

May 2022 Staff Conference Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
2pm | *Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Student Center*

In attendance: about 25 members

Debbie Garrick called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

I. We began the slide show presentation.

A. James Grigg came to share an update from Facilities Management. We are about to install new pavers in Digs Plaza. Scholars walk will have pergolas removed and stand along swings and picnic tables installed. Hammock frames will be added to campus green, Hardin Gardens, Phelps, and Margaret Nance. Adirondack chairs added to Hardin Gardens. Window clings are being added to the Digs windows in lobby area and elsewhere. Phase 1 ADA sidewalk improvements are coming. The Fountain is in the design phase. Funds are still being raised. Beginning design for interior renovation of McLaurin. Classroom AV refresh will start with a mock up room in Kinard 102. Update of oldest Chemistry labs in Sims. Upcoming projects: Withers electrical substation, Coliseum roof replacement, Joynes renovation, Johnson fire alarm replacement, etc. Looking to update Wi-Fi and HVAC in Courtyard, redesign bathrooms in Nance, replacing flooring and painting in Thompson. Thank you to volunteers (employees, students, and alumni) who have helped with campus beautification. Replaced the main sign out on Cherry Road. We have been recognized as a Tree Campus, one of eight in SC.

B. Katie shared Staff Recognition Committee Attitude of Gratitude Cards that can be picked up at Staff Conference meetings and sent via email.

C. No staff member of the month nominations. Jill Stuckey is the Staff Member of the Year.

D. Updates for new assembly members will be announced on website after June meeting.

E. Chris Johnson shared there is a 3rd Bags to Benches location in the library lobby. (Other locations are Tillman and Facilities.) Thanks to the volunteers who help with this! We have to collect 500lbs of plastic film and we get a free bench. We probably collected close to 500lbs of food as students moved out. Also collected 34 bins of items for

Goodwill. There is an empty bed in the Community Garden if anyone wants to use the plot.

II. The next meeting will be in August. It's possible Staff Conference may align our meeting calendar dates with Faculty Conference. Watch the webpage for updates. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.