

BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Stotesberry at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes were read by Gail Ambrose, Secretary. No corrections were suggested. A motion to approve was made by Pauline Godley. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Jordan. Carried

Treasurer, Brown McFadden gave the treasurer's report. He stated that we now have \$603.32 in our checking account. Our savings account is showing a balance of \$288.74. We had a total of \$3.33 paid to us this year in interest.

OLD BUSINESS

Sherry brought up the continuation of the Apple award for discussion. Several opinions were offered about the frequency of this motivational award. Last year it was transferred to someone different every two weeks. Jo Linda asked a question about how we know who hasn't received it yet.

Penelope Radcliffe made a motion that we keep the Apple Award and continue to transfer it every two weeks instead of once a month, so that more people are recognized for their outstanding commitment and service. The motion was seconded by Betsy Lee Hodges. Motion carried.

Kimberly Jackson, (who birthed the idea for the award) agreed to continue to coordinate the process. She said that she needs new frames in order to present the award in style to each recipient. Kim said she had gotten frames in the past from the Dollar Store. Betsy Lee made a motion that the staff association make funds available to purchase the frames. Gail seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brown McFadden volunteered to get the frames and write a check for the expense.

Sherry reminded everyone that dues for this year's Staff Ass'n. membership are payable now. Pay treasurer, Brown McFadden. Dues are being kept at \$10.00 per member again this year.

The next item for discussion was the Superior IQ (Invitational Quotient) Award. Betsy Lee made a motion that we recognize the recipient of this award at the Staff Association's annual cookout. The motion was seconded by Brown McFadden. Motion carried.

An idea was presented about setting up a "Noteboard" to help improve communication throughout the Staff Association. It would give us an avenue to share information on a "need to know" basis and would work more effectively than the campus "grapevine." We could link it to the current User ID's and Log-ins being used. Brown asked Heather Greer to give her input about setting it up, since Heather is presently involved in doing a "WIKI" for the library. Heather said the process would be "very easy!"

Brown suggested that Heather could be the “WIKI Master” for the noteboard. Questions and discussion followed. Heather said that a form would have to be submitted to Tricia Woolard for permission to create the WIKI since it is a digital media. Discussion then ensued about whether the WIKI would be open to everyone campus-wide, or restricted to use only by those who are paid members of the Staff Association. Betsy Lee offered the opinion that “membership should have some privileges.” Others pointed out in the discussion that maybe we could use this as a “marketing point” to encourage others to join the Staff Ass’n.

Heather and Brown thought that we could build a “trial” WIKI for everyone to try out. Sherry said we would table the actual vote on the mechanics of the set-up until the next meeting to give time to examine the different elements required to make it all happen.

Sandy McFadden mentioned an upcoming Career Fair for the Criminal Justice students. It is set for October 28th.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherry asked if the membership wanted to try to get together a Fall Game Day, like we had last year. Last year we did our activities in conjunction with the SGA and Staff Ass’n. members brought baked goods for a cake walk.

This brought us to the discussion of the Standing committees on campus and the positions that need to be filled for these committees to function. Sherry asked for 2 volunteers to represent the Staff Ass’n. on the Planning Council. Sherry will be on that council because of her position as the President and Betsy Lee Hodges and Dorothy Jordan volunteered for those 2 positions.

For the Professional Development Committee- Jo Linda Cooper volunteered.

Student Appeals will be covered by Pauline Godley, Penelope Radcliffe, Tracey Johnson, and Almeta Woolard.

Staff Affairs will be handled by Gail Ambrose, if there is no conflict with her being in place already as Secretary of the organization. She will be responsible for collecting information from one contact person in each building about sickness, deaths, or hospitalizations of anyone in each building, so that she can send out cards from the Staff Association.

The Communications committee will be Sarah Wallace for Building 9, Samantha Whitehurst for Building 8, and Pauline Godley in Building 2.

The Special Events committee, which is a “joyful committee which plans parties” will be made up of Pauline Godley, Kim Jackson, Dorothy Jordan, and the chair - Betsy Lee Hodges.

A motion was made by Brown McFadden to accept these volunteers to serve on their respective committees. The motion was seconded by Jo Linda Cooper.

Sherry stated that in process of examining the description of several of the committees, she felt the responsibilities sort of “bled together” and that the committee descriptions are so much alike, that the By-laws may need some revision to explain each committee’s responsibilities more clearly.

She asked the members to consider forming an Ad-Hoc committee to review and revise those By-laws.

Discussion for this was tabled for the next meeting.

Service projects were discussed next and the members reviewed some of the things that the Staff Association had helped with support in past years. This past year we had an excellent turn-out and response to our helping the Salvation Army with the ringing of the bells at Washington Sq. Mall, in front of Belk’s.

A project was mentioned as part of the Child Connection for assembling school kits to package for pre-K aged children. Rapid deployment kits through the American Legion Auxiliary were also mentioned , to help our armed services on foreign soil. These kits would only cost about \$3.25 each and would include a new testament and personal items.

A Thanksgiving food drive was mentioned, as the food banks in the area are dry and depleted.

The date for the Christmas social was mentioned, but the date is not set at this point. Betsy Lee joked that it needs to be before Dec. 14th when she will be leaving for Australia.

In answer to the question about what \$10.00 in dues does for us, Sherry listed off several worthwhile things that our money accomplishes. We provide Scholarships to BCCC students, we helped with the Hurricane Katrina victims a couple of years ago, we have adopted a Foster child and we also have stuffed stockings for the Salvation Army in the past. We are a service oriented organization!

Our next meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009.

A Motion was made by Dorothy Jordan to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Betty Beacham

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Ambrose, Secretary