

Minutes for the General Staff Organization
May 6, 2009

Linda Bale opened the Strawberry Shortcake social by welcoming everyone and introduced herself as the Academic Advisor in Nursing and the Interim Chair for the General Staff Organization. She gave a brief overview of how she became the interim chair, filling in after Mike Stokke left. The last couple of years have been hard ones between people leaving and the campus growing rather quickly.

The GSO puts on events as the holiday celebration along with a spring and fall gathering to keep people connected and have fun but in the last couple of years that hasn't happened. With new volunteers stepping up and willing to keep the GSO going it is an exciting time with a sense of renewal.

If you go to the website you can check out the web pages for the GSO and read the by-laws. It is according to those by-laws that elections were held for the office of vice-chair and secretary/treasurer. The new officers are Lisa Walker, chair; Elizabeth Fischtziur, vice-chair and Robyn Smidley secretary/treasurer.

Since there were a lot of new faces, Linda asked everyone to introduce themselves and say what department/program they are from and turned the event over to Lisa Walker.

Lisa thanked Linda for all her work and commitment and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. She then talked to the group and explained that each program and department should have a liaison to the GSO which will meet monthly and explore ideas for events, POD training and fundraising that is used to purchase food for different events.

Robyn will be sending a meeting notice to the different programs and departments asking for liaisons and setting up monthly meetings. We will welcome ideas and suggestions.

Announcements

The intercultural dinner and silent auction is this Saturday. Linda Bale put flyers around for people to check out some of the items for the auction. This is the 8th year so everyone please come!

Denise Rolins announced the Staff Appreciation will be held on Thursday, June 18th. This year's theme is "The Great Outdoors" that covers everything from Cavemen to present day. It will be noon-2pm at North Creek.

The annual 5k walk/run is on Saturday, May 15th starting at 9am. Registration opens at 8am.

Commencement is June 14th. Please see Lisa Walker if you would like to attend.

David Brown announced that we have 98% confirmed enrollees and Bothell is the fastest growing campus in the state and at least in the top fastest growing campuses in the nation.

The meeting was adjourned.