MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEES' COMMITTEE January 11, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:08p.m. by Vice Chairman, Jamie Meinkowsky. Those in attendance were: Alicia Martinez (Extension), Karen Faulkner (Library), Lindy Garner (Budget), Jade Olivier (Comm. Pct. 3), Ken Washington (MCCO 3) & Jenni Adams (Conv. Center).

WELCOME: Jamie welcomed new members & introductions were made.

MINUTES: No minutes from November meeting; will read & approve at February meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report – Actual available balance \$16,562.66. We have not received the invoice for the catering from the Christmas Luncheon from Spectrum. A check for \$1,431.52 was given to the Montgomery County Food Bank. Still one outstanding for Victoria Hill that was written last year in August. Motion to approve by Jenni, seconded by Ken. Approved.

Secret Pal – 41 participants this year; people are already sending gifts.

Social Secretary - No report.

Social Media - No report.

Recognition Subcommittee – Only 1 applicant for January therefore Davin Hilsgin with Building Maintenance selected as EOM for January & will be presented in court on January 23, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Luncheon: Lots of good feedback on how things went this year. We stayed on time & left employees enough time to return to their offices; food was good; door prizes went well.

Christmas Contests: Lots of great submissions! All winners have been notified & sent their gift cards.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Decide what sub-committees to enact, keep or end. There was a unanimous vote to keep the subcommittee. It really helped narrow down the submissions on scholarships & employee of the month awards. The only draw back is it's hard to meet with the turn around being so quick, but can meet via Teams. Holly Ortiz has stepped down from the committee; Michelle Kovacs is no longer on the committee. Jade Olivier & Karen Faulkner have volunteered to fill the 2 empty vacancies on the sub-committee.
- b. Consider & set budget for 2024 Deferred to February meeting
- c. Jacket fundraiser ending on January 26th so far only have 10 orders.
- d. Consider ideas & events for employees for the year. Will discuss more at February meeting.
- e. **Begin planning annual service award ceremony** Jamie has list from Human Resources; we will order necessary pins once list is sorted; date selected as April 25, 2024.

Miscellaneous: Alicia discussed Walk Across Texas will be starting March 4th this year. Will be getting on the agenda for Commissioners Court for February 20th. Any committee members are welcome to attend to show support, especially those who have participated previously.

Door Prize – Brought by Jamie (gift card to Chipotle). Won by Lindy. We will pass the sign up for the remainder of the year. Jenni will bring gift to February Meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Employees' Committee will be held Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Judge's Office (conference room).

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jamie, seconded by Jenni. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Recorded by:

Jenni Adams

Recording Secretary