

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2006

PRESENT

Bonny Barsi, Jean-Paul Beauchemin, Ackley Beaumont, Beverly Carrier, Elinor Cherry, Judy Chestnut, Barbara Dessureau, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Evelyne Haldimann, Sue Landolina, Ellen Levasseur, Nancy Lilliquist, Louise Melanson, Sandi O'Donnell, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Karen Rankin, Jennifer Sanborn, Sharon Scorso, Terry Spencer, Bonny Stoecklin, Barbara Swartz, Betty Viereck, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont

PRESIDENT REPORT

Jason Pomposelli opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The September 13th minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BENEFITS TASK FORCE

Insurance packets have been sent out and informational sessions are now underway. The committee is looking into changing the health insurance cost tiers. They will also be looking into the possibility of a staff retirement package. Lynn Galvin, who is our representative on the committee, was asked about the 6th year staff compensation. Lynn will ask about this at the next BTF meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

As of today there are 43 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous balance was \$2,271.06, there was income of \$25 (tote bag) and expenses of \$37.64 (items for tote bag for raffle at picnic) \$450 (ARAMARK food charges for picnic) leaving a balance of \$1808.42.

FUNDRAISING

- We are going to have a table at Homecoming to sell tote bags. We are looking for volunteers on Saturday, October 14 12-4 to man the table.
- The SA will be participating in the Festival of Giving again this year. The event is on Sunday, November 19th from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets for the event are \$5, which entitles you to entrance to the event, special discounts and door prizes. There will be a grand prize gift certificate of \$1000 but you must attend the event to win. All money collected from the ticket sales is kept by the Staff Association. If you purchase a ticket and are unable to attend the event, please give your ticket filled-out to your building rep so that it can be turned in during the night of the event. The organization with the most tickets turned in will receive \$500. If the Staff Association happens to win the \$500, a portion of the money will be donated to Manchester Relay for Life. This event is open to anyone. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact your building rep.

OLD BUSINESS

- Part time staff must pay for parking this year, while part-time faculty does not. This issue is being looked into and next year the policy will be the same for both part-time staff and faculty.
- Jason is still looking into the policy where you must notify your current supervisor when you are seeking a different job within the university. It was suggested that policy be changed to notify your current supervisor about applying for a job on campus only **after** you have been offered second interview.
- Discussion of the SA by-laws and the constitution proposed changes was tabled to a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Thanksgiving luncheon will be on Thursday, November 9th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the 1877. The cost to SA members will be \$7. There will once again be raffles and we will be asking members to bring donations for food share. A flyer announcing the event will be sent to members the week of Oct. 16th.
- Sue Landolina is once again collecting travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc) for “bags of love.” The bags are prepared each year and distributed to Hartford shelters through Project Horizon. Please drop off any donations to Sue (GSU 205, ext. 4413).
- Jennifer Sanborn, Executive Director of The Women's Education and Leadership Fund (WELFund), announced that on October 16th the first WELFund request for proposals for grants will be available. You can visit the website (www.hartford.edu/welf/) to download the application.
- The SA hopes to participate in Founder's Day (Feb. 21, 2007). Sharon Scorso and Jason met with athletics to inquire about getting a special section for the SA for the Women's Basketball game that will be held that night against Boston University.
- A nominating committee was formed to put a ballot together for next year's SA election. On the committee are Louise Melanson, Bev Carrier, Terry Spencer, Lynn Galvin and J. P. Beauchemin.

There will be no meeting in November as we will be having the Thanksgiving luncheon. Next meeting will be December 13th in GSU 335E – Simsbury Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Zigmont