

February 23, 2006
Spokane minutes

FOOD & DRINK

Coffee & Punch

Thank you to Washington State Employees Federal Credit Union, the committee decided that \$100 should be enough to cover sugar, creamer, cups, plates, forks, and napkins. (Patty e-mailed Starla and asked her to make the check out to Karolyn Holland.) The group will shop for the above listed items once the check is received. The committee also said it was fine for WSECU to put up a little sign at the refreshment table that states, "Coffee provided by WSECU".

Karolyn said that she will let Fred, who is providing the cake for our event, know that he can also put a sign up @ the cake table. We will also mention in the pamphlet who is providing the cake and refreshments.

INVITATIONS

Deadline to have them out - March 2006

The group decided to contact Chana after our visit to the Airway Heights facility on March 9, 2006 to clarify items listed on the attached spreadsheet titled, "Items to Discuss with Chana". Karolyn will try to arrange a teleconference with her after our walk through the facility.

EXTRA MILE AWARD CERTIFICATES

The Olympia PSRW Committee will meet on March 29, 2006 to make the final selections for the Extra Mile Award—the winners will include the top 10 – 15 nominees. They will notify us if we have any winners in our area. They will also provide us with the certificate and letter from Sam Reed, Secretary of State, for any winners we may have.

The group discussed whether we might have any Extra Mile Award nominees. Dept. of Corrections has nominated four (4) from Airway Heights, and the Gambling Commission has nominated one (1).

It was also discussed that in the last Olympia PSRW Committee meeting minutes, it was stated that none of the committees will be notified of any "nominees" for their area until "after" all the PSRW events are completed (so there isn't any confusion between

“nominees” and “winners”). The Spokane Committee decided at our first meeting that we would like to acknowledge the nominees at our event (just in case we don’t have any winners). We will discuss this with Chana at our next meeting if she’s available. We would like to get the nominee names prior to our event if Chana Okays it. **This will be considered area-by-area-basis only. Especially those smaller and outside the greater Puget Sound area.**

LONGEVITY AWARD

The Olympia PSRW Committee received a list of employees from DOP and is currently going through the names—so far, there’s one employee with 45 years of service from the Vancouver area.

We will recognize everyone over 35 years’ service, so we could have Longevity Award winners at the Spokane event. We are waiting on the list from Chana and will ask her what the timeline is once we speak with her. **Please be in touch with the Longevity Committee for information regarding Longevity.**

COLORING CONTEST – Theme: “Public Employees – at your Service”

According to the Olympia Committee, the Graphics Dept. of the Lottery Commission is working on the pictures for this year’s event, and they are almost complete. Pre-K – 1st graders will color a picture depicting State of Washington symbols--flower, bird, insects, etc. The 2nd – 6th graders will color a picture showing public service workers performing their job. Middle – HS will get a blank sheet to create their own poster & write an explanation of their drawing on the back.

There was some clarification needed on the process for the coloring contest—how the pictures are distributed, how the contestants enter, and what happens to the pictures once they’ve been judged.

The Productivity Board (PB) apparently distributes the pictures to State agencies; there are instructions on them to have kids color them then send them to Chana at the address provided. The pictures will be judged by the PB, and Chana will notify the winners. Once they are notified, Chana will send the pictures to us with the ribbons attached. We then display them at our event. **PB does not judge or handle the posters in any way. Please be in contact with the Poster Committee for the previous questions.**

For the Olympia event, their pictures will be displayed at “Art Walk”. This gives kids an opportunity to view their pictures in public. Patty suggested that for the Spokane pictures, we could ask the WSECU if they would display the pictures (after the event) at some of the local credit unions. Patty will e-mail Starla from WSECU if that would be possible.

There was discussion that in years past, the word didn’t get out through the HR departments to enough agencies, so there was very little participation, and most

employees didn't even know about the contest. The committee decided that each of us will be sure the pictures and instructions are distributed to staff in our agencies and as widely as possible to others. Patty will be sure all booth participants get copies and ask that they get the word out to their staff.

SPOKANE INDIANS' BASEBALL

Gary met with Brian, the Promotions Manager of the Spokane Indians Baseball team, on Feb 15. He gave us the list of dates available for us to pick from for the State Employees' Night @ the ball game. Gary asked the committee if the same seating arrangements would be good. He handed out the seating chart and showed us the section we selected last year (1st base side next to the Grotto where the batting cage is). The group agreed that that was good. We also selected the game on Friday, July 14, 2006 @ 6:30 p.m. The Spokane Indians will play the Everett AquaSox that night. It is "Napa \$1 Family Feast" night; so hot dogs, ice cream, & soda will only be a buck. Otto, the Indian's Mascot, will also be there. Patty wondered if we could have a payday flyer sent out by Productivity Board announcing the Indians' game in Spokane (they are apparently doing it for the Mariners' game on May 6). Gary cautioned that extra events aren't sanctioned by the Productivity Board or PSRW, so we want to avoid any appearance of that.

Gary will e-mail Brian to reserve our seats. Brian will put everything together for us (including doing a flyer announcing the event) and send Gary a link so employees can order their tickets on-line or through the mail if they prefer. Patty will send the link to all the State agencies & those participating in the Spokane event. Last year Brian said we had 170 state employees attend. Hopefully, we can exceed that this year!

We discussed some options for who would throw out the 1st pitch. We came up with three ideas--the Longevity winner (if we have one), Extra Mile winner, or Gary's twins who are turning 13.

NEXT MEETING – March 9, 2006

Location: Airway Heights Visitors' Center

TIME: 3 – 4 P.M.

Carpool: Those who are carpooling meet @ N. 901 Monroe, Suite 240

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 4:20 P.M.