MUHLENBERG COLLEGE  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
January 31, 2013  
Life Sports Center 239

ATTENDING MEMBERS:  
Jill Andrews, Jim Bolton, Beth Buechler, Jessica Bien Covell, Jeffrey Demko, Brynnmarie Dorsey, Tom Dougherty, Jason Feiertag, Dave Huber, Tracy Kline, Tim Korn, Maryruth Olshefski, Joseph Spirko, and Jason Feiertag Peter Stark.

MEMBERS ABSENT:  
Tim Cherrington, Diane Dologite, Robert Gerken, Damon Gelb, Merritt Jacob, Steve Nemes, and Winifred Russell.

GUESTS (Miers Insurance):  
Doug Gibbons and Frank Karoly (Meier’s Insurance)

MINUTES:  
Tom Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tracy Kline and approved by the Committee.

INCIDENT/INJURY REPORT:  
Ms. Olshefski reported that there were 4 claims since our last meeting; one claim is still open from January, 2012.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS:  
Minor issues have been addressed in the Life Sports Center and dining area issues have been corrected. Mr. Dougherty will make sure the space heater issue in the IJCU will be addressed and the hazard corrected.

FIRE ALARMS:  
Mr. Dougherty informed the Committee that there have been issues with the fire alarm in Martin Luther. Students were not hearing the alarm. Mr. Dougherty did some decibel testing in the rooms at issue and several other rooms and found that the alarm is not hitting 75 decibels as required. The test is a Simplex system test. The question came up about meeting the requirement in other buildings. Mr. Dougherty talked with the fire marshal and Mr. Feiertag will inform Mr. Dyer of the situation.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:  
Mr. Dougherty mentioned that the City of Allentown may require CO Detectors in large residential facilities if the proposal is passed. There would be a 5 year period in which to be compliant. Our Mile Houses are compliant by using battery operated devices. Two Mile Houses were upgraded over the winter break by hard wired CO detectors.

OTHER BUSINESS:  
Diane Dologite was hosting a webinar at 10 a.m. on Waste Strategies – Self Auditing.


Mr. Demko informed the Committee that the Stop Sign near Walson Hall has been elevated.

Mr. Dougherty spoke to Mr. Gerchman on the hanging banner issue and Mr. Gerchman indicated that he didn’t want to put a policy in place for someone to oversee at this time.

Ms. Dorsey indicated that this year’s flu outbreak is not as bad as H1N1 as they see about 5 students per day with flu-like viruses. The Health Center has stopped doing positive tests. The bigger issue at the moment is the stomach virus that is going around. The Health Center sees approximately 2-3 students per day with this.

Ms. Covell Bien mentioned the portable oxygen tanks in the CA and Seeger’s located next to the AEDs and the bridge between the CA and TP. Mr. Huber indicated that training will take place during a common hour sometime in February.

Mr. Dougherty informed the Committee that hazardous waste is scheduled for pick up on February 21, 2013.

NEXT MEETING:  
- February 28, 2013 - Life Sports Center, Room 239

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryruth Olshefski