

## **SAPA Meeting Minutes**

### **November 1, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Rhonda Saurbek welcomed everyone and called our meeting to order at 10:05 am in the Ralph Carey Forum. She gave an overview of our meeting agenda for Growing in Joy. Refreshments provided by Academic Affairs Office.

**Announcements:** \*Our December SAPA meeting will be a Buck Lunch. More details will follow later. \*Babbie Mason will be the chapel speaker/musician on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. \*Rhonda shared the following concerning a new University-wide budget committee and Dan VanderHill's appointment to represent SAPA.

"Because of the budget situation that has occurred this fiscal year, a new University-wide budget committee has been formed. The committee consists of the Dr. Webb, Dr. Betty, Matt Osborne, Jerry White, Dawn Schnitkey, two faculty members and one SAPA rep. The purpose of having faculty and staff represented is to have the opportunity for input as the budget is developed.

The SAPA Executive Committee met with Damon and selected Dan Vander Hill as the SAPA representative. Dan was contacted and has graciously accepted the appointment. Dan has a long history with SAU, has the ability to see the big picture, a ton of institutional knowledge and is very engaged with SAPA throughout the year. We appreciate his willingness to serve. "

#### **Devotion and Prayer**

Gary Mason focused our devotions on Thanksgiving and prayer. He read from Psalm 13 and reminded us that we can cry out to God and share our needs with Him. "Thanksgiving" is our theme for this month, but many times we don't feel like it, but these are the times we need it most. Being thankful can turn our thoughts back to the Lord.

We took time out as a group to cry out to the Lord with our needs, then a focused time to share our thanksgiving thoughts with the Lord. (Gary encouraged anyone at our sites to email him their "Thanksgiving" thoughts as he was sharing.)

Gary also took us back to our verse of the year, which is Colossian 2:6,7. He focused on the phrase "overflowing with thankfulness". Picture a cup overflowing its sides---that is what we are to do. We need to give thanks to the Lord because He is good and His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1.

#### **Growing in Joy -**

Steve Newton and Lorie Cornell led the group in the game **Minute to Win It**. Steve came out with spiky highlighted hair as our "Host". He encouraged everyone to participate and cheer on and laugh with our contestants as they are chosen and take on these fun games.

- Game One: "Moving on Up" This was a stacking cups game by using alternate hands. Our contestants were Kathleen Schaefer, Merri Reilly, Carol Ann Bunnell and Ben Rupp.
- Game Two: "Baby Rattle" This involved moving gum balls from one side of (2)2-liter bottles, which were taped together, to the other side just by shaking and rattling them. Our contestants were Judy Cooley, Erin Gentry and Brian Knapp
- Game Three: "Junk in the Trunk" This game involved a Kleenex box strapped to the back side of each contestant filled with ping-pong balls. The contestants were to shake their body around trying to get the ping-pong balls to all fall out. Our two contestants for this game were Duane Skene and Holly Hurtado.

David Goodrich hosted everyone in a **Trivia Game**, which consisted of over 20 multiple choice questions (contributed by the SAPA executive team). Each table worked together as a team and answered the questions, which appeared on Power Point, by using control clickers. We ended up with a three-way tie. Three groups got 18 of the questions correct.

*Way to go everyone. Thanks for your great contribution to Growing in Joy.*

**Steve Newton closed the meeting** with the reminder to be thankful for all of God's blessings we have here at SAU. Be filled with a grateful heart. Let it rub off on others. He closed our time with prayer.

**Next SAPA meeting is Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for a Buck Lunch. Details will follow.**