

Lamar University Staff Council January Meeting
January 9, 2018
8th Floor, Gray Library

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Diann Brodnax, President, at 10:07am. A roll sheet was passed around for Council members to sign in. A quorum was present.

Members present: Diann Brodnax, Dimples Jones, Courtney Arnold, Delores Black, Tammy Comeaux, Andrea Davis, Gina Decuir, Megan Hale, Sharlene Hatch, Chrissy Jones, Sherika King, Cynthia Ksiazek, Kristina Moffett, Karli Noonkester, Sharon Sanders, Tina Siau

December and January minutes will be distributed to Staff Council members prior to the February meeting.

Committee Reports:

Executive Meeting: No report.

Community Service: Upcoming events were announced:

- Meals on Wheels – Mardi Gras Spud Sale – February – TBA
- March of Dimes – March for Babies Walk – April 28th – The Great Lawn, Event Centre
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April – Denim Day – TBA
- National Police Week – May 14-19

Holiday Project: Diann Brodnax gave an update on the project. For the Toy Drive, 175 toys were donated and around \$2000 in cash and gift cards was received. At the first toy distribution, 14 faculty and staff employees attended. For the second toy distribution, there were 16 staff members in attendance. The second group were grandparents that had been affected by Harvey. Diann received numerous emails from recipients thanking the Council for their kindness and generosity.

In the summer, the committee will organize another distribution for those affected by Harvey. The focus will be household items, either items for the pantry or home.

The following committees met in individual groups to get acquainted and discuss committee assignments. Each committee will hold their first official meeting at the end of January or beginning of February.

Staff Social Events: Tina Siau volunteered to chair this committee and Andrea Davis will be co-chair. Sherika King volunteered to be the committee's record keeper. The members present discussed Staff Council's upcoming 30 year anniversary and began brainstorming ideas for the celebration.

Student Success: The members present began discussing ideas for showing support of students during an upcoming student event, Cardinal View.

Technology: The members of this committee began discussing the creation of the Staff Council newsletter. Members were asked to begin researching other institutions and get ideas from their newsletters.

Staff Relations: The topic of discussion for this committee was organizing a town hall meeting. Members were asked to begin researching other institutions for ideas.

Issues: This committee will work on ideas to bring to the CID Committee.

The following committees did not meet today.

Bylaws: No Report

Nominations: No Report

Staff Awards: No Report

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: This month's meeting saw a drop in attendance. Most Council members are busy admitting students, advising students, or working in other capacities preparing for the beginning of our spring semester. For these reasons, the Council members present discussed omitting the January meeting.

Tina Siau moved to accept the recommendation of omitting the January Council meeting from the calendar and Sharlene Hatch seconded. The motion passed. The Bylaws and website will be updated to reflect the change.

Good of the Order: The following was discussed:

- Cynthia Ksiazek wanted Staff Council members to know that the recipients from the Holiday Project were tickled and thankful for everything they received.
- Andrea Davis suggested reaching out to Sherry Kilgore, LIT campus, for assistance with community projects. She is involved in numerous projects and would be a good resource.

The next Staff Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 in the Library.

Tina Siau moved to adjourn the meeting and Gina Decuir seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Diann Brodnax adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Brodnax

Diann Brodnax, President
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