

Staff Council

02/12/04

Members Present: Ann Gaddis, Karen Roop, Lynn Youngblood, Linda Fuller, Kimberly Pruitt, Mary Hand, Laura Mullins, Valarie Grizzle, Amanda Lammers

President's Report:

- The spring faculty meeting is being web cast and all faculty and staff are being encouraged to view it in person, on their computer, or the closest available computer.
- This spring's graduating class is the biggest ever, so for the first time graduates will be limited in the number of guests that may attend. Each student may have eight guests. There will be overflow areas where the graduation will be simulcast.
- The new technology center/library is now number two on the state funding list.
- Mary called for a volunteer to chair a Relay for Life team for faculty and staff. No one volunteered.
- Mary called for a straw vote on whether or not to have a Staff Council Relay for Life team. The council voted not to have a team.
- Robin Webber, a past member of Staff Council, has expressed concern that proceeds from the Pie in the Face event weren't being donated to Relay for Life. Amanda Lammers will speak with Robin to clear up any misunderstandings.

Vice President's Report:

- Twenty people participated in our most recent Fred Pryor seminar.
- Funding requests went out, however, Human Resources denied several requests. There is a great deal of confusion regarding HR's authority to deny requests. Mary will meet with the appropriate parties to solve these problems. There is confusion among the general campus population about our guidelines for funding. An old copy of the guidelines has been found. The council needs to examine these and consider voting them into our by-laws.
- Laura proposed the idea of a welcoming committee for new staff members. The welcoming committee would deliver an information packet to new employees. Please send Mary any ideas you have for items to be included in this packet.
- Laura will be researching the amount of money in the faculty development fund compared to the amount in the staff development fund.

Treasurer's Report:

- Emergency Assistance Fund: \$ 0.00
- Expense Account: \$ 41.96
- Scholarship Account: \$ 3,096.26
- Development Fund: \$ 4,443.01
- Total: \$ 7,581.23

Committee Reports:

- Scholarship committee- the committee has set a meeting to review applications for summer.
- CommunitiE – Bulletin Board- things are moving right along.

Old Business:

- Sweet n Greet all set for today.
- Pie in the Face- Amanda Lammers will meet with Robin Webber before we proceed with this event.
- Chili Cook off- the date is April 1st. The costs for putting on this event include cups, spoons, napkins, and prizes. We will try to get some of these items donated.
- Yard Sale- This year's yard sale will be at Mary's house for the sake of convenience.

New Business:

- Special guest, Sherry Williams, representative of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Team addressed the council. The team is trying to remind everyone of their existence and purpose. Mediators are available for all types of disputes and all mediation is confidential. Alternative Dispute Resolution is a Board of Regent's program. Mediators do not have the power to provide legal advice or personal/marital counseling, and mediation does not replace the grievance process. The council was provided with brochures regarding this program.