big contract with the ICC. Internet is now weird place between luxury and necessity today, and it is becoming increasingly important. What is known about internet contract and does anyone else from other houses have comments?

Eric – Tech Team is going to be sending out a survey to Houses. Contract with Cavalier (phone and internet) will expire starting in May and we will have to give them notice as to whether we will renew. Some Houses have Comcast. Some Houses have multiple internet lines. Sometimes the issue is with the internet service provider and others can be with the House. If someone is torrenting, it can take all the bandwidth. There were issues on North Campus last year with the House network and now the problem has been fixed. Please send the issue to Tech Team or to Eric so the Tech Team can diagnose the issue.

Have only 12 people at Ruths, but we hate our internet!

Connor – Garnett, Ruths’ President, has been coming up with dead links for House President emails on the ICC website. Ties into retention rates.

Send dead links or issues to Eric or Web Team.

19. Pinecones

To Dan Blim for SMART acronym.
To Black Elkers for coming to meeting and sitting through most of it.
To Sue and Blake Lancaster for donating to DivCom trainings this weekend.
To Susan who helped organize this weekend’s events.
To Kiran who gave a great presentation.
To Everyone who came to DivCom’s trainings.
To Kayla Weidman for sharing her Truth pet experience.
To Alex Green and Susan Caya for organizing Co-op Spring Break 2011.
To Melissa Pollick the Chair of DART for getting the team running.
To Anna Stotland and Alex Kaufman for helping with Vail’s snacks.
To Sam Bates former member of Linder and Ruths’ who started making waffles at Linder’s party.
To Anna Stotland for helping Minnie’s improve food practices.
To Geoffs, Eric, and Melissa Butler at King for helping with small flood and drain problem.

20. Meeting evaluation

Reminder for the next Board meeting on March 20th we will have the results of the ICC Presidential election. Last year, Black Elk, Michigan, and King House didn’t turn in their ballots. Get your ballots in so your members votes are counted.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:51pm