

Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Staff Council
Angie Coldren, President
Holly Chenoweth, Vice President
Sheila Kudrick, Secretary
Jackie DiNardo, Treasurer

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and in Powers Hall 100 Auditorium

Attendees: Kearsten Adams*, Jill Algarin*, Jeff Antal*, Matt Blair, Danielle Campbell*, Holly Chenoweth, Angie Coldren, Courtney DeCarlucci*, Jackie DiNardo*, Jamie Hart*, Lisa Hope*, Val Kubenko*, Sheila Kudrick, Sherra Moors*, Dan O'Connor, Michele Shuey*, Jim Turkovich, Bobby Walch*, Ashley Watson* (*online)

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- I. Angie called the meeting to order.
- II. Angie confirmed that the minutes from 4/4/2023, that were distributed prior to the meeting, were received. There were no questions or edits. Jim moved to accept the minutes; Jackie seconded the motion.
- III. Jackie read the Treasurer's Report.
 1. At the beginning of the calendar year, there was \$400.73 in the account. Event expenditures from this past year included: \$132/Souper Bowl; \$110.50/March Madness; \$100.49/Halloween Party. Revenue totalled \$63: \$43 from 50/50s and a \$20 donation. The ending fund balance is \$120.74.
 2. Discussion ensued on how to raise more funds.
 - a. Ideas included Sarris (30% profit, but others on campus are selling), Chick-fil-A, Texas Roadhouse
 - b. Dan said during his tenure, President Gregerson was willing to cover some expenses. The recycling of toner cartridges were directed to Staff Council. The program is no longer in effect.
 - c. Val reminded the group that revenue used to come from the Blue & Gold Celebration car cruise.
 - d. Sheila commented that potluck at events keeps expenses down and that Pitt Day of Giving (PDoG) takes place in February. This past year, there was challenge money available to the Staff Council account if the staff giving threshold was met—it wasn't.
- IV. Old Business
 - Halloween Party Winners—
 - 50/50: Julie Shannon
 - Tootsie Roll Jar: Jackie DiNardo
 - Costume Contest: Housewives of Lynch Hall (Angie Coldren, Jackie DiNardo, Lori Moore, and Ashley Watson)

V. New Business

1. Introduction of new Staff Council
 - a. Angie Coldren – President, Holly Chenoweth – Vice President, Jackie DiNardo – Treasurer
 - b. Thanks to Ashley Watson, Brian Beighley, and Haley Hayden for their service!
 - c. Sheila is in the second year of her term as secretary.
2. Staff Issues and Opportunities Form: Submit online at <https://bit.ly/pgstaffio>. Submission is directed to Holly and committee. Submissions can be anonymous.

VI. Committees: The bylaws are being reviewed. Re-enacting committees will provide more structure and help with activity planning.

VII. Open Floor Discussion

1. Noon meeting time
 - a. More staff availability but also higher student availability for Advising and those working directly with students
 - b. Freshman Seminar also conflicts with the timeframe
 - c. Matt said that feedback he received is that staff likes to use lunch as their own time but that staff attendance was down during afternoon meetings
 - d. Best to offer a variety of days/times to increase attendance
 - e. Hybrid format allows for greater participation
 - Microphone needed for in-person audience comments
2. Upcoming events
 - a. Next meeting – Tuesday, January 23 @ noon
 - b. Souper Bowl – Friday, February 9, 11:30 am – 1pm
 - c. March Madness– Friday, February 9, 11:30 am – 1pm
 - d. Calendar invites will be sent.
3. Recommendations
 - a. Work-from-home (WFH) option for Wed. before Thanksgiving
 - Comment made that not everyone can WFH
 - b. Event suggestion
 - Happy Hour (Primantic Bros, microbrewery)
 - c. More fundraising ideas
 - Trucks (coffee, dessert) – may be confusing to students since trucks are usually complimentary
 - Chick-fil-A sandwiches–another student giveaway or PDoG event
 - Flowers (pointsettias)
 - Bake sale
4. Staff recognition
 - How to recognize—at meeting, email blast
 - Form/submission to be re-evaluated