

**The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting February 2008**

**Staff Council
200 Lyceum**

Present: James Akey, Julie Baker, Pam Barefield, Debbie Binkley, Rachel Bost, Kevin Cozart, Tiffany Edwards, Chris Ann Harwell, Gwen Hutchins, Sam Johnson, Dath Mita, Patti Mooney, Randall Pinion, Patricia Steward, Diane Tredway, Melanie Wadkins, Benita Whitehorn, Timothy Woodard

Excused: Dotty Baker, Debbie Bishop, Brenda Brannan, Dennis Bullard, Johnette Carwyle, Shellie Harrison, Marla Holcomb, Nina Jones, Ron Kitchens, Priscilla Melton, Susan Morris, Perry Myrick, Jay Plunk, Deborah Purnell

Call To Order: President Debbie Binkley called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

- _ Introduction and welcome extended to new member - Dath Mita
- _ Approved treasurers report
- _ Approval for last month's meeting minutes was not done - several said they did not get the minutes and Debbie will have them resent.

Committee Reports

Staff Appreciation:

Julie and Gwen are working on spiritual program; we need to get approval to use the piano at the church which is owned by the Catholic Church. Pam Barefield will check with Larry Ridgeway for contact information and Kevin Cozart will check with Sparky Reardon; Kevin volunteered to work the sound system during the program; Julie reminded everyone to start collecting door prize items; Kevin announced that the activities and meal will be moved back to the Grove during Staff Appreciation week, he will also check with Johnson Commons as a backup location in the event of bad weather.

Elections Committee:

Rachel Bost announced that emails for the elections have gone out today and paperwork will be mailed this week. Only areas of election are EEO3 and EEO4. Ballots are due back on the 20th of February and will be counted on the 25th.

Recycling Committee:

Bonita Whitehorn announced that over 5000 cans/bottles have been collected; collections will continue through February and the committee will compile a collection report; she also announced that the city of Oxford is donating a collection bin for the campus; currently undecided on a location; recycling boxes are available to any department that wants one, contact ssteen@olemiss.edu to make a request.

Staff Appreciation Planning Committee:

Debbie Binkley commented on the results of the focus groups meeting report that was emailed; the band will be back during staff appreciation week as was requested during the focus group meeting; Norm Easterbrook will be the moderator during the Staff Appreciation Awards ceremony; Debbie is working on the ticket and brochure.

Unfinished Business: Update on Paula Park's daughter.

- Questions/Concerns: Kevin asked Robby Seitz in IT how we could make the Staff Council website more easily accessible.
- Children of Staff Scholarship Fundraiser: breakfast fundraiser in the planning for the Friday morning before Spring Break - more information to come.
- Friends of the Children - the Chancellor has some ideas for staff council fundraisers - more to come.
- Staff Appreciation Yard Sale - Debbie will meet with Larry Ridgeway to discuss the possibilities of collecting furniture, décor and household items that students discard at the end of the semester and Staff Council could sell at a yard sale to raise money for the two fundraisers.
- Debbie passed out certificates for members of Staff council that are rolling off: Brenda Brannan, Debbie Bishop, Tiffany Edwards, Dottie Baker, Rachel Bost, Cheryl Martin, Marla Holcomb, James Akey, Timothy Woodard, Susan Morris and Bonita Whitehead.
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 5, 2008 in the Physical Plant Department's Classroom.

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President

/s/ Shellie Harrison, President Elect

/s/ Priscilla Melton, Secretary