

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE

STAFF ALLIANCE

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2017

Tebbet #131

3:00 P.M.

Meeting Facilitator: Court Merrigan

Member Attendance: 10

Executive Member Attendance: 3

Total Attendance: 13

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Donna White moved and Kim Jones seconded to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion passed.
- III. Court Merrigan reported that the Staff Alliance will purchase a permanent frame for the “Staff Alliance Spotlights”. Kim Jones announced that the frame has been purchased and a work order has been placed for it to be hung.
Holly Lara announced the EWC Foundation Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 17th. The format is a 4 person scramble. There will be a dinner on Friday evening at the Cottonwood Country Club at 6:30. Golfers eat free and guests will be charged \$8.50 per plate. A Calcutta will follow the dinner.
- IV. No Standing Committee reports at this time. Ed Meyer and Sue Schmidt informed the membership that the Personnel Advisory & Professional Development Committees do not meet over the summer months.
- V. Treasurer’s Report - the remaining balance in the Staff Alliance Treasury has been depleted with the purchase of the Spotlight frame.
 - 1.) Ongoing Business:
Scholarship Committee – Holly Lara reported on the 2 existing scholarships. The Employee Sponsored Scholarship is worth \$500. It is an endowed scholarship containing \$26, 461.86 in matched funds from the state. There are 4 current employees who contribute to this scholarship. Criteria was read and if no new students meet this criteria then continuing students with a GPA of 2.50 or higher and with a satisfactory Financial Aid report may apply. The EWC Leadership scholarship is also worth \$500. There is currently 1 employee who contributes to this fund. The endowment for this scholarship is worth \$13, 078.47. Criteria for this scholarship is new incoming freshman with a GPA of 3.50 or higher. After lengthy discussion it was decided to get this information out at the In-Service in August with forms available for those who would like to contribute. Many folks are not aware of these scholarships. The criteria will be reviewed in August so that the membership can vote on leaving it as it is or possibly changing it. Ed informed all that new EWC Employees are given information on giving back to EWC when they go through new employee training. Court suggested the Staff Alliance sponsor a campaign and set a goal on how much money we would like to raise. Ed suggested we take ownership of one of these 2 existing scholarships. We could re-name them as Staff & Faculty Leadership Scholarship (with faculty buy-in) or just have Staff Alliance take over the Leadership scholarship re-naming it as the Staff Alliance Leadership Scholarship. After further discussion, Holly Branham moved and Tyler Vasko seconded that the Staff Alliance take ownership of this scholarship and set a goal for raising the amount of the scholarship or increasing the amount awarded. Motion carried. The Executive committee will make the proposal and review/add to the criteria. This information will be brought to the next general meeting for approval and then taken to the Development Office in August. This scholarship will be promoted heavily at the August In-Service.
 - 2.) Staff Spotlight – EWC Douglas and the Nursing Program will be highlighted the month of July. Court will send out the information sheets to be completed by these folks.
- VI. New Business
 1. Court gave a summary of the BOT meeting. Dr. Patterson was given a Plaque of appreciation for his service to the college as President. The minutes and the Campus Resource Officer position were approved. Andy Espinoza and Dr. Peggy Knittel received Emeritus Status. Dr. Travers contract was approved and begins July 1st! The ABE/GED added a full-time benefited employee to their staff. Welcome, Carla “Cathy” Herstead!

2. Personnel Advisory Committee – No meeting held.
3. Summer Social – scheduled for the 14th of July beginning at 12:30 prior to closing at 1:00 pm.
4. The membership was asked to think of new ideas for the “Fitness Challenge”. This will also be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting in July.
5. Fitness Center Fees – discussion was held regarding the Fitness Center fees that are charged to employees. Is there a possibility that these fees could be waived for all benefited employees only? No family members (children or spouses). Holly Branham suggested that we visit with Ron Laher and ask what kind of impact the waiving of these fees would affect. Holly Lara made the motion that we go forth with this project for 2017/2018 and Donna White seconded. The vote was 11 to 1. Motion passed. Kim Russell will take this to the Leadership Committee.
6. Solar Eclipse – it was suggested that those people who will be on campus get together and have a carry-in lunch and watch the eclipse while the college is closed for 2 hours. Bring lawn chairs and sit out back. T-shirts with “See You on the Dark Side” available for purchase. Bring any and all ideas for the Solar Eclipse to the next general meeting.

VII. Open Discussion:

1. None

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business Tyler Vasko moved and Holly Lara seconded the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Schmidt
Secretary/Treasurer

Kim Russell, Chair