

International Student Center 2018 Report

International Student Advisory Board:

Pastor Steve Hollaway, Cindy Pappas, Bill Penn, Tricia Foley, Susan Matheke, Shannon Morgan, Erin Petersen, Raul Mickle (ex officio). Ellen Jacke, emerita.

International Student Center (ISC) Tuesday night dinners began Tuesday, May 29 and continued to September 4 for a total of 15 Tuesday night dinners.

Many of the dinners were sponsored and the food was prepared by members of the board, Steve and Becca Hollaway, and other volunteers. Several restaurants provided the complete dinner. The following is the list of sponsors, cooks and restaurants:

May 29 - Beachead Restaurant - Cindy Pappas

June 5 - Steve Hollaway

June 12 (orientation) - Sponsor Global Dynamic, Cooks Steve Hollaway, Penny Young, Erin Petersen, Cindy Pappas

June 19 - Sponsors Blake & Michelle Phelan, Pat and Beth Tengwall cooks

June 26 - sponsor and cooks Penny and Will Young

July 3 - sponsor ISC, Steve Hollaway cook

July 10 - sponsor Aldo's Restaurant - pizza

July 17 - sponsor The National Hotel, Shannon Morgan dessert

July 24 - sponsor The Block Island Times, Erin Petersen

July 31 - sponsor and cooks: Carol Dorian and Sarah Tremblay Family

Aug. 7 - sponsor and cooks: Pappas/Abrams Family

Aug. 14 - sponsor Block Island Residents Association - pizza, cooks Erin Petersen

Aug. 21 - sponsor Trisha Foley, cooks Erin Petersen, Susan Matheke, Karen Levey

Aug. 28 - sponsor Trisha Foley, cooks Erin, Susan, Karen Levey

Sept. 4 - sponsor Cavaleras Restaurant, cooks Erin, Cindy, Penny, Susan

Thank you notes have been sent.

There were also Friday night coffee house dinners from June 1 through July 20.

The Friday night dinners were coordinated by Steve Hollaway and food was purchased from the ISC budget. Musicians were also given a small fee from the ISC budget.

Other points of discussion were hours that the center operates, cleaning, how open the other areas of the church are to the students. Church kitchen was made off limits. No smoking policy for the building and the grounds was instituted.

Points of discussion were raised about contracts, employment assignments, and activities of the student center. More details are needed about Raul Mickle's position because board members do not totally understand what is needed.

Generally, regardless of problems the center seemed a valued place for the International students and the few other student workers who attended. The students were helpful when asked and very, very appreciative of the dinners and the place to gather.

Report by Susan Matheke