

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Executive Announcements
 - a. **Sibonay Shewit:** Thank you for the smarties, Brittany! Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!
 - b. **Sibonay Shewit:** Keenan sent an email out to all branches of the Student Union. There is a Pop Tab Competition for the duration of Lent for the Ronald McDonald House, and the branch that collects the most pop tabs proportionally wins a very special prize!
 - i. I will put a jar in my office! I will also forward her email to you all.
 - c. **Sibonay Shewit:** Erin Hoffman Harding sent out an Inclusion Survey→ it's a personal link, so please look through your email and complete the survey. There are some very good questions and the administration really does use the data.
 - i. **Prathm Juneja:** Please bring up the survey in your hall councils!
- V. General Orders
 - a. Presentation Re: Be The Match Drive
 - i. **Clay** from *Be The Match Executive Board* and **Jenna** from *Love Your Melon*
 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** They are here to talk about the *Be the Match* drive on March 1st.
 - ii. **Clay:** What is "Be the Match"
 1. **Clay:** I got involved with *Be the Match* because in high school, this little girl, Ava, my friend's cousin, was diagnosed with a disease that necessitated a bone marrow transplant. It was very difficult to find a match for Ava because of the limited gene pool. What we did was conduct a drive and registered as many people as possible. She found a match, but she passed away unfortunately after her second transport.
 2. **Clay:** *Be the Match* is a bone marrow registry. It helps various cancer and autoimmune patients (most commonly, leukemia patients) → bone marrow transplants are not a 100% cure and it's usually a last resort.
 - a. *Be the Match* pairs people with their "match" to help save a life.
 - b. It is also a research organization→ bioinformatics research, etc.
 - iii. **Clay:** Why is *Be the Match* needed?
 1. Family members are sometimes not able to be matched.

- a. Patients can have as low as a 66% chance of finding a match with the registry.
 - i. This is usually a last chance for patients.
 - b. Genetic basis of matches leads to different odds for people of different ethnicities.
 - i. Why we are targeting college campuses→ college students are more willing to look past barriers and rally around a common cause.
- iv. **Clay:** How a bone marrow transplant works:
1. *This is NOT a procedure from a horror movie.*
 2. Most transplants are done by a dialysis like procedure called PBSC
 - a. You go into a clinic every day for about 7 days and receive a booster and then your blood is run through a dialysis and bone marrow cells are filtered out.
 3. The most common side effect is bruises on the side of one's hip and soreness.
- v. **Clay:** What *Be the Match* has done at Notre Dame:
1. We usually partner with Howard Hall→ Last year, we registered 250 people on campus.
 - a. We always go to St. Mary's Dance Marathon
 - b. Blood Drives
 - c. Valentine's Day Drives→ Had to forgo this drive this year in favor of our March 1st drive.
- vi. **Clay:** Chris is the reason we are doing this drive on March 1st. He recently got diagnosed with leukemia, and his cancer is terminal. He has a bucket list before he passes away. One thing on his list is that he wants to break a world record. He has decided to try to register the most people in a single day that *Be the Match* has ever had, and we want to help in his cause.
1. Universities and communities all over the nation are having drives→ everybody registered on March 1st goes toward this world record.
 2. Our location on March 1st is a table in Duncan Student Center from 11am to 6pm on March 1st.
- vii. **Clay:** What usually works for these events:
1. We need people that care about the cause of *Be the Match*.
 2. People have to be trained to administer swabs
 - a. Super simple, the training takes 10-15 minutes.
 3. Lemons for Leukemia
 4. Photo contest involving lemons, a play on words with "match", or anything related to *Be the Match* in some way
- viii. **Clay:** What we need from you all:
1. We are a small club and we don't have a lot of people involved on this campus→ we don't have the outreach that other clubs do.
 2. We need help staffing the event with volunteers.

- a. We will be asking other organizations as well.
- 3. Any ideas on publicity and how to get people there?
- ix. **Jenna:** I am representing *Love Your Melon* today.
 - 1. Our mission is to put a hat on every child suffering from Leukemia→ *Be the Match* is one of our non profit partners, so we are cosponsoring the drive.
 - 2. There will be *Love Your Melon* swag there.
- x. **Sibonay Shewit:** I think it's really powerful to lead walkovers, so senators can help with this.
- xi. **Clay's contact information:** clmore1@nd.edu
- xii. **Chris Scott:** Creating a facebook page for the drive on March 1st and for the organization in general could help with publicity.
 - 1. **Clay:** I haven't talked to the social media person yet, but she will most likely make an event on facebook for the drive.
- xiii. **Ellison Rooney:** If *Love your Melon* will be there, you all could do a giveaway?
 - 1. **Clay:** We are going to try for beanie giveaways.
- xiv. **King Fok:** I could put you into contact with pre med and social service clubs.
 - 1. **Clay:** That hasn't worked out in the past because of low sign ups to volunteer.
 - 2. **King Fok:** If anything, they can still promote awareness.
- xv. **Colin Brankin:** Have you thought about working with Right to Life? This would work very well with this mission.
 - 1. **Clay:** We hesitate to work with politically aligned student groups as to not alienate ourselves from any potential population.
- xvi. **Molly McGraw:** You should get the drive in the Week @ ND email.
 - 1. **Sibonay Shewit:** There is also a faculty version that you could get the drive into.
- xvii. **Rebecca Blais:** Something everyone here and in Cabinet can do→ If you have class during that period of time and you ask your professor if it's okay, you can make an announcement and mention how quick of a process it is but how important it is.
- xviii. **Colin Brankin:** Have you thought about a promotional video? 30 second snapshot that you all could post?
 - 1. **Clay:** Once someone gets there and realizes it's something that they're interested in, it's easy to get them to do it
 - 2. **Colin Brankin:** The video could show how quick it is to get the swab done, and you could use Notre Dame people to advertise familiar faces.
 - 3. **Sibonay Shewit:** Can we send some volunteers to work the drive?
 - a. We will have the president and VP send emails to you all.
- xix. **Morgan Peck:** Advertise the world record piece of it because it's a motivating factor.

- xx. **Sibonay Shewit:** We will be sharing it on our personal and student government social medias→ please let people know about this and encourage people to go and get their cheek swabbed!
1. **Rebecca Blais:** I and two of my sisters received bone marrow transplants, so it's really important to me personally→ a cheek swab will save someone's life→ if you have questions about the process as well as the other end, you can ask Clay and me as well!
- b. SO1718-07: Suspension of Class of 2020 Elections
- i. Matt Ross, *President of Judicial Council*
 - ii. **Matt Ross:** When there's only one ticket turned in, we recommend that you all pass their ticket.
 1. **Sebastian Lopez:** I am vehemently opposed.
 - a. 1) Why are we shortcutting democracy? We are stealing the freedom of choice from the Class of 2020.
 - b. 2) I have spoken to many sophomores here and in O'Neil, but I don't think this election was properly advertised→ they don't recall receiving an email.
 - c. 3) I believe that this election should happen if there is only 1 ticket because you get to know your constituents through campaigning.
 - i. 3A is pretty secluded, and it is through campaigning that I reached out and got to know my constituents.
 2. **Sebastian Lopez:** I implore you to join me, liberty, and the freedom of choice in opposing this order.
 3. **Joseph Witt:** If you want to meet Laksumi, you can come to the Winter Carnival on Saturday or our Gatsby Dance and talk to them about their platform, but as a person who worked with them all throughout this year, I recommend that you all pass this order.
 4. **Sara Dugan:** It's unnecessary and annoying to make them wait.
 5. **Sibonay Shewit:** It also gives them one less week to get started.
 6. **King Fok** moved to end discussion and move to a vote
 - a. **Molly Clark** seconded
 - b. This motion passes
 - c. Committee Meeting Time

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements

- a. **Sibonay Shewit:** We have five senates left, let's make them count!
- b. **Francesca Carfagnini:** Apparel is coming next week!
- c. **Joseph Witt:** Winter Carnival 3-6 at Stepan Center this Saturday. There will be prizes, inflatables, good food!
 - i. **Morgan Williams:** Can juniors come?
 - ii. **William Huffman:** Are non sophomores allowed to win prizes?

- d. **Michael Conlon:** On February 23rd from 8pm-10pm in the Commons will be Junior Class Council Trivia Night.
 - e. **Sebastian Lopez:** Ms. ND on February 22nd
 - f. **Molly McGraw**
 - i. Acousticafe 10pm in Hagerty Cafe in Duncan Student Center
 - ii. SUB movie of the week Crazy Stupid Love in 101 Debart
 - 1. 8:00pm on Thursday
 - 2. 8:00pm and 10:30pm on Friday and Saturday
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. **Nick Lucci** moved to adjourn the meeting
 - i. **Jim Deitsch** seconded this motion