Professional Council Minutes
09/12/14

Attendees: Sarah Soper, Eleni Siatra, Martina Chomel, Patti Hicks, Larry Scott, Lauren Little, Logan Halley, Teresa Price, Matthew Dilworth, Michael Scott, Liz Ferris, Chad Beanblossom, Carla Bowen, Kara Newman, and Kyle Wright

Chad opened the first meeting of the year with a welcome to the new Professional Staff Council and IU East employees followed by a quick round of introductions for everyone.

In review of the agenda Chad emailed earlier in the day, he advised that in the future a call for items will go out to the group approximately one week before the meeting and that he will then try to have an agenda out to everyone 24 hours before the meeting so that attendance plans may be made.

Larry asked about the overall council history and mission. Discussion centered on the group being a great avenue to present information, idea sharing and to garner input for larger IU East and IU projects that impact all of us. Additionally, there are times for professional development and orienting new staff to the campus and community.

October 8, 2014 will be the annual book sale to be held in the Whitewater Hall Lobby. If you would like to look at what items will be available, please refer to; https://www.booksarefun.com

Chad asked for some feedback on both fundraising and support options. A few ideas are listed below, but if you have others please send them to Chad:

**Fundraising-**
- Chili cook-off
- Jeans/IUE shirt day
- Cookie exchange
- Personalized ornaments

**Support-**
- Food pantry
- Angel Tree

Liz updated the group on the Professional Clothing Store. You may drop off donations in either Whitewater 116 or the 3rd floor of Tom Raper in the School of Education offices. Donations should be brought in by Thursday the 18th and the store will be open in the Campus Life Conference Room on the 22nd from 8:30am until 6pm and again on the 23rd from 8:30am until 3pm. Any student may stop in, including those from Ivy Tech and Purdue, so please let your students know especially if they have interviews and/or internships coming up.

Liz also advised that Career Services tool has switched from Optimal Resume to Career Link and that it is up and available through the website.

Martina let the group know that The DEN will be switching to its fall menu shortly and as always if you have suggested please let them know.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43.