

## Staff Council

10/14/04

Members Present: Amanda Lammers, Laura Mullins, Jill Brady, Jim Wyrodisk, Lynn Youngblood, Melissa White, Nancy Schwartz, Sharon McCormick, Allison Strong  
Guests Present: Joann Dankleman, Judy McHan

### President's Report:

- Laura reported on the State Staff Council Conference where the attendees heard lots of good ideas including having a staff council retreat, and there was a lot of talk and concern about the budget cuts.
- Laura gave a synopsis of each of the Presidential candidates she met.

### Vice President's Report

- The group learned at the conference we were lucky to receive staff development funds as most schools do not.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Expense Account: \$ 440.77
- Scholarship Account: \$ 2,496.26
- Development Fund: \$ 11,899.01
- Total: \$ 14,836.04

### Committee Reports:

- Nominations and Elections- Kimberly resigned due to work and family commitments, but we do not have to have an election as Sharon becomes our 12<sup>th</sup> member
- Scholarship committee- will be setting a date for next semester's awards
- Welcome- the group is still working on packets and trying to decide how to distribute them.

### Old Business:

- Survey- Melissa has been looking at other institution's web-sites for survey ideas
- Leave donation- Mack McConnell and Ron Graham have given the go ahead for a leave donation program to exist. The next task is to write a policy in the simplest terms possible. Laura called for a committee to write the policy. Nancy Schwartz will chair the committee with Sharon and Laura serving.
- The new funding request form should be available on the web.

### New Business

- White Christmas Breakfast- Laura chaired this event last year. This year, she will make the arrangements with Aramark, Jim will coordinate taking the food to the food pantry, and Nancy will design the flyer. The event is scheduled for December 9, 2004.
- Evening with Santa- Amanda organized this event last year and volunteered to do so again. The date and more details will be announced at the November meeting.

- Holiday Luncheon- This year's luncheon will also mark President Hanford's retirement. A suggestion has been made that staff council present the President with a set of sleigh bells. Laura is looking in to prices.
- Laura is the chairperson for the campus wide retirement party for the President. She is looking for ideas.
- A staff person of the year award and prize is a way of improving morale that we may consider implementing.
- Judy McHan addressed some of her concerns in light of recent budget cuts. She wondered if the staff had a voice and was being represented in regards to budgeting decisions. Laura mentioned an individual letter writing campaign was suggested at the State Staff Council Conference. Allison agreed to check on the legal issues surrounding such a campaign. It was decided Laura would meet with Mack McConnell to find out how NGCSU is planning to deal with the proposed budget cuts before staff council makes any further plans.
- Meeting adjourned