

OARDC Staff Council Meeting
Meeting House
May 14, 2009

“The mission of OARDC Staff Council is to enhance the working environment of the OARDC community by facilitating communications between staff and administration, and by promoting opportunities for staff advancement and recognition.”

Present: Kelly King, Cindy Coy, Joe Cochran, Laura Chapin, Dave Drake, Eileen Kieffaber, Matt DeVore, Betty Aylsworth, Susan Dimit, Laurel Leedy, Patrick Pierquet
Absent: Mike Kauffman, Bryant Chambers, Kristen Willie, Candace Pollack

Call to Order

Kelly called the meeting to order.

Treasurer’s Report

Susan presented the report that Bryant gave to her prior to the meeting. Joe moved to accept the report, Laura seconded the motion, and the report was accepted.

Minutes

Laura presented the minutes; the date on the minutes from last meeting will be changed to April 9, 2009. Patrick moved to accept the minutes, Matt seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Development Committee

There is no news to report. Laura will check on the price of purchasing dark chocolate candy bars in bulk from Sam’s Club and Friendly’s Wholesale and will report on this to the committee.

Administrative Committee

Betty presented for this committee. Betty has checked with Kristen Willie and Candace Pollack to see if they would like to continue to serve as ex officio members on the Council for USDA and Columbus, respectively. They both agreed to continue to serve. Patrick presented on the elections. The nominating and voting via email went smoothly.

Communications Committee

Laura presented for this committee. The Summer 2009 newsletter is in the works. Dave Drake is going to put together a “Staff and their Hobbies” section for this issue; entries will be solicited via email. The interior article will feature the new OARDC Farmers Market. Kelly informed the group that Dr. Slack has mentioned to her again how much he enjoys the newsletter. The group agrees that one reason why so many people enjoy it is because it is for staff, by staff and not a typical OARDC publication. Our goal is to keep it up to this caliber. After the last meeting, Matt sent a notice to the OARDC “branches” that a DVD of the 2009 Staff Forum is available. He has received no response. The group decided that it is not worth the trouble setting up the recording again next year. We will make the minutes available, as always, on the Staff Council webpage.

Unfinished Business

Election Results

The new officers are: Susan Dimit, chair; Matt DeVore, chair-elect; Bryant Chambers, treasurer; Joe Cochran, secretary. Their term will begin at the Staff Council Annual Meeting in October. Congratulations to the new officers.

FunFest

FunFest will be held on Friday, August 21, 12:00-3:00pm, rain location will be Fisher North Exhibit Area. The date will be highlighted in the Staff Council newsletter and email reminders will be sent out. This event has been very successful the past few years, so there will be no major changes to the activities. This year, ATI would like to be involved in both FunFest and Day with the Staff. For FunFest, we will approximate 40-50 people from ATI. We will divide responsibilities between OARDC and ATI. Dave will ask the CFAES SAC about having ice cream to hand out. The winning Tug-of-War team will be given a pizza lunch, and second place will receive a small prize (i.e., candy). Below is a tentative list of responsibilities. Kelly will talk with ATI Staff Council about this. Everyone should be available at 10AM to help set up.

FOOD:

Ice cream—**Dave**

Watermelon—**Bryant**

Peanuts donated from Central FS—**Joe**

Pop and Water—**ATI??**

Hot Dogs/ Veggie dogs—**Mike**

Buns—**Susan**

Fixings (ketchup, mustard, relish)—**Susan**

Chips donated from Frito-Lay—**Laurel**

Hot dog grill and Roaster—**Kelly**

Extra roaster—**Betty**

****if you are responsible for a food please plan for the purchase, set up and serving of that item; remember to clear purchases with Bryant first****

OTHER STUFF:

Watermelon tanks—**Kelly**

Ice for watermelon from Fisher/Shisler—**ATI??**

Hand sanitizer—**Susan**

PA system and tables and benches—**Dave**

Prizes for Bingo, drawings, Jar contest, Tug of war, and jello contest—**Eileen**

Bingo—**Eileen**

Jello Eating Contest (Redi whip, bandanas, j-ello, plates, paper towels, for 8 people)—**ATI?**

Jar contest—**Laura**

Tug of war—**Mike**

Cornhole—**Eileen**

Emcee, and background music—**Dave**

Pictures—**Betty**

Soccer ball—**Laurel**

4 cones for soccer—**Kelly**

Day with the Staff

Kelly has spoken with Kim, ATI Staff Council Chair, and they are interested in participating in Day with the Staff as well. Kim will speak with Dr. Nameth about his participation. This year, we are staying with just the Dean and the Directors. Both ATI and OARDC participants will be pooled for Dr. Moser, while the campus participants will be separated for the two directors. The Council discussed how we could make this experience more enticing in hopes to increase the number of applicants. In the past, the number of applicants was very low, and Staff Council members were asked to personally find people within their departments to apply. Betty will ask past participants if they have suggestion on what could be done to make the experience better. The Council decided to redesign this event. The selected staff member will host the Administrator for morning refreshments with staff in his/her department. The staff member will then give a "tour" of the department and then show the Administrator what his/her work day entails. Staff Council will provide the morning refreshments and will also be available to help the participant facilitate the refreshment and tours. The focus will be on the selected staff member and other staff in the department. Betty will draft a description of the new "Day with the Staff" and will send it to the Council for review. Kelly will include this information in her "News from the Chair" article for the Summer newsletter. Betty will meet with the Administration Committee to finalize the details of the event, including advertisement and call for applicants.

New Business

There is no new business to report.

Next meeting date is July 9th, 1pm, Meeting House.

Adjourn

Patrick moved to adjourn the meeting, Cindy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Chapin, Secretary