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**Illinois State University Civil Service Council (CSC) Meeting October 15, 2013**

**Present:** Lois Soeldner, Jean Darnall, Amy Witzig, Glen Dawson, Kathleen Webster, Dara Gibson, Bob Blythe, Jacob DeGeal, Diana Weekes, Amanda Smith, and Maureen Peel

**Ex-Officio:** Colette Homan

**Guests:** Troy Ziegler, Jean Ann Dargatz, and Jan Cook

**Not Present:** Carol Pfoff, Capri Gonzalez, Diana Nelson, Rick Marr

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The meeting was called to order by Lois Soeldner.

Jean Ann Dargatz gave a report of the recent SURSMAC meeting she attended. Among the items she shared:

- ..Nothing has been decided in the legislature. Civil service employees should contact their legislators to share their thoughts.
- ..Health Alliance is no longer an option for retirees, but Health Alliance can appeal.
- ..SURS doing a good job with investments.
- ..SURSMAC director is encouraging better communication among members and staff.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013, meeting was made by Kathleen Webster and seconded by Bob Blythe.

Treasurer Maureen Peel distributed and discussed the first quarterly report for FY14.

In her chair comments, Lois noted that everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner with the President. She also stated she has been contacted by someone, other than a council member, who would like to nominate an individual for the Esprit de Corps award. She has looked into the matter and can't find any requirement that the nomination must be made by a council members. Colette Homan, who processes this award through Human Resources, stated she will send Lois a list of the rules and qualifications re this award. To her knowledge she doesn't believe the nominating person must be a Civil Service Council member.

The OpenLine deadline is October 31.

Troy Ziegler, director of McLean County Toys for Tots, spoke about this year's collection program. He stated that all gifts received are distributed to McLean County families. Gifts are collected for infants through eighteen. Last year ISU donated 787 toys. Troy would like to

distribute boxes around November 1. The deadline for collecting toys is December 18. Lois indicated the matter would be discussed by the committee.

Colette Homan reported there is an article in the Report re domestic partner benefits.

There was no report for EAC.

Jan Cook stated there is no committee report yet from Springfield.

Maureen asked that any raffle money collected be turned in to her.

Shopping trip—no report.

Amy Witzig reported there will be no free pictures with Santa at this year's holiday party. Instead, individuals can take pictures with their own cameras, or they may purchase a package from the photographer. This change will be advertised.

Lois stated the Krispy Kreme doughnut sale will be October 31. Orders can be placed ahead of that date. She has received approval for use of the Quad and has arranged for a table and chairs. We will need to pay for the doughnuts ahead of time so it is important that we sell all of them. Both civil service and AP employees will be working this event. Orders can be sent to Kathleen Webster. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between Civil Service and AP Councils.

Jean Darnall stated the Bone Student Center is participating in the GIVE campaign. Individuals are asked to take gently used warm jackets, hats, mittens, and scarves to his office before Friday. These items will be distributed through the Salvation Army to children and adults.

Our next meeting will be held on November 5 in the Third Floor Lounge. Three guests will discuss IT strategies.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Darnall and seconded by Amy Witzig.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Peel