

LSUE Staff Senate

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021

1:30pm

A127 & Zoom

Senators Present:

Amy Greagoff

April Fontenot

Chad Jones

Amber Arnaud

Ray Zorn

Andy Gaspard

Patricia Gaspard

Ceslie O'Brien

Senators Absent: Cory Lalonde, Kerry Fontenot, Pam Veillon, Pearly Rideaux, Shelly Arnaud

Guests: Katie Tucker, Tasha Naquin, Lacey Frey, Angela Greaud, Cassie Jobe-Ganucheau, Courtney Fruge, Catlyn Adams, Amanda Siffert, Marjana Herring, Melonie Ceaser

I. Staff Senate Chair, Patricia Gaspard, called the meeting to order at 1:40pm

II. Old Business

- Changes to By Laws/Constitution
 - i. At the July meeting there was a discussion regarding unfilled positions and members were encouraged to give the discussion some thought and share any suggestions to be visited and voted on at the next meeting
 - ii. The suggestion was made that nominations be held as usual, then if no one accepts, the position would become an at large position allowing interested employees from another group a chance to serve
 - iii. Andy Gaspard motioned to approve the change
 - iv. April Fontenot seconded the motion
 - v. There were no oppositions so the change was approved

III. Chair's Report

- Current account balance is \$2,470.48
- Campus advisors

- i. Staff Senate chairs from all campuses meet before board meetings to discuss items that need to be brought forward to the board

IV. New Business

- Approval of minutes from July 29th meeting
 - i. Andy Gaspard motioned to approve the minutes
 - ii. Ray Zorn seconded the motion
 - iii. July 26th minutes were approved

- Eunice Christmas Festival, December 2nd from 5:30-7:30pm
 - i. Patricia & Cassie shared information about the Eunice Christmas festival that will take place in town. Patricia asked if it was something we would be interested in participating in. All present were in favor of participating and setting up a table at the festival and possibly doing face painting & tattoos. Other ideas were discussed and finally plans will be made as the event gets closer

- Jail & Bail Fundraiser
 - i. Amy shared information regarding the jail & bail fundraiser that will be held sometime in October. The tentative date mentioned was Oct. 21-22nd. More details will be available and discussed at the next meeting.

- Auction Items Fundraiser
 - i. Patricia shared an idea an absent member had for a fundraiser. The idea was that we could collect any items people have that they are willing to get rid of and they would be brought to auction. All proceeds from the auction would go directly to staff senate. It was suggested that we postpone this fundraiser until the spring. Andy made a motion to postpone and Ray seconded the motion.

- Parking ticket appeal committee
 - i. Cory discussed starting a diverse committee for parking ticket appeals. The committee would meet once a month to review appeals.

- Calendar Fundraiser
 - i. Patricia shared an idea that was brought forward about a calendar fundraiser. Many ideas and suggestions were discussed and a committee was formed.
 - ii. The calendar fundraiser committee consists of Catlyn (chair), Ray and Amanda Siffert

- Tree Trimming on Campus
 - i. People have shared concerns about the campus after dark and trees blocking lighting.

- ii. Campus police have already sent in a work order for insufficient lighting and this is in progress
- Santa Pictures Fundraiser/Toys for Tots
 - i. We will be having pictures with Santa on campus on November 27, 2021 from 9a-12pm.
 - ii. This will be a joint fundraiser with the fraternal order of police and toys for tots
 - iii. This event will be open to the public and non-aggressive pets will be allowed
 - iv. Prices are either \$5.00 plus one unopened toy for toys for tots or \$10.00 and staff senate will keep \$5.00 and \$5.00 will go towards a toy for toys for tots
- Scholarship Applications
 - i. Staff Senate received 2 scholarship applications by email. The applicants were Shaun Gaspard and Tanner Arnaud. Both will be awarded.

V. Campus Updates

- Ray thanked Cassie & Angela for attending
- Chad shared that the campus tour page is up and that Bengal Day will be held the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week
- Chad shared that the search for a new dean of Sciences/Liberal Arts is well underway
- Trunk or Treat
 - i. There will be a committee to plan this year's trunk or treat. The committee will include members of staff senate, faculty senate, coordinator of student life (Quana Smith) and community partners.
- Courtney mentioned that CAT5 would be coming to campus to stage for the hurricane as they have for past storms

VI. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ray Zorn and seconded by Andy Gaspard – the meeting adjourned at 2:20pm