

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEES' COMMITTEE

January 17, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman, Natalie Laurent, in the County Attorney's Office Law Library. Those in attendance were: Ruby Chandler (Library), Dana Cook (Tax Office), Cindy Hitchcock, (Sheriff's Dept.), Tracy Hutchison (Dist. Clerk), Shannon Jackson (Dist. Attorney), Roddy Martin (Risk Mgmt.), Michael McBride (Extension Service), Taylor Nichols (Forensics), Amy Ressler (Extension Serv.), Catherine St Clair (Purchasing) and Terri Strozier (Convention Ctr.) and Kimberly Sutton (Co. Judges Ofc.).

MINUTES: Natalie Laurent made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting, Tracy Hutchison seconded and all were in favor.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Old Business

Bags – They will be given out on Tuesdays during New Employee Orientation, Risk Management to handle.

Fall Tumbler Fundraiser - Natalie reported shipping issues as some employees thought the tumblers would be delivered to them. She advised to notify the employee in advance that the tumblers will need to be picked up. She also suggest that the company sort the cups for easier distribution and that the order form needs to list what department the employee works in along with their name. It was a successful fundraiser, one that we will definitely do again in the future.

New Business

Name of Group – Catherine St Clair made a motion to officially have our name Montgomery County Employees Committee with no apostrophe in it, Dana Cook seconded and all were in favor.

Logo/Banner – Natalie passed around our new logo design. (Attached) Tracy Hutchison made a motion to approve the new logo, Roddy Martin seconded and all were in favor.

2019 Fundraisers – Suggestions are: Catfish Festival, Tumblers, Garage Sale, Mother's/Father's Day Auction and a Jacket. Roddy, Terri & Michael will get quotes with the county Lone Star Logo embroidered on it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report – Tracy Hutchison reported a beginning balance of \$21,591.25 as of 1/17/19 with no deposit and no debits leaving an ending balance of \$21,591.25 with \$1,500 held in reserves for Scholarships. (Scholarship Recipients: Employees - Michelina Olivieri \$1,000, James Russel \$500), which leaves an available balance of \$20,091.25.

Recording Secretary – Terri reported the Service Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 2 pm in the Commissioners Courtroom. She also read a thank you card from Lindy Johnson, Montgomery County Foodbank, for the \$483 cash donation. "Lindy said "this amount has actually

turned into \$966 because of two companies match provided by Huntsman Corp & Quality Home Products. These funds were able to turn \$1 into \$5 meals, which provides 4,830 meals to our neighbors in need!" Cindy copied and will put on our Facebook page.

Secret Pal – Catherine St Clair reported she has 45 new participants this year, 75 total and 4 of them are men. She's working on pairing people closer to each other to help in the delivery process. There was discussion about Catherine purchasing the MESA Award out of her own pocket. Catherine said she does this because she doesn't participate and it makes her feel like a participant.

Social Media/Website – Cindy to look into a getting us a group distribution list to make it easier to email everyone.

Recognition Coordinator – Taylor reported she received 13 nominations for Employee of the Month this month. The winner will be presented on January 29th in Commissioners Court.

Social Secretary – Roddy reported he's received one card request.

Other Business – Amy Ressler with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service discussed the Walk Across Texas Community Challenge that will begin April 1st. Roddy asked if she had flyers, then we could put them in the new hire bags.

Scholarships & Cards – Natalie reported Heather Reyes will be a subcommittee member handling the scholarships for her and the cards for 2019 for Roddy.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Employees' Committee will be held Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Attorney Law Library.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Recorded by:

Terri Strogier