



Approved Minutes
October 28, 2008

Present:, Chris Jines, Teresa Schmitt, Brian Brown, Michelle Herrmann, Charlene Kaufman, Frank Nagy, Sheree Seib, Jacki Spainhour, Cynthia York, Julie Bordelon, Pam Moore, Jeri Broshears, Terry Martin, Catherine Vaughan, Samoa Hempfling, Donna Evinger

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Jines called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes with corrections from September 30, 2008, motion by Catherine Vaughan, seconded by Julie Bordelon.

Samoa Hempfling reported for Economic Benefits Committee. Explained the Indiana schools discounted tuition policy. Faculty Senate is to propose new tuition benefit for spring semester.

Pam Moore reported for Employee Relations. Food drive was successful. Committee has started discussion on USI Giving Tree, i.e. eligibility, locations for trees, etc. November 11 is the next meeting.

No nominating committee report.

Web Committee report by Sheree Seib. Agendas and meeting minutes are now available.

Old Business

Storage space on campus...\$90 a month for on campus space too much for us to pay. Pam suggested each department should have a tree in storage and its location put in Employee Relations binder where each tree is located. Terry to ask Social Work Department where to put this year's tree.

New Business

Need committee to meet to revise the by-laws. Add web committee, discuss terms, additional number of members. Send email to outreach and let staff and supervisors know of the importance of Staff Council, encourage support from administrative staff. Chris suggested nominating committee to write draft and be responsible for sending the email letter. Forward to Donna first for her input.



Gloria Miller donated 100's of daylily bulbs for our "Adopt a Spot". Some were planted in our spot and in two other spots on campus. The remainder were donated to "Keep Evansville Beautiful" organization. A huge "Thank You" to Ms. Miller.

Vicki Bierley resigned from Staff Council. Cynthia York now a voting member.

Giving Tree issue discussed guidelines for eligibility. Must be enrolled in Spring 2009 session.

It was decided we need a permanent representative for Faculty Senate; Dave O'Grady has volunteered for this position. Chris will call President's office to get more information regarding having a Staff Council representative attend Board of Trustees meetings.

Community Service Project....It has been decided that the Staff Council is not equipped to be involved in any community service projects at this time. A vote was taken to table any future discussions on this matter. The majority voted to NOT pursue this or to establishing a book scholarship for employees.

Employee concern....absentee problems in custodial department...who does he talk to? Donna Evinger suggested first to supervisor, then to HR.

Frank Nagy brought up the need for an Evansville Teachers Credit Union ATM on campus. Pam Moore will call appropriate person(s).

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 motion by Terry Martin, seconded by Catherine Vaughan.