

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2005

PRESENT

Ackley Beaumont, Karen Breda, Beverly Carrier, Judy Chestnut, Nancy Clale, Lesley Davis, Barbara Dessureau, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Agnes Gervais, Evelyn Haldimann, Marlene Hall, Cheryl Hoffert, Liz Inkel, Sue Landolina, Priscilla Lawrence, Chiara Leone, Ellen Levasseur, Beverly Maksin, Anita Marchant, Louise Melanson, Lisa Parker, Tina Pesola, Jason Pomposelli, Barbara Schwartz, Sharon Scorso, Bonny Stoecklin, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont

PRESIDENT REPORT

Jason Pomposelli opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The October 12th minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Karen Breda from Project Horizon gave an overview of the organization. Project Horizon is a community outreach program Faculty, staff and students through the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions work with community members in over 21 sites in greater Hartford, including homeless shelters, soup kitchens, neighborhood centers and schools. The Staff Association will once again sponsor an underwear drive to benefit Project Horizon. Donations of new underwear and socks for men, women and children are greatly needed. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off to Lynn Galvin (4250) at Hillyer 200E. Sue Landolina (ext. 4413, GSU 205) will also be accepting donations of travel and sample size shampoos, conditioners, shaving creams, lotions, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste for "bags of love." The bags are prepared each year and distributed to Hartford shelters through Project Horizon.

Beverly Maksin, Vice President for Finance and Administration, addressed the issue of the job reevaluations in which salary increases caused employees to jump to the next health care bracket. The benefits outweigh the additional cost, including TIAA-CREF and life insurance increases. Beverly also spoke about the increase in the cost of operations at the university but no increases to the department budgets; she said this was due to the large number of fixed costs in the university budget, which included 60% going to salary and benefits. She offered to come to another meeting to speak in more detail about the budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon presented the treasurer's report. There is a shortage of \$688.50 from the NYC trip in August. It was suggested that the SA participate in the Festival of Giving at the Shops at Buckland Hills. The date is November 20th from 6:00-9:00 pm and the price is \$5.00 per person. This entitles you to admission to the mall and chance to win \$1000 grand prize. There will also be over 200 door prizes. The SA is able to keep any money collected from the sale of tickets and if we are the top ticket seller we will get an additional \$500. A motion was made by Bonny Stoecklin and seconded by Ellen Levasseur to participate in this fundraiser and use any money collected towards the \$688.50 shortage from the NYC trip. It was also agreed if since Relay of Manchester would be getting the tickets for us that we would make a donation to their organization if we were the top ticket seller.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now at 133 members compared with 119 last year. It was agreed that we will accept new members all year long.

Next meeting will be December 14th at 1:00 p.m. at GSU Simsbury room. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Zigmont
Recording Secretary