

The University of Mississippi
Minutes of the Meeting March 5, 2008

Staff Council
Physical Plant Classroom

Present: Dotty Baker, Julie Baker, Debbie Binkley, Debbie Bishop, Rachel Bost, Johnette Carwyle, Sandra Cox-McCarty, Kevin Cozart, Tiffany Edwards, Angie Gurner, Shellie Harrison, Chris Harwell, Ron Huckaby, Gwen Hutchins, Sam Johnson, Nina Jones, Ron Kitchens, Mary Ann Kerr, Priscilla Melton, Dath Mita, Patti Mooney, Randall Pinion, Johnny Price, Deborah Purnell, Neal Sellers, Patricia Stewart, Jennifer Taylor, Diane Tredway, Ryan Upshaw, Melanie Wadkins, Benita Whitehorn, Pam Wilburn

Excused: Jay Plunk, Perry Myrick

Unexcused: Pam Barefield, Dennis Bullard, Renee Johnson

Call to Order: President Debbie Binkley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Debbie welcomed new members Sandra Cox-McCarty, Angie Gurner, Ron Huckaby, Mary Ann Ker, Neal Sellers, Jennifer Taylor, Ryan Upshaw, and Pam Wilburn.

Approval of February Minutes: Approved by general consensus.

Approval of February Treasurer's Report: Approved by general consensus.

Guest Speakers:

Pat Carpenter presented information regarding a gift program to be used by Staff Council when presenting gifts for the annual awards ceremony. He provided brochures to be viewed by staff council members for consideration.

Corrie Free coordinated a drive for the tornado victims. She reported a huge response campus wide to this request for donations as well as local churches and the community.

Committee Reports:

Staff Appreciation Committee: Julie Baker is in charge of the Music and Meditation. Kevin Cozart is in charge of the meal. Plans are to hold it in the Grove this year. The New Hire Brunch with Deborah Purnell in charge will be held on May 15 with a very special guest speaker. The Plant Swap will take place again this year. Also, the Staff Band will be back by popular demand.

Graduation Committee: Kevin Cozart reported that six to eight ushers were needed to assist with the commencement ceremony in May.

Recycling Committee: Benita Whitehorn reported that since September 19, 2007, a recycling project by Staff Council had taken in 9,000 items to be recycled. It was decided by the committee to continue the recycling in the buildings that were originally started and encouraged all committee members to work on this in their buildings. It was reported that Barnard and Croft were recycling as well as a project was ongoing in the dorms. The recycling will continue by Staff Council until the University goes campus wide with it.

Announcements/Concerns

Staff Breakfast: This breakfast will be held on March 7, 2008, in the Union. The proceeds will fund scholarships for children of staff members for the next semester. Debbie Binkley asks that all staff council members be available to work.

Ron Kitchens announced that the Lions Club continues to recycle used eyeglasses and sunglasses. He asks that anyone having these to donate bring them to him or contact him and he will pick them up.

Yard Sale: Julie Baker reported the Staff Council Yard Sale will be held May 22, 2008, in the parking lot of the old Wal-Mart building. Donations will be taken May 19th and 20th. Money raised will be split between Friends of the Children and the Children of Staff Scholarship. Donors of yard sale items will have their names in a drawing.

Kevin Cozart suggested Staff Council should contact Patricia Huggins to offer assistance during the upcoming Presidential Debate.

Johnette Carwyle asks that the council be made aware of volunteer opportunities in the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. with the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

/s/ Debbie Binkley, President

/s/ Shellie Harrison, President-Elect

/s/ Priscilla Melton, Secretary

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