



Approved Minutes
May 26 2009

Present: Chris Jines, Michelle Herrmann, Terry Martin, Becky Ball, Sheree Seib, Mary Killian, Pam Moore, Cynthia York, Angie Goebel, Frank Nagy, Catherine Vaughn, Jeri Broshears, Kim Shelton, Jacki Spainhour, Julie Bordelon, Samoa Hempfling, David O'Grady, and Donna Evinger.

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Jines called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of April 28, 2009 minutes with corrections, motion by Becky Ball, seconded by Dave O'Grady. Motion Passed.

Economic Benefits Committee

Dave O'Grady reported looking back at past items that were brought up before and that were not pursued. Examples were the payout for sick leave and going back to the forty hour work week. It was discussed that staff members should be polled first to see if the forty hour work week was something that everyone was in favor of. Also discussed was what the increased budget dollars would be.

Becky Ball asked to see if more money could be allotted for the Staff Council picnic and that it could be a line item on the next budget presentation.

Employee Relations

Employee picnic was a huge success. Staff Council received lots of compliments. Problems with the soft drink machine were discussed and what changes could be made for the next year. A special "Thank You" to Mark Rozewski for covering the cost of the leis for the picnic.

Nominating Committee

Angie reported there were 198 ballots returned; 5 ballots disqualified. New Staff Council members are: Terry Alvey, Mary Ann Bernard, Donna Dippel, Kathi Goen, Samoa Hempfling, Shannon Hoehn, Kim Jost, Charlene Kaufman, Melissa Miller, Debbie Whiteside, Cynthia York.

Alternates: Lori Van Hook, Debbie Banks, Julie D'Mellow



Chris Jines e-mailed Ed Scharf about having the voting for next year as an online type of vote. Sheree Seib reported that the Faculty Senate At Large members use Institutional Research for their voting and that should be something we can look into.

Web Committee

No report

Old Business

By-Laws were sent to Cindy Brinker on 5-26-09.

Adopt-A-Spot plants were given by "Keep Evansville Beautiful" and planted by Chris Jines. The spot is located between the Orr Building and the Administration Building.

New Business

Search Committee for the Academic Affairs Provost met and hopes to get going next fall.

Discussion/Announcements

Staff Council Retreat will be held on July 28th in ED 3104-3105 from 9:00AM–4:00PM. Kim Shelton is working on the ice breaker. Mark Rozewski will be able to attend; Dr. Bennett cannot and Chris has not heard from Cindy Brinker as of meeting time. A tour of the new addition to the Recreation Fitness Center will be available. The lunch menu was discussed and boxed lunches of ham, roast beef and turkey on bread, chips, fruit and cookies, and a drink for \$6.50 ea was decided on. If anyone wants to bring other types of snacks, they can. Outgoing Staff Council members were requested to bring their red binders for the new members.

Chad Tew wants the Staff Council to support his proposal to the Faculty Senate to have an office that has an "ombuds". This means to designate one person that anyone can go to in an informal setting with problems and concerns. All information would be kept confidential and the individual with the concern would remain anonymous. Julie Bordelon stated that this was discussed in the past with many concerns. Chris asked for everyone to e-mail her with the pros and cons on the subject and she will get back with Mr. Tew with our decision.

Meeting adjourned with motion by Becky Ball and seconded by Dave O'Grady.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Herrmann, Vice Chair