

Public Senate Meeting : (09/06/23)

Call to order **President Engstrom 12:05**

Pins are distributed to second time attendees.

II. Introductions

President Michael Engstrom

Public Relations Coordinator Tiffany-jo Hedican

Secretary Zachary Callahan

Cara Garrett is involved in a different meeting and may be attending later

III. Approval of Agenda

Michael Engstrom motions to approve, Tiffany-jo seconds, Vote unanimous

IV. Approval of Minutes

Tiffany-Jo motions, Michael Seconds, Unanimous vote in favor.

V. Reports → Club reports Daniel Grover – Auto tech, nothing new to report, first meeting scheduled.

Tiffany-jo – Photosynthesizers, first meeting scheduled right after senate, financial mixup – received 2900 and already had 900, leaving them around \$3800

Media storm has not met yet, likely next week will begin meeting.

VI. Old Business:

Michael motions to move on to old business, Tiffany-jo seconds, vote unanimous the ayes have it.

Senate remains unable to adopt the food distribution, but remains interested in trying to fill the labor void for the second drive per month. City of Brooklyn park is supposed to help with these events but the person who set up the second drive has been appointed to a new position. Without additional help we cannot put on the second food distribution until December 2023. Brittany is working on getting funds to incentivize students to help with the food drives. In the past students who aided for four hours were given stipends of a hundred dollars- rounding out to about \$25 and hour.

Set up begins as early as around 12pm, food does not start until around 2pm. Run about till 4pm or when food runs out.

Tiffany-jo would it be possible to arrive earlier than noon to assist?

Pang: yes, putting out signs, food arrives at 2 so unboxing, setting up carts, organizing food on the tables, making sure there are boxes for food. Two people work at the “intake desk” and two work at the food weigh-station, and two people work floating to rearrange and assist the smooth progress of the distribution.

Michale motions to move on the new business, tiffany-jo seconds, The ayes have it.

VII. New business:

Looking towards our goals for this year we are considering a “save the wetlands” event – bringing awareness to the supreme court decision to remove EPA protection of wetlands, likely as an earth day event perhaps hosting a campus clean-up.

Taylor Oswald is considering a car-show and we are all pumped about it.

Taylor has been talking to Dave the supervisor of the auto-tech club and he is looking into finding people to join the event and it could be a great opportunity for fundraising for the school.

The food budget must be passed two weeks in advance, we did not have food today because Sheila from purchasing was out of the office and so our order couldn't go through. We could vote today for a budget on food for senate meetings.

Had at least twice the budget last year than this year.

Considering food budget....looking at the spread sheet. Something like 2 grand a semester for food for meetings in the past?

Tiffany-jo five or six meetings left this semester,

12 here now- give or take 4 or 5 more people, doing math, general discussions of people to pizza.

Suggested to make an “open P.O.” for food.

Evan motions to open a p.o. of \$500 for food for five meetings, Tiffany-jo seconds, the ayes have it. Unanimous vote.

Candidate speeches

Roman Johnson presents his case for being elected Vice President.

Kindness, Responsibility, Help, Fun! (What a cool dude)

Emmanuel Bewaji – Vice presidential candidate – not present

Braden Robinette “Its never too late to get started” candidate for vice president and treasurer

Taylor Oswald – current treasurer of the horticulture club and a background in sales. Candidate for Treasurer.

Ibrahim Adam – Treasurer Candidate – Personal Growth.

Voting opens officially at 1pm

Student suggestions

Super smash brothers ultimate tournament – Anyone can form a club – this would be a great opportunity for a club. However, this student just wanted to play some smash bros with the senate. If senate is down we can see who is the ultimate smash champion.

Monster energy drinks in the vending machines – suggested in current meeting to ban bang and replace with monster and rockstar. Would need to look into vendors with monster vending machines, the book store does all its own purchasing and so if given a list they may be able to acquire desired types of beverages. Our vending machine vendor runs all the vending machines in MNstate schools and its just one super cool kind guy. Stephen proposes the bookstore as a more sustainable answer to this consideration.

End Wokist Marxism on campus, it is evil – This is nonsense racist dog-whistle rhetoric and the coward who put it in the suggestion box is not present. Surprise.

We will be adding hand sanitizer to the fitness center along with microcloths.

A student has asked about personal donations to the food pantry or supplies for students – would it be possible to intake hot food that is being thrown out from gas stations. It is the opinion of the secretary that this is a risky move as that food is already on the verge – being thrown out – perishable, and so hard to keep in a manner fit for student consumption. Bringing in non-perishables are ok. (canned food etc.)

Will work on setting up a tote to receive these food donations.

Taylor – did anyone end up providing silverware? Tiffany-jo – it is in student life and has a home, the thing is just ensuring that the home is full.

Evan mentions that there are wet dark looking nasty spots in the carpets –

Stephen – this is acceptable to bring to this body, if there is a specific spot bothering you we can bring it to facilities to focus specifically on that spot. Reach out to your local politician to increase funding for HTC.

Raffle winner: Roman Johnson!

Tiffany-Jo motions to adjourn, Michael Seconds –

1:03 meeting adjourned.