



**CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES'
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
1:34 p.m. ~ 2:12 p.m.
Dept. of Transportation Conference Room B
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington CT

Members Present

Joseph Duberek (*Emg. Mgmt & Hmd. Sec.*)
Martha Gallagher (*Admin. Services*)
Peggy Gray, *VICE CHAIR (Comptroller)*
Bryan Gunning (*Environmental Protection*)
Claudia Helfgott (*Banking*)

Marilyn Kaika (*Transportation Dept.*)
Charles Kistler (*State Retiree*)
Tim Newton, *CHAIR (Correction)*
Christina Taylor (*Legislative Management*)
Lt. J. Paul Vance (*Public Safety*)

Members Absent/Excused

Richard Emonds (*CT Culture & Tourism*)
Burt Gold (*State Retiree*)
Kathleen Gensheimer (*Judicial*)

Ina Wilson (*Education*)
Denise Worster (*Labor*)

Federation Representatives

Debra Hutchins (*Earth Share NY*)
Steve Kirck (*Community Health Charities*)

Ann Pean (*CT United Ways*)

Campaign Staff Present

Jan Gwudz (*Campaign Director*)

Joyce LeBaron (*Campaign Coordinator*)

Meeting Called to Order – Tim Newton

Tim Newton called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Tim Newton stated that his position is Governor-appointed. He offered that even if not reappointed by the new administration, he would be willing to assist the Committee by answering questions at any time.

Review of September 21, 2010 Meeting Summary – Tim Newton

A motion was presented and unanimously passed to accept the September 21, 2010 meeting summary.

Formation of Nominating Committee – Tim Newton

The Nominating Committee will be comprised of the following Committee members: Marilyn Kaika, Bryan Gunning, and Kathleen Gensheimer. Nominating may be done via email and telephone.

Campaign Update – Jan Gwudz

Jan Gwudz reported:

- Donations from Retirees total \$44,890.00
- Tim Newton commented that he received four calls from persons looking to donate through payroll deduction. Jan Gwudz explained that there is no provision for payroll deduction from Retiree checks in the Fall. She, too, has received similar calls and questions. Per Peggy Gray’s suggestion, with the appointment of a new Comptroller, it would be beneficial to meet with the new appointee to review the current policy.
- The Fall donation will be distributed in the November pension check and will be on a yellow form.
- Jan reported that in comparison, the total for Retiree donations in 2009 was \$54,575, therefore the amount received so far, considering it does not include any of the Fall donations, looks like it will reach or even surpass last years’ total.
- Campaign contributions are very slow. Perhaps this is due to the political climate with employees being concerned about job stability with the new administration and the faltering economy. Hopefully, after Governor-elect Malloy takes office, the Campaign will experience more activity.

- The BJs promotion is being offered again in November and we already have 181 applicants after only one week.
- Jan asked how many Directories should be printed for the 2011 Campaign. A discussion ensued regarding Campaign materials online versus hardcopies. Examples of conversations both pro and con were given. Some agencies have ready access to computers whereas others do not. Some employees are more “tech savvy” than others and those that are not are skeptical of “on-line” pledging. Additionally, Connecticut does not really offer “on-line” pledging because of the issue of creating a secure on-line signature. The Campaign only offers the materials on-line that then may be printed out, thus saving printing costs to the Campaign. After this discussion, it was decided that 40,000 books should be printed for the 2011 Campaign.

Campaign Updates Agency-wide– Tim Newton & Committee

Tim Newton: DOC is up to \$50,000

Martha Gallagher: DAS Golf tourney -- \$520, Donations --- \$4,175, Vendor sales --- \$301

Bryan Gunning: DEP Dunkin Donuts event --- \$824, Book Sale --- \$300, silent auction will be coming up soon, regular donations are at about \$22,000 but their goal is \$65,000. His agency is working on a State Proclamation in recognition of the Campaign support given by Dunkin Donuts.

Individual Reports – Tim Newton

Debra Hutchins of Earth Share said that she was disappointed about not being able to get in to speak at various agencies.

Ann Pean discussed that she is plugging away at both the State and the Federal Campaigns. United Way’s focus is on health and education and they have 81 organizations only.

Steve Kirck presented an idea to enlarge the campaign donor base by increasing the number of charities allowed in the Campaign. He asked about opening up the State Regulations to change the criteria so that individual charities might be given the option to apply for participation in future campaigns. Peggy Gray stated that if he wished, an appointment could be made with the new Comptroller and legal council to discuss this issue.

Tim said that, if necessary, a working session to discuss opening the application process to individual charities can be held during the February 2011 meeting.

Debra Hutchins then asked who the Committee’s governing body is and to whom does the Committee report? Peggy responded by explaining that it is the State Comptroller.

Bryan asked how an organization is able to participate in the Campaign. Several answered him with the following information:

1. An agency must go through a Federation;
2. It has to meet all of the criteria;
3. Some criteria can depend upon the individual Federation.

A question was posed about what constitutes a quorum...the answer is that persons must physically be at the meeting. It was learned that Denise Worster is out of work on medical leave, thus explaining the reason why she has not been able to attend meetings.

Next Meeting & Adjournment – Tim Newton

The next meeting will be held on December 14, 2010, at the Dept of Labor.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING:

DATE: Tuesday, **December 14, 2010**

TIME: **1:30 p.m.**

PLACE: **Dept. of Labor, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.**

(Respectfully submitted by Joyce LeBaron)