

# Minutes from the October 15, 2009 General Meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Jennifer Burley, Bob Hardie, Michele Brittany, and Michelle Hartman.

1. Jennifer Burley gave a welcome to all in attendance! (see list below). She also added a special thanks to Bruce from the Rock and for giving to us the free pizza! YEAH TO THE ROCK! Jennifer gave Bruce a thank you card from the board and a UWT t-shirt for all he has done for staff and UWT.

2. Michele Brittany gave introduction to a new staff member @ UWT.

- Maria Lamberton, Math Skills Instructor, TLC Department

3. Michelle Hartman announced this quarters (Autumn 2009) "Unsung Hero" recipient. This quarter, the award went to Dannah Madden. Julia Smith nominated her and the board agreed based on the following:

Dannah has led the SIS user training meetings for the past year because of her own desire and willingness to help staff become better. In turn, better staff are happy staff and happy staff impact students in a positive way. Dannah has not been tasked to undertake this project, for which she is so passionate. She does it because it is the right thing to do. Very few words need to be spoken about Dannah's positive impact on the staff and students. She isn't the typical "quiet" unsung hero, hence all the more reason we need to shout out and celebrate her!! Dannah deserved to be recognized for doing her part to make the lives of students better. In the end it makes the University look better to the community.

4. In Donna's absence, Michelle Hartman gave an update on SA funds. Currently the board has: \$883.73 in the bank. Michelle made the following announcement.... After last years bbq, the SA was almost negative in the hole and as a result of that, this year's bbq was cancelled due to low pre-sales and just not enough volunteers to pull it off. However, we were able to bounce back with the help of the UWT community and their generous donations (lavender sale, plant sale, personal donations). We want to say "Thank you" to everyone for getting behind the SA and bring us to this point to be able to do special projects. Thank you!!!

5. Bob Hardie announced that nominations for upcoming elections will be closed after today so if anyone has anyone to nominate they should get that in now so that there is time in the day for someone to second the nomination. We currently have two nominations for co-chair (Megan Bentley and Erica Coker) and two nominations for Secretary (Jeaneen Bougard and Renee Kapler). Voting will begin in the first part of November leaving time for a new member to be brought on board and be trained in their new position by those that are leaving.

6. Jennifer Burley discussed the current service project and reminded all that we have a cart available if there are any donations and thanked those that have donated. The deadline for donations is October 23rd! See Naarah McDonald, Linda Spence-Noyer, or any board member with your donations. Donations list can be found on the Staff Association's website (indicated below).

7. Other items discussed by staff:

a. Karin Dalesky said thank you for the pizza.

b. There was a reminder from Jennifer to remain positive especially among those we work with. With all that has gone on @ UWT and continues with work overload, etc. It's important to stick together and remain positive.

c. Dannah Madden asked if the SA knew about the upcoming review of the Chancellor and if staff would have a place in that process. The board members were uncertain but promised to look into it and get back to staff regarding this. Dannah felt it would be very important to collectively or individually have an input.

d. SA was asked what we use the funds for that is raised during things like the bbq or lavender sale, etc. We explained that we use it for future bbqs, purchasing extra items for our yearly service projects, we use it for our mentoring program (purchasing coffee cards from local coffee shops) to mentor new staff and treat them to a cup of coffee. We use the funds to award quarterly the new 'Unsung Hero', which includes certificates, gift card from local vendor and a balloon bouquet. We have also in the past used it to do staff valentine's cards and also to help in other areas needed like Professional Staff Development. Beth Jeffery said that maybe we can come up with different ideas for fund raisers and the board always welcomes new ideas.

8. Announcements of upcoming events to campus:

a. Classified Union Meetings will occur monthly (emails will be sent as reminders). They held their first one last night at the Harmon and it was a great success.

b. Knitters Sale is coming up on October 28-29th.

c. Pie Day will be in November (before Thanksgiving). Linda Gilbert thought it would be nice to make a special acknowledgement to Mike Allen for continuing this year after year. Everyone agreed that it was a GREAT idea and suggestions were forthcoming such as: A trophy (with a pie or cow pie on top); someone mentioned that he collects beer cans; another staff thought that an engraved ceramic pie pan would be a nice jester. The board asked everyone to put their caps on to come up with an idea and that the board would be happy to fund it depending on costs.

d. UW Tacoma's 2nd Annual Combined Fund Drive will begin on October 20th in the Phillip Hall from 11am - 2pm. Lots of opportunities to donate will take place...emails from Jo Enscoe have been sent out to all UWT members about the event.

Meeting concluded with everyone enjoying the pizza.

List of those in attendance: Michelle Hartman, Bob Hardie, Cynthia Riley Smith, Stacy Miller, Erica Coker, Laurie McKay, Heather Hucks, Marcie Pierson, Linda Gilbert, Valerie Mediate-Urevig, Dannah Madden, Linda Kachinsky, Anna Salyer, Brian Anderson, Beth Jeffrey, Karin Dalesky, Megan Bentley, Jennifer Burley, Jeaneen Bourard, Michele Brittany.