

Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2009

Present: Mary Carstens, Terri Heggemeyer, Nick Muir, Jamie Mackling, Marilyn Yates

Absent: Valerie Knight, Amy Carpenter, Kevin Halle

Guests: Lin Brummels, Heather Reinhardt, Derek Anderson, Teresa Tiedtke

Nick Muir called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. The meeting was held in the Student Center Bluestem Room.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 2009 meeting were not available and a vote will be tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$457.65. Terri asked the group if the Professional Staff Senate wished to make a donation to the Haven House Christmas Tree project. It was agreed to purchase two \$10 gift cards toward purchase of gifts requested on the tree. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Mentoring: Lin Brummels - No new requests for Mentors this month.

Social: Marilyn Yates reported that a pot-luck was scheduled for December 15th from 11:00 -1:00 in the Elkhorn Room of the Student Center. Mary Carstens noted that we have plenty of paper supplies (plates, cups, tableware). Support staff will be invited to participate. It was noted that the Hahn Christmas party had been rescheduled for the 15th due to bad weather last week so we will have a conflict.

Recognition: Valerie Knight - no report

Continuing Ed: Mary Carstens - no report. Terri mentioned that there had been good attendance at the Money Workshop held recently.

Membership: Heather Reinhardt - Heather reported that she has an updated professional staff list. She will forward the list to Lin Brummels to send mentor letters to new employees.

Hospitality: Dorothy Weber - Mary reported for Dorothy - cards were sent to Lois Nuernberger and Mary Jo Gross to wish a speedy recovery and to Jeremy Nelson on the birth of a new child.

Policy: Kevin Halle - no report

Communication: Ron Vick Sr. has been sending out communication as received. Contact Ron if there is any communications that need to be forwarded to all members and committee information was updated.

New Business

Health Insurance coverage: The Human Resources Offices noted that there will be an attachment to December checks explaining the coverage requirements to meet the new state law going into effect January 1, 2010.

Campus Budget Advisory Committee: Dr. Collings and Mac Taylor met with the Advisory Committee and reviewed budget information with the group. Dr. Collings plans to send a letter to the campus explaining this information.

There will be a professional staff union meeting 1/19/10. A lobbyist from NSEA has been invited to this meeting. A health insurance representative has been invited to the February 2010 meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lin Brummels
for
Valerie Knight, Secretary