

Staff Senate Minutes

September 30, 2020 Zoom meeting 2:00p.m.

Senators Present: Courtney Fruge Michelle Richard
Andy Gaspard Pam Veillon
Ceslie O'Brien Amy Greagoff
April Fontenot Ray Zorn
Shelly Arnaud

Senators Absent: Dillard Fair, Patricia Gaspard and Althea Jackson
Guests: Joe Cilano, Debbie Reaux,

- I. Courtney Fruge, Chair, called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes accepted by Patricia Gaspard and seconded by Andy Gaspard and approved by Staff Senate.

III. New Business

- Poinsettia Fundraiser Courtney has looked into some places; she hasn't been able to find any local nurseries since Laura hit. Courtney has found two online places (Poinsettias and Park Brothers Farm) that had no problem shipping to Louisiana and the two are the main difference between them is going to be how many cases to acquire there is not that much difference in the prices between the two of them it is the minimum that you have to order. One the minimum is 18 cases and they do the 6 inch is what Courtney calls it the company calls them the No. 6. So imagine the pot and the height of the poinsettias 6 plants in a case and 18 case minimum their price is \$7.70 per plant it is 108 plants that we would have to sell to not get charged the outrageous shipping delivery charges. There was another place that was way cheaper, but we would have had to sell a lot since the shipping fees are so high. Ray could use his FedEx account and donate the shipping costs. Courtney has called some local nurseries, but has not gotten a call back yet from them. Ray has a friend that is about to open up a nursery and will check with him If we did the minimum and sold them for the suggested price of \$12.00 it would be \$464 for profit roughly. If we go with the Park Brothers Farm who has 25 case minimum we would have to sell more for

about \$100 more profit. If we could get them locally for like \$5.00 apiece and sell them for \$10 we could make a better profit. So if you know of any contacts please reach out to them and we can look into that, it is harder to find something since we are a smaller organization than like Super 1. Presale and then order. Right now we are not going to decide who we are going to go with, we will wait for more information to come in.

- The cookie and drink went awesomely all of the cookies and drinks were donated to Staff Senate and we had a good turn out, there were only a few drinks that were left over. Everyone appreciated and kudos to everyone for making it a success.

- Ray Zorn suggested Staff Senate sponsoring a Costume contest for Faculty, Staff and Students to participate in. Some of us like to dress up maybe the and get some gift cards as prizes. Maybe get some Rotarians from the Rotary to be some judges. Invite everyone to participate. We will get with CAB, SGA and all other organizations to see if they would like to host with us so that we can reach out to more people for participation.

- **Chair's Report**

- The current account balance is \$4,859.81 is about the same, we did have a \$100 donation to Staff Senate from the Chancellor last week (it isn't reflected yet). So we do have a little bit of funds we can work with for fundraisers.

IV. **Adjournment**

- The motion to adjourn the meeting by Ray Zorn and seconded by Shelly Arnaud the meeting was adjourned at 2:20p.m.