Staff Council Minutes

Date and Location: February 26, 2014, Thompson Student Center 219, 10:00am-11:00am


Substitutes: No substitutes were present.

Absent: Lori Beaty, Marissa Burns, Tonya Dobson, Becky Gray, Nikki Jackson, Nelda Moore, Clell Murray, and Matthew Parham.

Staff Council President Elaine Chew called the meeting to order at 10:03am. The roll was taken.

TREASURER REPORT—Staff Council Treasurer, Kay Wiley, reported the following balances:
Operating Expense Account 213500 balance: $5,912.77 as of 1/31/2014
General Fund Account 233500 balance: $18,111.71 as of 1/31/2014
Scholarship Fund Account 24190 balance: $12,363.36 as of 1/31/2014

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. Scholarship Committee (Faith Stiffler)—16 Staff Council Scholarships were awarded. Scholarship account will reflect this when they are all processed.
2. Staff Development (BJ Simmons)—6 grants applications were received and awarded at $250 each. BJ will be sending out a poll for any ideas or needs that may be associated with Staff Development Day. Looking at May 16, 2014 for a possible day for Staff Development Day. If there is any interest in volunteering please let BJ know right away.
3. Employee Appreciation (Elaine Chew)—Photo holders have been ordered and will be coming in soon. Elaine will then contact individuals in order or to deliver and touch base will all new incoming Tarleton staff members.
4. Hospitality and Fundraising (Ben Kunze)—Ben is currently seeking out if there would be an interest in hosting a Spring Showcase. Possibly pairing it with Staff Development Day. Also please inform Ben if you are aware of any situations in which sympathy cards need to be sent.
5. Staff Affairs (Elaine Chew)—No update.
6. Healthy Campus (Kay Wiley)—No updates. Waiting to hear from University committee.
7. Public Relations (Lacie Harris)—Lacie Harris presented the new brochure that is being developed for Staff Council. She will also be placing all updated staff benefits on the website and presented a discount/benefit from Medieval Times.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Staff Council Shirts**—BJ Simmons is finishing and finalizing the order.
- **Tobacco Free Campus**—Elaine received lots of responses via e-mail and response box on the website. The responses were wide in range, suggesting immediate change, gradual change, and no change at all. Elaine will update as soon as the cabinet has come to a final conclusion regarding the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tye Minckler**—gave an update on all current campus projects and construction:
  - They are currently piloting a website with all project updates.
  - O.A. Grant Humanities—scheduled to be completed by fall 2014 and is currently on schedule. This will also include an amphitheater where trailers are located.
  - Green area/campus mall project will include landscaping and fountains.
  - New parking lot being put in place on McLillhaney.
  - Tarleton center planned for late April and should be on schedule.
  - Library renovations are also on schedule.
  - Buying College Point and University for a new project for Fall 2015.
  - Back side of Texan Village/Frey—looking at putting in a side walk.
  - Campus directional signs—new design and signs coming.
  - Main entrance on Lillian—will also update and have modern signage.
  - Currently initiating a study to do an aquatic center that would potentially be placed north of the Rec Center.
  - New master plan review in progress, including addressing and working through a parking plan.
  - Working with city on fixing pot holes and difficult spots on Vanderbilt Street.

- **Shanna Moody**—covered all benefits and options that Rec Sports can offer Tarleton staff members:
  - Getting an annual physical can lower monthly premium.
  - One exercise is not better than another, find what is best for you and that you enjoy.
  - Group X classes are now fee; you just must be a member of the Rec Sports Center. There are over 40 classes provided per week, including: Zumba, cycling, yoga, Pilates, etc.
  - There are numerous Outdoor Pursuits activities, programs, and trips offered.
  - There are Lunch-And-Learns—offering one specifically on cleanses and how you can do this on your own.
  - New software coming to enhance experience at the Rec Center-check membership, sign up for things, etc.
  - Wellness—handed out free pedometers. Their goal is to get these to as many people as possible and hosting a 10,000 step-a-day challenge, utilizing walking as gateway to exercise.
  - Mobile wellness apps are being developed in order to put all your tracking apps together.
- If you have any other fitness or wellness related ideas please send them to Shana.
- Wellness committee is looking into dedicated, marked walking spaces so that you know distances you are walking or running on campus. Also developing a mass text program sharing wellness tips and initiatives.
- Shanna ended by walking us through several low-level exercises that we can do in our offices or while sitting at our desks.

Door Prize—the winner was selected from the guest list and given a gift basket.

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting and the motion to adjourn the meeting was made with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03am.

Winner of the door prize!!!!.....

Shanna Moody was the winner of this month’s door prize!!!