

Missouri S&T Staff Council Minutes, 8.13.15

In attendance: Beth Abner, Sara Lewis, Diane Hagni, Becky Callen, Stephanie Martensen, Barb Schubring, Greg Hutchison, Joe Boehm. Guest attender: Maureen Henry

The meeting came to order at 9:01 a.m.

Sara announced that potential new council members would be contacted before the September meeting and offered a position. New members would then be introduced next month. All council members would be asked to serve on the council committees as well as on some standing campus committees. There will also be vacancies on the executive committee that need to be filled, including vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

Michelle Vanatta, who was serving as secretary, is no longer with the council. Stephane Menand, who was serving as treasurer, will continue to serve on the council but has asked to step down as treasurer.

As there was not a quorum for the August meeting, the council delayed a vote on the bylaws change regarding crafts/services representation on the council.

The committee discussed the year in review.

- The Pizza Inn fund-raiser netted \$282.08. The group noted that it was a lot of work for that amount of money, but perhaps the target audience should have been faculty and administrators rather than staff. A less "vacation-heavy" date would have been better. Also, it would have been helpful to have enough volunteers to staff two shifts of workers. Future fund-raisers might include selling food items, which is less labor intensive!
- A suggestion was made to compile a list of local businesses that offer discounts to staff, such as Paul's Furniture which offers a 15% discount to staff, and Campus Perk which offers various discounts.
- The blood drive numbers for the drive in July were a bit low, but the organizers were happy that there was a high number of people with the rarer type of blood who donated.
- Staff Day had been discussed in previous meetings, but it was agreed to only offer workshops in the afternoon instead of both morning and afternoon and to have more massage therapists available, if possible.
- A suggestion was made to offer some massages at the fall appreciation as a fund-raiser, where some of the amount that is paid for the massage goes back to staff council. Maureen Henry volunteered to help with fall appreciation.

Sara gave some updates regarding what is going on with inter-campus news.

- She has been on some recent task forces discussing changes in retirement benefits for incoming employees. Betsy Rodriguez from UM system will be at the September meeting to share some information.
- More information will be coming about the change in health care provider for the system.

Sara notified the council that in response to some suggestions from staff, she made a proposal for campus beautification to the Strategic Initiative Innovation Committee for funds to purchase picnic tables and for a mural to be painted on the ERL building.

Sara had a request from Athletics to help fund a professional development speaker who will talk on Title IX issues. She said council would help advertise and support the event, but not with any funding.

She also has had requests from individual staff to help people financially who have chronic illness or lose a loved one, but she said the support can't be financial since there are too many instances for council to assist everyone. Support can come in the way of ideas, advertisements, helping organize meals, etc.

The meeting was dismissed at 10 a.m.