

The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting September 5, 2007

Staff Council
The Depot

Present: James Akey, Dotty Baker, Julie Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Rachel Bost, Brenda Brannan, Dennis Bullard, Johnette Carwyle, Kevin Cozart, Shellie Harrison, Chris Ann Harwell, Nina Jones, Ron Kitchens, Priscilla Melton, Susan Morris, Randall Pinnion, Jay Plunk, Deborah Purnell, Kim Russell, Patricia Stewart, Diane Tredway, Melanie Wadkins
Visitor –Pam Smith

Excused: Tiffany Edwards, Jonathan Harrington, Marla Holcomb, Gwen Hutchins, Perry Myrick, Patti Mooney, Laurie Richlovsky, Benita Whitehorn

Unexcused:Sam Johnson, Johnny Logan, Timothy Woodard

Call to Order: President Debbie Binkley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Gloria D. Kellum, Vice Chancellor for University Relations and Professor of Communicative Disorders. Dr. Kellum presented an incredible history of The Depot, describing its role with the University and the City of Oxford. Dr. Kellum amazed us with her account of the restoration that went into this historical building. She challenged the Staff Council with “Dare to Dream” because dreams can come true especially when a group works together. The Depot is good example of just that.

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report was approved by general consensus.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports were given. Debbie Binkley asks that all committees meet before the next Staff Council meeting. She will be distributing a list of the committees.

Unfinished Business:

- A. By Laws- The bylaws are remaining as a tabled project for now.
- B. MomentUM Staff Scholarship for Children – Mary Harrington, Director of Institutional Research and MomentUM Faculty and Staff Co-Chair, spoke to the group regarding the awarding of the Scholarships this past semester. The recipients were: Joshua Mahan, Daniel Reep, Cole Russell, Hannah Miller, and Elizabeth Oliphant. These are children of staff members who are seniors at The University of Mississippi. Each student was awarded a one time \$1000.00 scholarship. Motion was made by Ron Kitchens and seconded by Brenda Brannon that the Staff Council partner with the Momentum Committee for future fundraisers to make these scholarships available on a yearly basis. This motion received a unanimous vote from Staff Council. Ms. Harrington asked for suggestions and comments for future fundraiser ideas.

C. Parking Decals – Debbie Binkley shared concerns that had been expressed to her by some University Employees in regards to the purchase of parking decals when both husband and wife work on campus. She told the Staff Council that a letter was being drafted to be sent to Chief Van Slyke at the University Police Department to address these issues.

New Business:

A. Group Photo Date – Our Staff Council group photo date will be set for October 3, 2007, in the grove. Staff Council members are asked to wear their t-shirts for this picture.

B. T-shirt Orders and Name Badges – These orders need to be turned in as soon as possible to Priscilla Melton.

C. Langley Family Fund – Ron Kitchens provided the amount of the Langley Christmas Fund account that had been leftover from this past Christmas. This money will be rolled over into the general account fund for the Langley family.

Announcements/Concerns

A. Ford Center Volunteers – Debbie Binkley asked each Staff Council Member to volunteer to assist with at least one event at the Ford Center.

B. Johnette Carwyle announced that the Adopt-A-Basket program will be November 14, 2007. She asks that each member enlist their department to contribute.

C. Rachel Bost gave an update on the Alcohol Task Force. She showed brochures, post cards, and articles that have been provided to students and alumni with regards to the new rules regarding alcohol rules on campus.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 with the next meeting scheduled for 10 a.m., October 3, 2007, The Grove.

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President

/s/ Shellie Harrison, President-Elect

/s/ Priscilla Melton, Secretary

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