Members Present: Lesley Attebury, Gloria Butz, Brandan Garrison, Stephanie Hawes, Stephanie Higgins, Tammy Johnson, Cindi Kueber, Amanda Mitchell, Pam Moore, Betsy Mullins, Nita Musich, Britney Orth, Michelle Simmons, Lisa Wulff

Members Absent: Gyneth Fehribach, Erin Hollinger, Kim Jost

Guests Present: Betsy Mullins

Betsy Mullins opened the meeting at 2:04PM.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes from the November 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed, Nita Musich motioned to approve the minutes with changes and Amanda Mitchell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with changes.

Committee Reports

Employee Relations: The food for the employee picnic is set as fried chicken, vegetables, and ice cream bar. The layout of the tables was discussed along with the possibility of including a dance floor. Last year with no dance floor there were 57 tables set in 21 groups. Michelle Simmons will check with the drama department about a disco ball. Nita Musich will look into getting supplies for tissue paper flowers and we will make some at the next meeting. Michelle will work on a trivia slide show for the picnic with 70’s shows, etc. It was suggested that someone get with Sandy Davis about possibly having the drill team as part of the entertainment.

Economic Benefits: Did not meet this month. Betsy Mullins is still working on the budget presentations that will be held Wednesday, April 2nd at 1:00PM in UC 2217 and 2218.

Nominating: There are six current Staff Council members that can run for a second term with two already accepting the second term nomination. The nomination email will go out next week. There was a request for a sample of last year’s email if anyone still had a copy. It was suggested starting next year to incorporate chair, chair elect, and past chair.

Other University Committee Reports:
50th Anniversary Committee: Betsy is working with the 50th Anniversary Committee and it was suggested that Staff Council be a sponsor for the event. One week will be a decade theme week. There will be a formal gala event.

Old Business: The Economic Benefits committee is still gathering information on the Call Center project.

New Business:
Staff Council Retreat: The theme of the retreat will be stress relief and meditation. The retreat will be in the Health Professions building. Possible presenters and break-out sessions include Tom Longwell – meditation coach, Cindy Goodwin – healing touch, a yoga instructor from RFW, and an Evansville massage group.

It was suggested that the retreat include both new members and exiting members. Michelle Simmons motioned to accept this change and Cindi Kueber seconded the motion. This motion was approved. The bylaws will need to be updated.

For the retreat, these individuals volunteered to bring the following:
- Breakfast: Betsy and Cindi
- Drinks: Tammy, Nita, and Gloria
- Desserts: Lesley, Pam, and Stephanie
- Snacks: Britney, Lisa, and Michelle
- Amanda volunteered to organize lunch with Spuds & Stuff selected again by the council.
Discussion/Announcements: The Employee Recognition award nominations begin in May. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Campaign USI was discussed. The University is looking for 100% participation. The dollar amount is not as important as the participation. Suggestions were given including automatic deductions from paychecks and even donating just $1. It was asked that all of Staff Council participate so requests for participation campus wide could be sent with Staff Council as an example.

Lesley Attebury discussed the IAAP luncheon. It was suggested the Staff Council might like to attend.

The next official Staff Council meeting will be April 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in UC 206.

There being no further business, Gloria Butz motioned to close and Stephanie Higgins seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Simmons
Secretary