

Staff Council Meeting **Minutes 10/15/2024**

Voting Members Attended: Brandon Kight, Treva Johnson, Amber Hodges, Sheila Jacobs, Charlene Blankenship, Wendy Sikora, Cynthia Reese, Diana Cochran, Ranceince Pollett, Casey Fountain, Jada Akridge

Additional Staff Attended: Jamie Boatright

I. Introductions

- a. Call to Order: 10:03 AM
- b. Approval of Minutes: Diana Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes from 4/17. Ranceince Pollett seconded the motion and all in favor.
- c. Updates from the Chair:
 - i. New Members
 - Diana Cochran made a motion to elect Jamie Boatright as the new Liberal Arts Representative on the Council. Treva Johnson seconded the motion. None opposed.
 - Two vacancies remain: Student Life & Academic Affairs
Potential individuals from these areas will be contacted before the next Council meeting.

II. Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer Report: Jada Akridge
 - i. Foundation Account - \$3,878.23
- b. Department News/Upcoming Events:
 - i. USG Staff Council – October 17, 2024 @ KSU/Teams
 - ii. Faculty/Staff Zumba
 - iii. EGSC Trunk or Treat, October 28, 2024, 5 PM – 7 PM
 - Staff Council discussed possible fundraising ideas that could coincide with this year's Trunk or Treat event.
 - An Employee Pumpkin Decorating Contest where entries will be auctioned off during the Trunk or Treat event was decided and Casey Fountain will email the details to the campus community.
 - All proceeds will go to the Staff Council to help fund other activities and initiatives.
 - Prizes for the top three winners were also decided.

III. Old Business

- i. Be sure to download the Sydney app to track your Well-being rewards.
- ii. The last day to register for Walktober was October 13, 2024.

IV. New Business

- a. Election Nominations: With none opposed, the 2024-2025 Staff Council members were elected as follows:
 - i. Chair – *Brandon Kight* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Jada Akridge seconded.)

- ii. Vice Chair – *Diana Cochran* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Cynthia Reese seconded.)
 - iii. Secretary – *Amber Hodges* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Treva Johnson seconded.)
 - iv. Treasurer – *Jada Akridge* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Cynthia Reese seconded.)
 - v. Special Events Committee – *Casey Fountain* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Brandon Kight seconded.)
 - vi. Sunshine Club – *Cynthia Reese* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Diana Cochran seconded.)
 - vii. Spirit Committee – *Sheila Jacobs* (Cynthia Reese motioned. Treva Johnson seconded.)
 - viii. Committee of Elections – *Amber Hodges* (Sheila Jacobs motioned. Brandon Kight seconded.)
- b. Holiday Luncheon:
- i. There will be one Holiday Luncheon this year to be held on the Swainsboro campus in the multipurpose room of the JAM center. The tentative date and time are December 13, 2024, at 12 PM.
 - ii. Ideas for a team building activity, like holiday crafts, were discussed, all to be followed later in the day by a scheduled athletic event in the gym at 4 PM.
- c. Secret Santa:
- i. In lieu of Secret Pal, a Secret Santa event will take place. The tentative date and time are Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11 AM. Followed by the annual Holiday Luncheon.
- d. Tree Planting Initiative:
- i. The Council expressed interest in Dr. Schecter’s initiative to plant trees after Hurricane Helene. More discussions to follow.

V. Announcements

- i. Spring Registration for Group 1 – September 30, 2024
- ii. Spring Registration for Group 2 – October 14, 2024
- iii. Open Enrollment – October 28th – November 8th
- iv. Benefits Fair – October 30, 2024
- v. Monster Mash Bash – October 31, 2024 (On hold)
- vi. Thanksgiving Break – November 25-29, 2024

IV. Adjournment

- i. The next Staff Council meeting will need to be held after the Casino Night on November 7, 2024.
- ii. Cynthia Reese made a motion to end the meeting at 11:22 AM. Treva Johnson seconded and all in favor.