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**CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES CAMPAIGN  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**

Office of the State Comptroller

3rd floor, Conference Room F

55 Elm Street, Hartford CT

1:30 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

**Members Present**

Cindy Cannata (Freedom of Information Commission)

Valerie Clark (Office of Policy & Management)

Kathleen Gensheimer (Judicial Branch)

Charles Kistler (State Retiree)

Ina Wilson (Department of Education)

Tim Newton (Department of Correction) – CHAIR

**Members Absent**

Peggy Gray (Comptroller's Office) – VICE CHAIR

**Campaign Manager**

Kelli Byrd (United Way of Central and Northeastern CT)

**Federation Representative**

Delores Wisdom – CT Food Bank

**Guest**

John Rasimas (Auditor of Public Accounts) – Tennis Tournament Coordinator

**Meeting Called to Order / Minuets Review – Tim Newton**

Tim Newton, CHAIR, called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

All approved - Minuets accepted.

**Overview of Tennis Tournament – John Rasimas**

Kelli making sure we are matching up. It was very successful with a little rain. Yale let the CSEC use indoor courts. 90 respondents mostly satisfied with the event based on SurveyMonkey results. There were comments on how we use the pro-sets which was constructive feedback. Numbers: \$16k and change. Entry fees were \$100 less  $\frac{3}{4}$  players.

- Largest Sponsor – Kallet Family – which was \$500 less than previous year
- New Sponsors (they get logo on the back of the t-shirt) – Charlie Kistler was a new sponsor.
- T-Shirts were made by Campus Customs – Tim and John will send thank you's.
- Looking forward to next year – YALE already on aboard
- Expense side similar

- Lime Shore is looking for the \$300 reimbursement. Kelli will work on that with the UW finance team.
- The net for this year was somewhere around \$10K.

This year we added the political match. Secretary of the State Denise W. Merrill, Senator Beth Bye, and Comptroller Kevin Lembo attended.

### **Campaign Update – Kelli Byrd**

There was a motion to accept committee dates.

#### Campaign Status

- Current Contributions: \$44,623 (4.46%)
- Current Participation: 225 respondents of 55106 employees (0.41%)

#### Agency Kickoff Meetings

- Kelli shared the latest information pertaining to kickoff meetings within the agencies.

#### Commissioner's Breakfast

- Date: Tuesday, October 16th
- Time: 8:30 am – 10:00 am
- Location: Old Judiciary Room at the State Capitol Building.
- Kelli explained the Private Dining Room is not available.
- Food: Catered by Lessings
- Packet: Kelli will provide a packet for all attending. Will send tomorrow for committee's approval.
- Speakers:
  - CSEC Statewide Chair: Kevin Lembo
  - CSEC Chair, Tim Newton
  - CSEC Chair, Peggy Gray
  - Loaned Employee: Kim Benoit
  - Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner: DCP's Deputy Commissioner Karen Perham-Lippman

#### Additional suggestions from the committee:

- Central Connecticut State University College has a new president Dr. Torro Zulma who is big on social – Kelli to reach out to her.
- Reach out to Cepelec – DOC
- Suggestion to have a list of the previous year's fundraisers number's contribution numbers for the commissioners to see.
- Food items should be donated to homeless shelter.

#### Club 26

- Kelli suggested promoting DEEP's Club26 program state wide since this year marks year 26.

#### End of Campaign Recognitions

- Committee reviewed and approved the new award titles. There was an addition to add top technical school and top college/university.

### **Roundtable – Committee**

Charlie

- UConn has everything they need.
- Medical Examiners have their materials and he will check back with them.
- Tunxis CC – has a new coordinator. Kelli/Charlie will connect with her.
- Retiree – payroll deduction email blast

Cindy

- FOI's campaign is kicking off this week.
- Workers compensation is working and the coordinator, Wanda is picking up envelopes.

Julie

- Gave Kelli DAS's first envelope today in the meeting.
- Discussed a combination fundraiser with Ina Wilson. Ina mentioned having hotdogs and hamburgers as food items.

Ina

- Thinking of having a chili cookoff in their conference room in January to tie with the super bowl.

Val

- Mentioned there is a new coordinator for her agency.

### **Roundtable – Federations**

- Delores asked if coordinators will reach out to them. Kelli mentioned the coordinators at the state agencies will reach out to her regarding events and then she reaches out to the federations who then reaches out to their member charities.
- Kelli will send Delores information about breakfast, so she can attend and speak.

### **Other Business – Kathleen Gensheimer**

Tim had to leave the meeting due to a doctor's appointment. Kathleen continued with the meeting,

It was asked for the committee meeting in February be moved to the following Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. All agreed. Kelli will send an updated meeting schedule.

For pledge cards that come in after December 5<sup>th</sup> for payroll deduction, we will go with the whole dollar amount, per pay period once turned in. Committee agreed.

### **Meeting Adjournment — Tim Newton**

A motion was presented, second, and accepted to end the meeting at 2:35pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

*(Respectfully submitted by CSEC Partnership Manager, Kelli Byrd)*