

Staff Council Quarterly Meeting

November 18, 2020, 1:00 PM

Online Zoom Meeting

- I. Introductions and roll call: John Cheatham (Chair) – Members present listed below
 - a. Blue Ridge: Anna Speessen (Vice Chair)
 - b. Cumming: Lauren Garcia (Vice Chair), Meredith Higgins, Daniel Bell (Alternate)
 - c. Dahlonga: Derek Sutton (Vice Chair), Freda Thornton (Treasurer), Scott Marshall, Greg Williams, Lara DeBlois, Candis Hill, Katie Descieux (Alternate)
 - d. Gainesville: Kevin Young (Vice Chair), Tara Bailey, Rhonda Dowell, Rachel Hastreiter, Joslyn Hilliard, Jeannie Nash
 - e. Oconee: Molly Hodges (Vice Chair), Rebecca Carter
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August: Posted on Staff Council website.
 - a. Motion: Scott Marshall, Seconded by Katie Descieux
- III. Chair Updates:
 - a. Staff Council Shirts – Delivered to each campus and Freda paid vendor.
 - b. Free COVID-19 Testing On-Site – John spoke to Greg Williams and posted a summary response in Teams. Free testing is available for non-symptomatic staff.
 - c. Ethics Training – About a dozen Staff Council attended.
 - d. On-Site Childcare – Not much movement on this, Katie and Lauren interested in this.
 - e. Staff Parking – John spoke to Beverly Martin and posted a summary response in Teams.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report: Freda Thornton
 - a. Cumming campus Staff Appreciation event received some funds
 - b. Staff Development paid out 2 requests and a third is currently happening and will be paid out.
 - c. Staff Member of the Year (2019-2020) plaques need to be ordered
 - d. Polos were paid for
- V. Campus Updates: Campus Vice-Chairs
 - a. BLU – Anna – Half of staff in quarantine, new staff getting acclimated
 - b. CMG – Lauren – Staff Appreciation event last month – Fall / Halloween theme, raised money for staff textbook fund, raised food for food pantry
 - c. DAH – Derek – Spirit of Christmas (formerly White Christmas), raises food and toys for Community Helping Place, drive through drop in event, food and drinks from Aramark paid for by president, social distancing, chili cookoff not happening but something similar may happen in the spring, closures of university and frustrations associated
 - d. GVL – Kevin – just finished with the UNG Good Neighbor drive, event for local food pantry, raised about \$1,400 as well as supplies and food
 - e. OCN – Molly – Have not done a lot. Half the staff are not on campus. Planning to have a tackey holiday sweater competition.
- VI. Committees Updates:
 - a. Public Relations – Jeannie Nash, Chair – Reminder: campus events can be submitted to Public Relations Committee for SC Facebook page and to the SC website.
 - b. Nominations and Elections – No chair, looking for volunteers (Tara and Rhonda for GVL – need a chair)

- c. Staff Development – Derek Sutton, Chair – No update, let us know if you would like to use funds, \$25K budget, needs a co-chair, we will send out email to staff- PR
 - d. Welcome – Rachel Hastreiter, Chair, 19 new FT hires since July
 - e. Staff Awards - Wakeitha Cunningham, Chair (absent) – From John – Update on plaques on last year’s winners
- VII. Plans and Projects for this year: Chair
- a. Bylaws update – No work performed and not heard from any volunteers. Will have a new version to vote on at next quarterly meeting.
 - b. Quarterly Meetings (August, November, February, May)
- VIII. New Business:
- a. Relay for Life
 - i. Middle of April on the Gainesville campus – if interested, please contact Kevin Young

Motion to adjourn at 1:47 PM by Kevin Young, seconded by Scott Marshall

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