

**West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Executive Board Meeting
December 3, 2003**

Present: Lynn Herbst, Laurel Key, Michelle Knafllic, Chad Lehman, Beth Ludeman, Monique Mistele, Dale Mrotek, Sandra Nass, Kathy Popa, Cathi Probst, Gary Stewart, Barry Thompson, Sandra Topper, Linda Ziefle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

President Lynn Herbst greeted Executive Secretary Anita Wobst, who was presented with a gift from the Association in honor of her 30th anniversary. A welcome was also extended to Dale Mrotek, consultant. Marjee Chmiel, newspaper editor, was invited but unable to attend as was Brian Carter, Webmaster. Kathy Popa will present Brian with a gift from the Association in gratitude for his endeavors in creating the WAWMEA website, which is now online.

The minutes of the November 5 Executive Board meeting were approved with the correction as noted at the November 12 RA regarding prep time: "It is not time for district work to be done or to prepare district documents unless it is done voluntarily."

President's Report: Lynn Herbst

- . Received thank you note from Barb Johnson, Wisconsin teacher of the year, for the gift from the Association.
- . Labor-Management minutes should be read. Will be another Labor-Management meeting next week; let Lynn know of issues for the agenda.
- . Distributed copies of District's "Who to Call Concerning..." list.
- . Anyone interested in running as a WEAC delegate to the NEA RA needs to make their declaration by January 5. Refer names to Herbst.
- . School board members Jeff Wiedel and Kathy Zingsheim have announced they will not seek re-election.
- . School Board Meetings: December 8: Ludeman, Key, Hoover School; January 12: Stringer and Wilson school; January 26: Probst and Frank Lloyd Wright.
- . January PTA Council Meeting: Stringer
- . January RA will be at Frank Lloyd Wright. Encourage teachers to attend.
- . Newsletter article will explain WEA Wellness Surveys, which pay \$25 to individuals who complete the surveys. Information is completely confidential. District can earn money toward a wellness grant, based on district teachers' responses to survey. After January 2, survey can be completed online.
- . Thanked members who responded to WEAC Strategic Plan input. Herbst will forward responses to WEAC.

Vice President and P R & R: Secondary: Cathi Probst

- . Report will appear in Newsletter.
- . Cyndi Caylor will send a letter to all teachers informing them of their responsibility to forward a copy of renewed licenses to her. There is a delay in printing the seniority list due to the large number of teachers who have not sent license renewal copies to the Human Resources

P R & R : Elementary : Gary Stewart

- . Stewart, Nass, Dayne and Wachholtz met regarding elementary teacher prep time lost due to assigned duties. Will be rectified this year and in the future.
- . There was a situation involving a student discipline issue which resulted in questions about suspension and expulsion, and how they are addressed in the District's Student

Handbook.

.Email address: garystewart12@hotmail.com

Negotiations: Beth Ludeman

.No report.

Treasurer: Dale Mrotek (consultant)

.Line 19:opened a Lifetime Credit Union savings account.

Political Action: Laurel Key

.Discussed Wiedel and Zingsheim's announcement not to seek re-election.

.Need to encourage people to run for school board.

Legislative: Michelle Knaflic

.Doyle vetoed bills that would have expanded state's private school voucher program.

.Bill repealing 180-day rule was passed by the Assembly and moved to the Senate for approval.

.Realtors' Survey reports that 62% of Wisconsin residents are satisfied with the amount they pay toward public education. 76% are satisfied with the quality of public schools in the area.

.Wisconsin Public Radio will feature Senator Alberta Darling discussing private school vouchers on the Joy Cardin show on December 4, from 6-7 a.m. Call in to participate in the discussion.

.Probst noted that the Move On organization has meetings scheduled for the weekend of December 6-7 for home screenings of Bush's video on public vouchers. Need to sign up ahead to view the video in the Milwaukee metro area.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

.Noted successful hats and mittens program at West Milwaukee.

.Will be online by January 1.

Membership and West Suburban Council President: Linda Ziefle

.No report.

Executive Director : Sandy Nass

.Attended meeting with Stewart, Dayne and Wachholtz regarding 10 minutes of elementary prep time. A short-term solution for this year and a long-term solution for the future will be provided.

Directors

Director: Chad Lehman

.Deeply involved in correspondence regarding Tom Reynolds' article regarding the merits of the QEO.

Director: Kathy Popa

.Discussed plans for Caitlin Martens' raffle. Showed sample poster and tickets for "Kisses from Heaven" raffle. Prizes, ticket pricing, details discussed. Plan to have tickets available by January RA. Drawing will be on February 11 at the RA meeting.

Director: Barry Thompson

.Thompson and Herbst attended school board meeting.

.A \$95,000 anonymous donation to the Band Program has been received.

.Chris Vento-Bente was named the Interim Instructional Services

Director after Kate Hardiman-Frank retires.
.There are 900 applicants for the superintendent position.

Director: Sandy Topper
.The fundraiser is over. Will look into selling smaller items at RA's in the future.

Unfinished Business

.Will continue discussion of how to increase member participation at the January Executive Board meeting.

.Herbst will provide a verbal report on the individual school follow-up to the Communications Model at the January RA.

.Will compile political action surveys on February 4 at Franklin School.

.Thanked Executive Board for participation and leadership in the Association during this year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Minutes submitted by Barbara Rosenthal, Secretary