

## Professional Council Minutes

11/14/14

Attendees: Lauren Little, Larry Scott, Logan Halley, Matt Dilworth, Liz Ferris, Mary Mahank, Amy Jarecki, Kristan Kanorr, Patti Hicks, Chad Beanblossom and Cherie Dolehanty

Duretta Callahan joined us for the beginning of the meeting to announce the first of a series of events organized by Staff Council: Souperbasket, Dec. 5, from Noon to 1 pm. Stress-free basket making at the Den. The fee is \$10 and includes the basket materials and lunch. It is open to students as well. Duretta asked that people pay at Bursar and then send an RSVP email to her so that she can track numbers.

Matt Dilworth shared examples of the ornaments he's making this year, for sale as a fundraiser for Professional Council. They have a Rufus on one side and those who order may request a personal message on the back. After some discussion the group determined pricing (\$6 for one, \$5 each for 2 or more) and suggested edits for the promotional fliers and order forms. Amy agreed to staff a table selling the ornaments on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Coffee with the Chancellor and at the Thanksgiving luncheon. Chad will work a table on December 3<sup>rd</sup> during Campus Life's Relaxation Day in Springwood. The last date to order an ornament is December 18<sup>th</sup>. We thanked Matt for his gift of time and energy creating the ornaments. Proceeds will be allocated to campus and community outreach.

Chad announced that the Book sale earned \$107 this year.

Professional Council typically makes a donation to the food pantry this time of year. Chad had spoken with Deanna Cooper about specific needs prior to this meeting. Deanna suggested waiting for Christmas or the last week that students are here to purchase items for the pantry rather than doing so for Thanksgiving. Chad asked the group for suggestions for items. After discussion the group decided to go with whatever Deanna suggests, in December.

The group discussed adopting an Angel through IUE's Social Work program. It's time to commit to one now. Patti volunteered to select an Angel and shop for the items.

Cherie asked if Professional Council wanted to do anything in support of Kara Newman. The group discussed the way the fundraiser worked at the Homecoming game. Patti Hicks suggested something that had worked at a previous employer, "T-shirt Tuesday." Employees pay for the right to wear a t-shirt (perhaps the one from the Homecoming game, or other IU shirt) for the day. Patti agreed to check with Andrew Lenhardt about approval and/or issues around logistics. She will touch base with Chad about it.

Larry expressed a concern about IU East's ESL and international students. Larry shared a recent experience with a student who stated that his 15 minute conversation with Larry was the first time that he'd really talked with anyone on campus. We talked about potential resources on campus. Larry has talked with Campus Life about the possibility of initiating a student group. Lee Ann Adams and our School of Education were identified as specific resources for support.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.