

**CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES' CAMPAIGN  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

Office of the State Comptroller, 3rd floor, Conference Room F  
55 Elm Street, Hartford  
1:35 p.m. – 2:31 p.m.

**Members Present**

Cindy Cannata (*OGA/FOI*)  
Martha Gallagher (*Admin. Services*)  
Kathleen Gensheimer (*Judicial*)  
Bryan Gunning (*DEEP*)

Claudia Helfgott (*Banking*)  
Charles Kistler (*State Retiree*)  
Tim Newton *CHAIR* (*Correction*)

**Members Excused**

Joseph Duberek (*Emergency Ser. & Public Protection*)  
Peggy Gray, *VICE CHAIR* (*Comptroller*)  
Jacqueline Henry Rafiq (*Transportation*)

Sheila Hummel (*DECD*)  
Christina Taylor (*Legislative Management*)  
Ina Wilson (*Education*)

**Federation Representatives**

Laura McLelland (*GHAC*)

Ann Pean (*UW*)

**Campaign Staff**

Jan Gwudz (*Director*)

Joyce LeBaron (*Coordinator*)

**Meeting Called to Order – Tim Newton**

Committee Chair Tim Newton called the meeting to order at 1:37p.m. A quorum was reached.

**Review of Sept 2012 Meeting Summary – Tim Newton**

A motion was presented and unanimously passed to accept the October 16, 2012 minutes as presented.

**Nominating Committee – Tim Newton**

Kathleen Gensheimer, Jacqueline Henry-Rafiq and Charlie Kistler have been assigned to the Nominating Committee and will give a report on December 11, 2012.

**Campaign Update– Jan Gwudz**

- The Commissioners' Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 at the Capitol. A call went out for Committee members to attend as representatives of the Campaign Committee. At the event, Jan said that Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners/Agency representatives may be asked to talk about what they've done to promote the campaign. In general, ideas were put forth with the goal of generating conversation and enthusiasm among the attendees.
- To date, \$280,948 has been raised for the 2012 Campaign. This is \$34,000 less than last year at this time.
- Regarding the Kick-Off event in Bushnell park: Though there was a low attendance, the comments were favorable, the charities were very supportive, and the Jackson Pollock-style tetrptych will be presented to the Comptroller's Office.
- The BJs offer still remains very popular; this nets the Campaign close to \$10,000 annually.
- Discussion ensued regarding Sam's Club and Costco. Jan will research their offers and report back to the committee.

- The proposed schedule for 2013 Committee meetings was accepted with one modification to hold the meeting on February 19, instead of the suggested date, due to a holiday.

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#### **Round Table comments —Tim Newton**

- Claudia reported that Banking will be holding an auction and already had a successful breakfast.
- Martha informed the committee that \$1,425 was raised at the DAS golf tournament.
- Bryan stated that DEEP's bowling event and the silent auction were wildly successful.
- Cindy communicated that Auditors are no longer allowed to participate in the "Dress Down" which had been quite popular in the past.
- Tim said that it looked like DOC would generate over \$100,000 and was eager to surpass UCONN's contribution total. Also, he mentioned that many at DOC shop at Costco a lot.
- Ann Pean asked for support and to remember those affected by Hurricane Sandy and reminded all about the work of the Red Cross because these emergency situations are becoming more common.
- Laura McLelland expressed thanks for support of the Bushnell Park event and mentioned a roster of free events.
- Cindy reported that Jan and Joyce had met with David Guay, Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability. Mr. Guay personally handed out the campaign materials to those with whom he works. This was deemed a very productive meeting.
- Claudia spoke of the email complaint received about a particular charity, wherein the writer accused a charity of being discriminatory. However, that charity does have a signed non-discrimination policy in place in compliance with the State's and the Campaign's regulations. The suggestion was to tell people who complain about a particular charity simply not to choose to donate to that individual charity. Kathleen suggested that a copy of the signed non-discrimination policy be sent to the complainant. Bryan said no, it was not necessary; by virtue of the fact that they have been included in the Campaign, it is self-evident that the charity has already been found in compliance of the State's non-discrimination policy when their application was reviewed and accepted by the Campaign Committee.

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#### **Meeting Adjournment —Tim Newton**

Tim asked for a motion to adjourn, with a reminder that the next meeting would be held on:

**Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 55 Elm Street, Hartford.**

The meeting concluded at 2:03 p.m.

*(Respectfully submitted by Joyce LeBaron)*