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**CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES' CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

Office of the State Comptroller, 3rd floor, Conference Room F
55 Elm Street, Hartford
1:36p.m. – 1:58 p.m.

Members Present

Cindy Cannata (*OGA/FOI*)
Valerie Clark (*OPM*)
Jason Crisco (*Admin. Services*)
Kathleen Gensheimer (*Judicial*)

Peggy Gray, *VICE CHAIR (Comptroller)*
Jacqueline Henry-Rafiq (*Transportation*)
Charles Kistler (*State Retiree*)
Kristen Miller (*Legislative Mgmt.*)
Tim Newton *CHAIR (Correction)*

Members Excused

Joseph Duberek (*Emergency Ser. & Public Protection*)
Sheila Hummel (*DECD*)

Patrick Kilby (*CHRO*)
Ina Wilson (*Education*)

Federation Representatives

Tom DeCoursey (*GI*)
Ann Pean (*UW*)

Lorna Sager (*CHC*)

Campaign Staff

Jan Gwudz (*Director*)

Joyce LeBaron (*Coordinator*)

Meeting Called to Order --- Meeting Summary – Tim Newton

Chair Tim Newton called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm. The Minutes from the previous meeting of October 14, 2014 were approved, and were unanimously accepted.

Formation of Nominating Committee for Chair/Vice Chair --- Tim Newton

Tim Newton charged Kathleen Gensheimer, Charlie Kistler and Jacqueline Henry-Rafiq with serving on the Nominating Committee for the Chair/Vice Chair positions in 2015.

Campaign Update --- Jan Gwudz

Jan Gwudz informed the Committee that the Auditors informed her that according to State Statutes, the Minutes from any meeting are to be posted onto the CSEC website within 7 days from said meeting. Therefore, Joyce will compile the Minutes right away, send them to the Chair and then have them posted. If any changes are needed, they will be handled at the next meeting, and amended on the website.

Jan recapped the Commissioner/Union Breakfast held last week; all who attended expressed appreciation for it and general conversation indicated that it was well-received, enthusiastically attended, and was a positive and beneficial boost to the Campaign.

Jan reported that, to date, over \$525,000 has been received for the Campaign with \$50,278 just from retiree contributions. This compares with only \$8,000 retiree contributions at this time last year.

BJs: Jan revealed that so far, she has been receiving well over 100 applications a week and there are still two more weeks to go for the present BJ's offer.

Jan explained the problem of filling the position vacated by the retirement of Claudia Helfgott and that while there is a willing participant, there has been difficulty with getting the official appointment from the appropriate office. Peggy offer to look into getting the appointment made.

State Agency Campaign Updates --- Committee Members

Tim announced that Correction is at about \$60,000 or 50% of its goal.

Peggy shared that Kevin Lembo is trying to promote the campaign by attracting new donors. She also reported on her meeting with Protection and Advocacy which did not go well as she had expected.

Charlie stated that while he is doing his rounds with UCONN (Health Center) he felt it would be helpful if Kevin Lembo could make a personal appeal to the Health Center. Peggy will act as intermediary so that this plan can be put into motion.

Cindy said that she fully expects to reach 100% participation at Freedom of Information, as they have 12 employees and many events planned.

Jackie enumerated an extensive list of various events to fully involve Dept. of Transportation employees. The campaign is going well.

Jason shared that he is working with a new coordinator, Kelly Dillon, who plans on talking with their Commissioner. On a side note, Jason said that his new baby is doing well and thanked the room again for the gift card.

Valerie detailed Office of Policy & Management's successful campaign by sharing that she has 97% participation with a total of \$19,000 so far, and has a plan to interest the last 3%.

Kristen listed the various events at her location such as a Silent Auction that netted \$3,500, as well as a bake & book sale coming up. She said that Chris Taylor is still collecting pledges.

Federations Reports --- Tim Newton

Tim introduced Tom DeCoursey from Global Impact to those new members and welcomed him.

Lorna Sager and Ann Pean expressed appreciation of the Committee and their support of the Campaign.

Old Business and Wrap Up Items — Tim Newton

Tim asked that the Nominations be ready before the next meeting so Jan can put the slate on the next Agenda.

Jackie asked for an update on the venue for the 2015 Campaign Kick-Off but it is too early to have much information yet. Joe is handling it at this point.

It was decided that the December 9, 2014 meeting would include lunch from Max Bibo's. Jan will send out the menu and take orders. This meeting will begin earlier, starting at 12:30pm.

REMINDER: There is no January meeting; the first 2015 meeting will be held on February 10, 2015.

Meeting Adjournment — Tim Newton

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

REMINDER: NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2014 at 12:30pm

The meeting concluded at 1:58 p.m.
(Respectfully submitted by Joyce LeBaron)