STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 02/9/2024

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Facilitator: Vernita Williams

# In attendance

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| x | Ayalew, Lily | x | Gordon, Elise | x | Long, Sydney | x | Thompson, Ronald |
| x | Batista, Barbara | x | Hall, Natarsha | x | Mangrum, Jennifer | x | Valdez, Adela |
| x | Bolton, Rhonda | x | Hamilton, Brent | x | Mersiovsky, Andrea | x | Vosloo, Bridget |
| x | Brinkley, Jamie | E | Hamilton-M., Candace | x | Mormon, Lisa | x | Walker, Jeremy |
| x | Brown, Cherry | E | Hawkins, Eric | E | Murray, Tricia | x | Williams, Vernita |
| E | Carmody, Melissa | x | Hoh, Peter | x | Pearson, Shontel |  |  |
| x | Clawson, Adam | x | Javed, NJ | x | Pitts, Tammy |  |  |
| E | Cortez, Brittany | x | Karlsen, Susan | x | Rijal, Rajan |  |  |
| x | Donihoo, Eric | x | Kelley, Courtney | x | Schaeffer, William |  |  |
| x | Gonzalez, Sarai | x | Lankford, Miranda | x | Stine, Jill |  |  |

# Call to order

Vice President Vernita Williams called the meeting to order 3:30 p.m.

# Welcome activity

Welcome Activity – Guess the Superhero

# Approval of minutes

Approval of January meeting minutes - Motion to approve: Tammy Pitts, Second Sarai Gonzalez

# President’s Reports and updates

Presented by Vernita Williams (VP) for Tricia Murray.

No new reports; thank you to everyone for everything that you do.

# Officer Report

Recorder: Brittaney Cortez is absent, no new reports

Treasurer: No new report; please submit your mileage in Workday

# Thoughts of appreciation

Elise Gordon has selected Candice Hamilton-Meserole as the next Thoughts of Appreciation recipient for helping her transition into her new role as Staff Council Treasurer.

# Service Committee Reports

* Rose Awards:

Jill Stine, nominations are open; emails were sent out this week regarding information for nominations

* Campus Ambassadors

Bridget Vosloo: Our committee met last week, and we are working on a proposal to make some changes. This is in the interest of making things more efficient. Hopefully, the proposal will be ready by next month. We continue to receive positive feedback from tours.

* Foundation Support

Rhonda Bolton and Andrea Mersiovsky: March 2nd, Stetson and Stilettos need volunteers and sponsors for the star.

* Meals on Wheels

Susan Karlsen: Emails are being approved by communications for Meals on Wheels. The event will be from March 1 to 29.

* Random Acts of Kindness

Adela (Del) Valdez: The January 22 nominations have gone to Tricia for signature, and the flyer for February went out this week.

* Student Employee of the Year

Miranda Lankford: Certificates and holders have been ordered and received, catering has been reserved, and an estimate is pending review. Invitations have been created, and the RSVP site has been made. We are working on choosing gifts for the nominees and winner, so we can get them ordered. The next meeting is 2/15 @ 2 pm. We do need a new chair. Vernita Williams stated, “We must have a new chair for the SEOTY Committee before we can adjourn the meeting.”

# Research Committee Reports

* District Wide Communication Committee

Courtney Kelley: Reminded all chairs of committees to email her with information they would want to share in the upcoming newsletter. April will be the next one.

* Professional Development:

Natarsha Hall: We had a meeting last week. We are working on a proposal for changing funding on how we conduct professional development. Our goal is to have it funded through HR vs independently through each department.

* Full-Time Staff Retention Committee

Jennifer Mangrum: We are currently working on our proposal from last month; we should have it completed in a few months so we can present it to Staff Council.

# New Business and Announcements

* Susan Karlsen, I’m a part of a task force for youth in foster care that has created a support system for children who age out of the system. The mobile application for Empowering Youth just went live.
* Gen Northrup will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming event of about 400 people.
* Cherry Brown, CE is hosting an event for their students.
* Vernita, my daughter, should be graduating from Collin in May.
* Natarsha and Tricia both have new grandbabies.
* Cherry Brown volunteered to be the new chair for SEOTY.

Susan Karlsen motions to approve Cherry as the new chair

               Yes - unanimous

               No – 0

# Next meeting

04/12/2024, *2:30-4:30 p.m., via Zoom.*

Jill Stine motions to adjourn at 3:40 pm.

Bridget Vosloo seconds the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm