

## STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES

June 25, 2008

Present: John Bauer, Chris Corriere, Jill Forest, Bennie Houck, Ann Lay, Pierrette Maillet, Sarah Milton, Kenneth Shelton, Crystal McClure, Sofia Vargas, Tara Williams

Absent: Marlon Jones, Marilyn Shortridge, Mary Phillips

Advisors: Steve Hamrick

Guest: Alberta Cook

### Old Business:

A, Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Ann Lay welcomed everyone, and the 3 new Staff Council representatives (Crystal McClure, Sofia Vargas and Tara Williams) and asked the staff council members to introduce themselves along with their department to the new representatives.

B Pierrette indicated no changes to the budget. : \$910.42 Foundation fund for Staff Council. \$2169.96 Agency account.

C Ann made a statement about the minutes of Staff Council and indicated that the secretary takes the minutes and reviewed 10 days before posting to the web, after 10 days the Chair will notify the Vice-Chair who will then post the minutes to the Staff Council website.

D Overview of election, John Bauer will continue on for another year for his IPED group. Alberta asked the question about representation for Group I and to check prior minutes from Staff Council to see if anyone was represented from Group I.

E Pierette made a motion to appoint Kathy Roddy to represent IPED Group IV. Chris seconded the motion, and approved to accept Kathy Roddy. Ann indicated that Pierette was not listed on the ballot due to oversight, Ann asked Staff Council to appoint Pierette as a representative for Group IV, Sarah made a motion, and Kenneth seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

F Ann Lay asked all members to please be present for the next meeting to vote for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for Staff Council. Ann will be leaving her term on Staff Council, which she will be missed.

G Donated Leave Program draft , Piettette will send out new draft for approval from Staff Council before submitting to Dr. Rossbacher.

H Ann and Pierrette had a meeting with Dr. Rossbacher on the Wellness Program to see if HR can keep this program implemented. Bennie made a

statement as to how this program can reduce the stress level, just to get out for 30 minutes. Ann told the new representatives about the program. John Bauer indicated this program would not work for his department, as well as the Post Office, would not be able to benefit from this. The Wellness program is designated for 90 minutes, 3 days a week for 30 minutes or for one day the full 90 minutes. Staff Council is updating the recommendation to continue the program for submission to Dr. Rossbacher.

I Ann, Kenneth and Pierrette attended the USGSC meeting at Atlanta Metropolitan College, hosted by Bobby Flowers. The next Staff Council Conference will be hosted by Kennesaw State University, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Fees before Sept 5<sup>th</sup> will be \$65 after the 5<sup>th</sup> will go to \$75. Each department is responsible to pay for a representative if they choose to attend the Staff Council Conference.

#### New Business

J Ann and Pierrette met with Dr. Rossbacher on what Staff Council is doing for our community, such as the Donated Sick Leave Draft, and the Wellness Program. Dr. Rossbacher has indicated that she would like to attend one of the Staff Council meetings to hear how we are staying involved with the community.

K. Alberta Cook, brought to Staff Council members attention regarding one of the custodial staff's daughter (age 28) as she is waiting for a liver transplant. Her insurance denied her claim due to a pre-existing condition. The amount needed for the surgery is \$250,000. After an open discussion, Alberta indicated there is an account set up in the daughter's name if anyone would like to contribute. John made a motion to have Sylvia Carson P.R, put the word out in the Hornet's Nest for additional information.

L Ann again reminded everyone to attend the next meeting, due to election of officers.

M. Meeting was adjourned in regular order at 10:50 a.m.

#### Next Scheduled Meeting

July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.  
Room J381