

Catawba College
STAFF COUNCIL
February 19, 2013 - 10:00 AM - Whitener Room

Council Members in attendance: Bridgette Gibbs (*Council Chair*), Ann Dunn (*Council Secretary*), Alexandra Watts (*Council Treasurer*) Ann Clifton, Michael Eden, Betsy Graham, Lindsey Griffin, Bonny King, Rodney Rymer, and Michael Swan

WELCOME:

Bridgette Gibbs, Chair, welcomed Betsy Graham who replaced Jeff Childress for work group 5 on the Staff Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes from the January 15, 2013 Staff Council meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Alexandra Watts, *Treasurer*, reported that twenty-two people have signed up for the Staff Council Biggest Loser Contest. Revenue from the contest is \$44.00. This makes the budget total \$69.00 to date.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES SPRING COLLECTION DRIVE:

The Spring 2013 Rowan Helping Ministries Collection Drive began on February 11 and will continue through February 22. Council members responsible for collection boxes were instructed to bring items collected to Bridgette Gibb's office by 8:30 AM Monday, February 25. Bob Casmus will deliver the donated items to Rowan Helping Ministries.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Five people attended Missy Barnes' most recent session of the Alexander Technique. Ms. Barnes plans to offer additional sessions of the Alexander Technique during the Spring. The dates for these sessions are March 12 and April 25.

Staff Council plans to offer the final session of Frontline Staff Development in March or April.

Alexandra Watts is spearheading the Spring 2013 session of The Biggest Loser contest. Twenty-two people are participating. The contest will end on Tuesday, April 2.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR SPRING 2013:

Plans are moving forward for the Spring Jewelry Swap. Alexandra Watts is currently serving as coordinator for the event. It will be scheduled for a date in mid-March (hopefully around St. Patrick's Day). An email will be sent to council members outlining the details of the event.

Michael Swan and Michael Eden will be working to bring Hap's Grill's mobile restaurant to campus for a hot dog sale fundraiser later this spring. They are hoping to be able to hold the fundraiser in April during the three day softball tournament. They will check with Nan Whitley and Peggy Mason regarding planned concessions for the upcoming tournament. They will report to the council at the March meeting.

Bridgette encouraged staff members to bring additional fundraising ideas to the table. Staff Council needs to build up the treasury so there will be funds available to purchase next year's Louise Tucker Staff Council Award and President's Award for Staff Excellence (\$35.00 each). She mentioned maybe bringing in a paid speaker to campus for future Staff Development programs.

STAFF COUNCIL AWARDS:

There were eight nominations for the Louise Tucker Staff Council Award. The Staff Council Nominations Committee reviewed the nomination forms and narrowed the choice to three nominees. Alexandra Watts passed out ballots and thumbnail bios of nominees for the Louise Tucker Award. Council members voted and returned their ballots to Alexandra.

There were five nominees for President's Award for Staff Excellence. Thumbnail bios of the nominees have been given to President Brien Lewis. He will review the information and make the final decision.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING:

The February meeting of the Board of Trustees began Monday, February 18 and will conclude Tuesday, February 19. Bridgette Gibbs, *Chair*, spoke to the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Staff Council Monday afternoon. She reported that the board members were very engaged. The Board of Trustees is interested making decisions that are in the best interest of Catawba College.

The Board of Trustees hosted a dinner for faculty members Sunday, February 17. It was well attended. Faculty and Board members mingled in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoyed a good meal and stimulating conversation.

The Board intends on hosting a dinner for staff members during the upcoming May meeting.

Bridgette encouraged all Staff Council members to attend the Community Time meeting on Thursday, February 21. President Lewis will speak to the campus community regarding the outcome of this week's Board of Trustees meeting.

CHAIR ELECT POSITION:

Staff Council will move toward the selection of a Chair Elect at the March meeting. There are six or seven Council members slated to rotate off of the council this May. Plans for election of their replacements will also be discussed.

MEETING TIME CHANGE:

Staff Council has experimented with moving its meeting time from 11:00 AM on the third Tuesday of the month to 10:00 AM. It was the opinion of the majority of the group in attendance that the 10:00 AM meeting time is more convenient for council members.

Next scheduled Staff Council is scheduled for March 19 at 10:00 AM in the Whitener Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Dunn
Staff Council Secretary