

**Southern Utah University's
Staff Association Minutes
September 19, 2002**

Call to Order by Dale at 3:04 P.M.

Dale excused Marlo Jensen from the meeting as he is out of town.

Motion made by Dale Orton to Approve August 1 Minutes seconded by Jill. Vote Unanimous.

Dale Orton welcomed our new Faculty Representative – Matt Barton

Josie Stilson gave a financial report indicating that we began the year with \$3,600 and spent a total of \$898.25 on the Opening Social and \$20 to the SUU greenhouse for a bereavement gift, we took in \$395 in ticket sales for the Social, leaving the total in the account at this point at \$3076.75.

Dale led a discussion of the University Strategic Goals Memo from President Bennion, indicating that if we want to have input on them we should e-mail our suggestions to him by Mon noon. Brian suggested that we propose an addition to goal 5 indicating that as the faculty and facilities grow, the staff grow proportionately. Matt suggested that perhaps it should be Objective 5.7. We will submit possible verbiage for such a suggestion to Dale by e-mail as indicated above.

Dale complimented those responsible for the Opening Social all those in attendance agreed that it was a successful and enjoyable event. Brian wished that we could find a way to get more participation so that more of the staff could enjoy the socials as we did. The issue of unity and encouraging all staff members to become involved is an ongoing one that the association is working on.

Cindy Mitchell led discussion regarding visits to the various departments. She wanted to know if we should meet with departments as a whole, or buildings. After discussion, Cindy motioned that we meet with staff members by building. Brian seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Our first meeting will be at a Plant meeting next Wed Sept 25, Dale, Nancy, Jill, and Brian will attend. We discussed topics to be ready to address and came up with several. Some of the things that we, as a Staff Association Board would like to learn more about are:

- What do you expect from the Staff Association
- For you to continue working for SUU what do you expect from your employer?
- What can be done to increase your involvement in SUU Staff Assoc activities.
- How do you feel about the benefits changes

We hope to get an assessment of how the staff feels about these and other topics to be able to better asses the needs of all of the staff, not just those on the board.

Dale discussed a memo from Diana Graff requesting a staff member serve on the SUU Press and Editorial Board. We decided that instead of just randomly selecting someone and

asking them to serve, we should ask for individuals with an interest let us know and we will select someone from that group. Nancy will meet with Jill to discuss getting the information on the website and will report back to Dale on the 27th.

Dale met with David Tanner and presented a new plan for the Parterre Staff Garden (French Garden with walkways). Plan reviewed and discussed. All agreed that the plan was a good one that will lower the required maintenance and help to increase the beauty of the area.

Dale proposed the need for a marker by the tree that was donated to the Staff Assoc Garden by an on campus department in the name of Ken Benson. Discussion determined that a plaque was not appropriate as there are no plaques on the other donated plants in the garden.

Nancy made a motion for Executive Session, Josie seconded the motion.

Adjournment at 4:05 P.M.