

**Executive Committee Meeting
February 27, 2009
Minutes**

Members present: Glee Whitsett, Jody Canders, Sally Bell, Jenifer Moore, Kristen Gilbert, Stacia Love, Eva Frost, Cynthia Shackelford, Hollie Cost-Director, and Wanda Gothard-Secretary.

Welcome

Dr. Cost welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of February 16 Minutes

The February 16 minutes were approved as submitted.

Upcoming General Meeting

Dr. Cost announced that the next general meeting is scheduled for March 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Master Classroom. Items to be discussed on the agenda include:

- Review recent connections
- Discussion of summer camp proposal with general descriptions prepared. Dr. Cost stated that she has talked with Dr. Roberson and he suggested to put all efforts behind one camp this summer so we will have an entire year to prepare for camps next summer. She stated this year we are planning to focus on the Astronomy and Sustainability Camp. Although she said that if anyone has funding, etc. and just wants to go ahead with another camp to let her know. Dr. Cost stated that she is in the process of writing a 5000.00 grant to help with the camp this summer.
- Publicity on Future Falcon days - Dr. Cost asked if there is anyone who knows of any publicity between the Montevallo Public School system and University of Montevallo to please send that to Wanda Gothard. Wanda will be the contact person for the website and she will post this information.
- Ensure good school representation at meeting-grade level coordinators and administration - Dr. Cost asked the following members to serve as a contact person for the following: MES-Kristen Gilbert, MMS-Eva Frost, and MHS-Michelle Duran-McClure. She asked that they contact the counselors at the school to follow-up regarding the Future Falcon Day activities and ensuring that they are sending representatives to our general meeting on March 5th. Future Falcon Day follow-up entails: following up with them about dividing their 5th, 8th or 10th graders into groups of seven. Working with them to make sure the necessary field trip forms are prepared, signed and returned and that we can get the t-shirt size information included on them.

School Request

Dr. Cost stated that several of the public school teachers have voiced interest in the possibility of receiving the discounted alumni rate to join the gym at the University of Montevallo. Jenifer Moore moved to accept this proposal. Ms. Shackelford seconded the motion. The motion passed. The approved request will be sent to Dr. Kim Barrett and a copy to Dr. Terry Roberson stating that Montevallo Connection has approved and requesting approval.

UM recommendations to consider

Dr. Cost stated that Michael Patton made a recommendation/suggestion to begin thinking about the inclusion of sustainability in the k-12 curriculum. It would be great if Montevallo Schools became leaders in that initiative. Discussion followed and everyone was very supportive. It was recommended that Michael Patton contact the FCS teacher, Sarah Park at the high school to begin that discussion. She is one of our grads. They also have a very active FFA chapter that he could contact. It was suggested that he start with asking the high school FCS students and FFA chapter to assist with the sustainability banquet.

Future Falcon Preparation

Dr. Cost asked each member to look over the following preparations:

- MES April 15 – 112 students/38 guides. MMS April 20 - 103 students/34 guides. MHS April 30 - 91 students/30 guides.
- Securing faculty to lead activities
 - Music activity-Jodi Landers is arranging
 - Athletic activity-Trish Hughes is arranging
- Small group session – 10:00-11:30 on each day, three 30 minute groups of 30 students
 - Tentative commitments-need 9. Wicknick, Metz, Meyer, Hardig
 - Need a total of 9
- Forms and applications update-Stacia and Amanda
- Future Falcon Guide recruiting
 - Number recruited so far
 - Number still needed
 - Orientation schedule
- School contacts/UM coordinators:
 - MES-McClain, Martin, Burden, (Kristen Gilbert)
 - MMS-Nason, Su Beard, (Eva Frost)
 - MHS-Simmons, Cathy Barber (Michelle Duran-McClure)
- Publicity: Cynthia Shackelford

Preliminary budget discussion

- Budget items: 2 general meetings, Annual roundtable, Future Falcon days, Summer programming

Dr. Cost stated that next year's future falcon possibly be held in the fall. This way the student guides can follow up throughout the academic year. She also stated the possibility of doing the same with the 5th graders but changing up the 8th and 10th. Dr. Moore stated she would like to focus on keeping the older children coming to campus vs. the younger group. She feels they are closer to becoming UM prospects. Dr. Gilbert stated she thought it would be good if the students could come on campus to see art focused productions. Maybe give a t-shirt but not food. This would help with funding.

Consideration of subcommittees

- Future Falcon
- Summer programming
- Service and extension opportunities
- Publicity

Announcements

- Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - Spring MC Exec meetings - March 13, April 10 3:30, Wills 200
 - General Meeting – March 5, 4:30 Wills Master classroom
 - ASO student visits – April 28th and 29th

Dr. Cost stated that the deadline for Future Falcon mentors has been extended to Friday, March 6.

Dr. Cost stated that she will be aired at the basketball game on Friday night, February 28 discussing Montevallo Connection.

Dr. Whitsett stated that to check with ASO about the possibility of future summer programming. She stated that they held a Harry Potter dress up theatrical play outside and feels the students would really like something like this. ?????

Due to inclement weather the meeting adjourned early, 4:00 p.m.