

Staff Council Notes, Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Finance - Kim

Sent budget out to everyone. Nothing that we weren't expecting.

Little discrepancy in what I calculated from what is in Canopy. The balance is on the spreadsheet is as accurate as it can be. We definitely spent more money this year than we did last year. If you ever have any questions about the budget, just reach out to Kim.

How does it look between FY 18 and FY 19?

Kim wants to see how much we spend and how what we spent on.

Events and fundraising - Billie

Not doing a lot right now due to nothing really happening. Hoping to get planning on next event which would be the Holiday Market this fall. Planning very soon on that event. Reaching out to the rec center to see what their plans are as far as the space, any changes for the fall, availability, etc. Then we will reach out to the vendors as well to see if they are interested to participate again. Committee meeting soon.

Staff Recognition - Katie

Nothing new. Billie has helped us get rid of the service awards people have not picked up yet or could not attend the award ceremony. One final reminder, and then I guess we will need to store them somewhere.

Outside of that, nothing big happening. Most Valuable Lion celebration with Justin covering April/May/June. July is next award winner.

Leaving the university at the end of May. No one has stepped up to help lead our committee except Sarah. Sarah's term is almost up. She'll be serving through the summer.

Communication Committee - Sarah

Communication committee scholarship. Fall scholarship posted around June 1st. Is someone going to shadow me on this so they can learn the process? Kristi volunteered to help.

Last year at this time the pandemic was in full affect. Wee update our staff council members every five years, and last year was the five year mark. Sarah pulled employee data and we were losing a lot of staff council members, so we just filled what needed to be filled last year and moved on. Over the next month or two Sarah will pull new report and ensure we are adequately represented by staff members on this council.

Does anybody know right now that they can give the information to Sarah or email it later on? We need to figure out how many posts we need for re-election. Sarah offered to email out to everyone. Do you guys know whose terms are up? Yes, there is a list from last year but it is hard to keep up. Sarah will send an email out with what she thinks is happening, but correct her information if it is wrong.

Sarah will update everyone next month as far as reports go.

Enrichment and Outreach - Amanda

Next event on May 25th, summer recipe and trivia event

June crafting, July Career advancement informational event

August is welcome back gathering

Held a fabulous event yesterday; Coffee with Council. There was a lot of discussion. One of the things that got mentioned was the welcome back gathering people want to see that maybe a few times a year; once or twice a semester, that may be too much...but something for all the people in the university to get together. Increase collaboration as well as other people's events. Never seen a list of all the different organizations with employees.

Gearing up for the fall. Snow cone truck, passes to the rec center was brought up, bubble blowing, connecting opportunities, pop up forums.

Greater recognition. Little notes or recognition more often. Reach out to the VPs and deans office to help cover the cost of these types of things for around campus.

Committee changes – Amanda has spoken to Billie about. Combining, reorganizing, to better conquer this stuff.

Amanda, do you think your committee needs to be divided and another committee be established? Another subcommittee? Right now, we have the Leo events, mentorship page, and coffee with council, and adding more things which are great and wonderful, but it's becoming a lot. Maybe combining with the Outreach portion?

What about a liaison for some of these other organizations? Someone specifically for Staff Council that would come back for support of the event versus taking over the event. That's a great idea.

Billie suggested for events and fundraising, we have the Holiday Market as the fundraiser event, but the other event would be the Staff Recognition event so maybe that committee could take on a little bit more maybe the coffee with council so that would take some off of Amanda's plate and giving it to another committee. Maybe that would be a good split. That might help a little.

Any feedback?

Katie - Combining the two committees into one and having a subcommittee. Subcommittee would become more permanent things that are done month to month. Our monthly responsibilities the subcommittee could take. Also liked what Brian was talking about, having a liaison. Finding out the other staff and faculty are around campus so staff council could find out who we could lean on.

So we don't have to stay with staff, we can partner with any organization around campus. There is a list online somewhere of committees, maybe organizations as well. Let's brain storm and think about it together and at the next meeting, before this staff council breaks and we get a new one in August, have a plan that we can propose to state what the next year's staff council will look like. Talk with each other and other and we'll talk at the next staff council meeting about where we want to reach out to. We can add almost like a cabinet member. A lot of good ideas, let's stew on this for a month and come back with a plan.

Staff morale survey feedback. Anyone heard anything, any feedback, conversation? People are too wound up about summer hours to be worried about anything else.

Open discussion

Retreat - Any ideas about what they want to do? Low key and inexpensive. Face-to-face or online? Face-to-Face. Online one did not go very well. Don't have the ability to feel welcome to the committee when it's just another zoom.

Face to face, any preference or options before we get into the planning phase.

Did those that attended the retreat we had in Greenville that we had in the theater, was that a good location, venue? Not sure they charged us correctly. It was a good venue.

Sulphur Springs Country Club? Cost? The College of Business has used the country club a few times. It's a big venue.

Cork and Brew in downtown Commerce. There was an event there recently and they were pleased with how it turned out. They are not open on Tuesday nights.

Mugs might be a good place.

2019 it was \$3,240 and another one for \$3,300. One for venue and food and the other says catering.

Let's get quotes from a few places; Cork and Brew, Mugs, Sulphur Springs Country Club and we can compare.

There is also Shenanigan's, the bowling alley in Greenville and Rockwall.

Kristi, can you check into the price and details for the Cork and Brew?

The Texas Theater was less than \$500.

Any ideas for team building, guest speakers, and disability people came to talk to us once, Dr. Rudin came once. Anything you can think of you want to see at the Retreat? Jason Bone came in and talked about the Lion app because it was new at that time. QPR training was done once because Dr. Rudin wanted it talked about.

Kristi - gun range as Texas is open carry. Or parachuting out in Caddo Mills.

Kim's division did the optical course at the outdoor place.

Shenanigan's has escape rooms. People liked this idea.

Send your ideas to Billie and Brian as we start to get together to try to plan this thing.

Can Amanda have a small budget to have to plan fall things. \$100 - \$200 tops. The stuff to gear up for the fall events. Haven't priced anything so maybe \$500 top but can't imagine more than \$200. Everyone voted yes.

We have a bunch of stuff in Procurement Services that we used to take to events that Travis said we could donate to Staff Council. Sandy to check with Priscilla to see where the Procurement items are being stored during renovations.

Anything else that we need to speak about? Meeting adjourned.

