

CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES'
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

MDC Center
Maxim Road Hartford, CT
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Members Present

Carlos Bonilla (*DCF*)
Martha Gallagher (*Admin. Services*)
Burt Gold (*State Retiree*)
Peggy Gray, *VICE CHAIR (Comptroller)*
Bryan Gunning (*Environmental Protection*)

Claudia Helfgott (*Banking*)
Charles Kistler (*State Retiree*)
Tim Newton *CHAIR (Correction)*
Christina Taylor (*Legislative Management*)
Ina Wilson (*Education*)

Members Absent/Excused

Joseph Duberek (*Emer. Mgmt & Homeland Sec*)
Richard Emonds (*CT Culture & Tourism*)

Kathleen Gensheimer (*Judicial*)
Lt. J. Paul Vance (*Public Safety*)

Federation Representatives

Steve Kirck (*Community Health Charities*)
Gary Kozak (*Community Health Charities*)

Ann Pean (*United Way*)
Judy Weinstein (*Greater Hartford Arts*)

Campaign Staff

Jan Gwudz (*Director*)

Joyce LeBaron (*Coordinator*)

Meeting Called to Order – Tim Newton

Tim Newton called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Review of June 14, 2011 Meeting Summary – Tim Newton

A motion was presented and unanimously passed to accept the minutes as presented.

DEEP Visit – Bryan Gunning

Bryan Gunning reported on the CSEC visit with DEEP Commissioner Daniel Esty and Chief of Staff, Robert Klee who were very supportive of the Campaign. Commissioner Esty wants to support the Campaign by encouraging increased participation. To that end, the Commissioner and the DEEP Campaign staff have planned Campaign Kick-Off events, one of which happened the morning of September 13 and another is planned for those in the New Britain office on September 15.

Campaign Update–Jan Gwudz

Jan Gwudz reported:

- Loaned Employees--for the 2011 Campaign, there are 7 LEs, 5 of whom met earlier this morning (Tuesday, September 13). Jan asked for any suggestions for an LE in the Middletown area.
- Café 24 is working out very well for storage, packaging and distribution of Campaign materials as it is centrally located, it is easy for Agency representatives to find and access, and there is plenty of space for the Campaign staff to work in.
- Retiree contributions---84 donated \$29,484. One-time gifts total \$14,734, for a grand total of \$44,218.
- Jan requested suggestions for creative ways to reach out to the retirees now that we can no longer

include a flyer in mailed advisements, since there won't be any more. Peggy Gray offered to get the disk of addresses for the Campaign staff. With this information, we can do a mass emailing. Bryan asks if there is anything that goes out to all retirees. The answer is that only health related materials are mailed.

- BJ's report: More than \$1,730 will be received from sales of BJ's memberships.

Discussion about agency coordinator appointments —Jan Gwudz

Jan Gwudz reported that to date neither Dept. of Transportation nor Dept. of Social Services has responded to requests for the appointments of coordinators. Requests have been made since June. Assigned coordinators are essential to the Campaign as these are two of the largest agencies. Peggy and Tim will follow up on this issue. Peggy suggested getting the Governor on board; the Commissioners will follow. Jan will also work on the States' Attorney's Office. There has been some concern regarding approval of dress down days at the Labor Dept. Commissioner Rehmer does not feel comfortable about calling the Labor Commissioner. Jan will give Peggy a list (of problem areas) to give to Nancy Wyman.

The Dept. of Public Safety has received a donation of two truck-loads of Crystal Springs bottled water and is willing to give some of it to the Campaign. It was suggested that the water be sold for \$1 a bottle at the annual soccer match.

Other Business – Tim Newton

Tim Newton asked each present, in turn, for other business:

Committee & Staff Comments: Ina Wilson said that her agency will have a new Commissioner as of October 1 and she will speak to him about the Campaign.

Tim stated that the Dept. of Correction's campaign will begin on September 16.

Jan reported that the Coordinator trainings went well; many plan to use the "\$1 per period" approach.

Charlie Kistler asked what the 2011 goal was. Peggy and Jan answered that the goal is \$1.8M.

Federation Comments: Gary Kozak offered kudos to Jan and Joyce for their work. He also mentioned people's health needs still grow and cited a fact about the preponderance of Alzheimer's disease by 2050.

Tim reminded all that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. This was to conclude the meeting, adjourning at 2:10 p.m. However, at this point, a motion for the meeting to go into Executive Session was called.

The meeting was recalled at 2:28pm. A motion was made by Peggy for the amount of \$10,321.54 to be disbursed into the 2010 undesignated Campaign funds.

A motion was made to adjourn at 2:32pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
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(Respectfully submitted by Joyce LeBaron)