Minutes of April 2, 1997 meeting

Union Room 404A/B, 2:30 p.m.

Present:

Excused Absences:
Cynthia Baskett, Martha Deal, Joyce Hobson, Joe Maples, Doug Stuart

Unexcused Absences:
Betty Adams, Robert Bishop, Debbie Chinault, Ellawee Ivy, Lesley Werner

1. The meeting of the Staff Council was called to order by President Buster Clark at 2:30 p.m. There were no guests to be introduced nor an invited speaker for this meeting.

2. Staff Appreciation Week Committee Reports:
   A. Door Prize Committee report by Traci Mitchell. The prize committee is in the process of picking up door prizes that have been donated by vendors. This committee needs help in calling prospective businesses and also help in collecting the door prizes.
   B. Events Committee report by Onice Carter. The calendar is almost completely finalized. It will be published on the Staff Council's web page when it is complete.
   C. Outstanding Staff report by Conny Parham. The Outstanding Staff election has winners in all the categories now. A run-off election was required for the EEO5 and EEO6 categories.
   D. Awards Ceremony report by Donna Patton. In about two weeks the Awards Ceremony committee will begin the process of printing the certificates. Beckett Howorth has agreed to be the announcer again this year.
   E. Foods Committee report by Jonnie Manning. The Food Committee sent out request for bids for Bar-B-Que, baked beans, potato salad, and cole slaw. Dixie Creek and Dixieland were the only two vendors who submitted bids. Dixie Creek BBQ submitted a bid for 200 lbs of meat with the baked beans, potato salad, and cole slaw for $1,896. Dixieland BBQ submitted a bid for 250 lbs of meat with baked beans, potato salad, and cole slaw for $2,602.10. A motion was made by Onice Carter and seconded by Brenda Brannan to accept the Dixie Creek bid since it was lower and it would fit in the Staff Council's budget. The bids did not include buns. Onice explained that we needed to keep the food budget around $2,000 - $2,300.

3. Other Committee Reports:
   A. Staff Concerns Committee report by Jonnie Manning. The only concern that was received concerned the fall break and how it would affect the staff. Since the concern was received right before this meeting, it will be reported on at the next meeting.
   B. Legislature Committee report by Gene Hartley. At the moment there is nothing to discuss. It is understood that both bills of interest are still alive in Jackson. These bills are the "Sick Leave Pooling" and "First Day of Sickness taken as Sick instead of Personal."

4. Awards Day Committee report by David Elmore. The Awards Day Committee needs 6 ushers and 5 persons to hand out programs. The day of the event is May 13 at 9:00 a.m. Both ushers and program distributors need to be in the grove at 8:30 a.m. (in Fulton Chapel if it rains). Those Staff Council members who have offered to help are: Whitman Smith, Willie Hilliard, Thelma Curry, Steve Stricker, Traci Mitchell, Conny Parham, Mary.
Harrington, Onice Carter, Eldrid Hodge, Norman Sneed. If you would be willing to serve, please call David Elmore.

5. President Clark announced that ushers will be needed for the May Graduation Ceremony. Those Staff Council members who have volunteered to serve are: Jonnie Manning, Buster Clark, Mary Harrington, Onice Carter, Willie Hilliard, Mary Chrestman, Eldrid Hodge, Lucienne Savell, Joe Maples. Anyone who is willing to serve should contact Buster Clark at 7747.

6. President Clark appointed an Election Committee to handle the election for the new officers. The Committee members are: Brenda Brannan, Chair, Thelma Curry, and Ben Flemons. **Nominations for President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary are due to Brenda Brannan by April 15th.** Before opening the floor for nominations, Jonnie Manning read the duties of each office as stated in the by-laws. The floor was opened for nominations by President Clark.
   Treasurer ---- no nominations.
   Secretary ---- no nominations.
   President-Elect ---- Onice Carter was nominated by Floyd Klepzig. Onice said that she would think about it and let someone know by April 15th.

Without any further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
/s/Lucienne Savell, Secretary
/s/Buster Clark, President
/s/Jonnie Manning, President-Elect

Staff Appreciation Week is gaining upon us at a rapid rate. Be thinking about what tournaments you are interested in playing in. Softball, Billiards, Basketball, Volleyball, etc.... Also please keep in mind that the Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (13th and 14th respectively.) This will be the time to roll up your sleeve and save as many as 3 peoples lives. Give the gift of life!

The TV program, Firing Line, is again coming to Ole Miss.
   When: October 9, 1997
   Where: Tad Smith Coliseum
   Ushers are needed for this event.
   Contact Buster Clark at ext. 7747 (or email him at tebuster@olemiss.edu) to volunteer.