STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES

Date \ time 7/16/2014 2:05 PM | Meeting called to order by: Marcie Whisenhunt

In Attendance

Katheryn Hartshorn, Casey Roberts, Marcie Whisenhunt, Jayson Ferguson, Karen Dukes, Sara Power, Celeste McNeil, Keith Beason, Kristie Avery, Joni Millican, Jeremy Tanner
Special Guest: Melanie Henry

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June’s meeting were reviewed and passed.

Officer Reports

1. Chair
   - Marcie reported that the regular meeting with Dr. Cutrer was rescheduled for a later date.

2. Vice Chair
   - Frankie stated that University merchandise is currently available in Walmart. All other interest from vendors must be submitted to the licensing company that operates out of TAMU System. Frankie also mentioned that Stacy Glover has a scheduled meeting at Minton’s Sportsplex to discuss the possibilities of advertising the University. Frankie additionally stated that further suggestions are welcome.

3. Treasurer
   - Katheryn reported that the current Staff Council budget is at $4006.27.
   - Marcie stated that Staff Council shirts would be ordered soon.

4. Secretary
   - Jeremy thanked Katheryn for volunteering to record minutes for the June Staff Council.

Committee Reports

1. Elections Committee
   - A welcome was extended to the newly elected Staff Council members: Keith, Joni, and Kristie.

2. Communications Committee
   - Jayson reported that the website was currently up-to-date.

Special Guest: Melanie Henry

- Melanie presented information about the FISH! Philosophy professional development program to the Staff Council on behalf of the Professional Development Committee. As stated by Melanie, the FISH! Philosophy embraces four simple actions. They are: “Be There”, ”Play”, ”Make their Day”, and ”Choose your attitude”. Melanie then stated that the FISH! Philosophy program fosters benefits that include “…play leads to success, the importance of being a positive inspiration, and how to delight customers.”

Melanie mentioned that there are different packages businesses are able to purchase. This includes FISH! For Leaders and the FISH! + FISH!, the most comprehensive package. The initial package is priced at $600.00. Package prices increase based on business goals.
Celeste asked if this program would be presented to the university as a whole. Katheryn stated that discussion among the Professional Development Committee leaned more to the idea of each department going through the program as a team. Melanie then said that she welcomed ideas about how to implement the program because the planning was still in the preliminary stages.

Melanie then closed her presentation by welcoming questions.

New Business

- The Staff Council Retreat date was set and final plans were made for the location to be at Hilton Garden Inn. As mentioned by Marcie, elections for Staff Council Officers will be held at the retreat. Nominations for Staff Council Officers were as follows:

  **Treasurer**
  Joni

  **Secretary**
  Jeremy/Kristie

  **Vice Chair**
  Frankie/Sara/Jeremy

  **Chair**
  Frankie/Jayson

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**Announcements**

Next Meeting: August 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

June Employee of the Month: Wade Stovall

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**Adjournment**

3:09 p.m.

Recorded By: Jeremy Tanner