



Approved Minutes
March 31, 2008

Present: Becky Ball, Vicki Bierley, Jeri Broshears, Brian Brown, Christine Crews, Mary Killian, Rene' Koressel, Terry Martin, Pam Moore, Tony Morgan, Frank Nagy, Dave O'Grady, Lyndsee Priest, Sheree Seib, Virginia Thomas, and Angela Torres

Guest: Donna Evinger

CALL TO ORDER

Angela Torres called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 28, 2008 Staff Council minutes with changes was made by Becky Ball and seconded by Virginia Thomas.

A motion to approve the February 25, 2008 Staff Council minutes was made by Dave O'Grady and seconded by Virginia Thomas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Benefits

The budget presentation was made and the committee met to discuss items for next year. Items carried forward to next year include a campus police force and a tobacco-free campus. It was noted that staff need to remember to recognize the administration for the continued support for annual pay raises and merit increases. Angela thanked the committee for conducting the Tobacco-Free Campus survey.

Employee Relations

The cost of last years employee picnic was \$2828. The space between the PAC and the RFC has been reserved this year for the picnic with Carter Hall reserved for a back up in case of inclement weather. Pepsi has agreed to donate bottled drinks including water. Sign-up sheets to assist at the picnic will be available at the meeting in April. The picnic will be held Wednesday, May 21. Door prizes are being solicited along with items for Archie's Auction. Donations will be accepted this year for Archibald's Closet. The next committee meeting will be Friday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Conference Room.

Nominating Committee

The committee is working on a ballot for nominations for 2008-2010 election of Staff Council members. We still need at least two more names on the ballot to fill the outgoing members and vacant positions.

Web Committee Ed Scharf is helping design the new web page for Staff Council. Sheree showed us a tentative design and asked for input to enter the annual events and the main contact area of the design page. Pictures will rotate at the top of the page.

Old Business - Annual Retreat - The retreat will be Wednesday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Suggestions are being sought for an ice breaker and speaker. Lyndsee will coordinate the luncheon for the retreat.

Adopt-a-spot - Our new space will be planted soon. Angela will check to see when the Operation City Beautiful-Lowe's date will be held this year. Penny White and/or Don Fleming know the guidelines for the adopt-a-spots. Use of lawn ornaments in the spot was discussed along with the type of flowers that will grow best in direct sun.

New Business - It has been suggested that we have a representative from Staff Council to sit on Faculty Senate to know what issues they are bringing up. We also should invite someone from the Faculty Senate to sit on the council. Representation on both council and senate will help keep people informed.

Rene' is working on the Ambassador Program for new employees. She asked if anyone has additional requests for new employee campus tours or packets to be given out. Currently she is grouping new employees in two to four people per group for the campus tours. It was suggested to contact the Dental Clinic to include them on the tour. Some new employees don't need the tour but appreciate the packet that is handed out. The Ambassador Program tour is done about thirty days after employee begins work. A follow-up is done after six weeks to remind new employees about Staff Council, free dental clinic, DVD rentals in the library, and recreation, fitness, and wellness opportunities.

The next meeting will be April 28 in UC 206 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 was made by Sheree Seib and seconded by Becky Ball.