**Staff Council Debrief – September 11, 2012**

Chair Marilyn McKinney presided with Chair-elect Sue Koehler and Secretary Jan Holmes assisting. Marilyn made a charge to Staff Council members – “What it means to be on Staff Council.” Pam Parshall took prayer requests and then led the group in prayer. Judge Ken Starr was a guest for the first meeting of the fall semester.

**General and committee reports were presented:**
Julie Stahl, chair of the *Endowed Scholarship Fund Committee*, reported that as of May, 2012, Staff Council met their goal of $25,000. The first $1,000 scholarship was awarded to a freshman English major from Lorena, Texas.

*Service Project Committee* member Dominque Hill reported that the committee would like input for possible Service Projects. The four options are Family Abuse Center, Mosaic, Boys & Girls Club and Kids and Co. The fall project will be a three year commitment to build relationships between Baylor and the organization.

*Spirit Shirts Committee* chair, RickMattocks, reported that the committee has met one time and they will need volunteers for try-on day. There will be a link to donate to the Staff Council Scholarship fund on the spirit shirt order form.

*STEPP Committee* chair, Diane Haun, reported that the next STEPP luncheon is Monday, October 8 with Dr. Blaine McCormick. I.D.’s will be scanned to record attendance so everyone needs to bring their I.D. cards. You may also sign up for the remaining two STEPP luncheons at the same time. February 19th and April 17th. Sign up at: [www.baylor.edu/staffcouncil](http://www.baylor.edu/staffcouncil) (in the Staff Resources tab)

*Website Development Committee* chair, Eric Ames, reported that the website was updated during the summer and may be viewed at [http://www.baylor.edu/staffcouncil/](http://www.baylor.edu/staffcouncil/)

*WOW Presentations* chairperson, Eric Ames, reported that WOW takes place every two weeks and Mary Reinhardt will be his back-up.

*Campus Diversity* chair, Julie Stelley, gave the September 20th date for the new faculty/staff reception from 3-5 pm at the North Village Community Room. The 2012 Diversity Award was presented to Dr. Mia Moody-Ramirez at the recent Fall Faculty meeting. One grant application was reviewed from “Be the Change Mission Conference.”
University Sustainability Committee representative, Lori Fogleman, reported that Baylor is on track to reach 400 tons of recycling by August. Energy savings have more than doubled over the past year. A new sprinkler system is installed which is projected to save 25 to 33 percent in costs year round. Baylor is now a styrofoam-free campus and Baylor’s Community Garden is expected to be certified this fall by the State of Texas as an Organic Garden and will be able to harvest herbs for use by Meals on Wheels. There are new water fountains in Moody Library and the SUB where you can refill water bottles. The university is implementing a Bike Share program and Lori reported that move-in was very successful with more than 70 volunteers working with the recycling effort. They collected more than 12.5 tons of recyclables and have a diversion rate of 26 percent.

United Way Campaign – The new United Way pledge form was handed out to members. An easy way to donate is located on the Staff Council website.

Parking – Marilyn McKinney reported that there are new student parking permits which will be placed inside the front window of the cars much like oil change stickers. Parking Services will consider offering Faculty and Staff new parking permits in the future.

I.D. cards – new Baylor I.D. cards will be distributed to faculty/staff, spouse cards (with no photo), students and auxiliary. Everyone is required to have a new photo.

Student Government Legislative Proposal on the Education Affordability Act was presented by parliamentarian, Gary Stokes. Gary read a reply from Staff Council. A unanimous vote was received to support the proposal from Student Government.

Community Engagement Committee representative, Mary Reinhardt, reported that she is serving on this committee which is looking into ways various areas on campus can coordinate service projects.

The following was reported by Marilyn McKinney:

Outstanding Staff Awards Committee – a committee has been formed and will begin meeting in November.

Dining Services Consultation – several Staff Council members met with a consultant to evaluate dining services on campus and discuss ideas for improvement.

Master Calendar Project – Kris Krause, Chair – exploring ways to
make the university online calendar easier to use and a more complete and useful planning tool.

*Early Warning System for First Generation Students* – Sinda Vanderpool is working with others to enhance this retention program.

*Veteran Educational and Transition Services (VETS)* – Janet Bagby is working with student veterans on campus to build community amongst themselves and with others on campus.