

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Executive Board Meeting
March 2, 2005

Present: Herbst, Miller, Probst, Stewart, Ludeman, Wall, Key, Mistele, Knafllic, Nass,
Popa, Geboy-Helfenstein, Lehman, Westcott, Stringer

The Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. at the UEP Building. There were no minutes from last month due to the Units Open Forum.

President: Lynn Herbst:

.WEAC School Bell Awards competition recognizes journalists, public media and school media, who provide distinguished coverage of public education. Entries are due May 13, 2005.

.WEAC Outreach Awards honor public relations programs in education. Entries are due May 13, 2005.

.In the year in which the NEA President is to be elected (2005), the Association President may recommend candidates to fill vacancies on the NEA Standing Committee and Review Board. The NEA President makes the final appointments.

.Door guards are needed for the WEAC RA in La Crosse on April 22-24, 2005.

.Received a letter from Jean Ritchie regarding sponsors for Wishing Children Well.

.Upcoming School Board Meetings: March 14: Geboy-Helfenstein and Central; April 11: Stringer and Walker; April 25: Cartier and Hoover.

.Distributed 2005-07 WEAC Teacher Bargaining Goals. Focuses on minimum settlement standards and member involvement.

.Herbst will have teacher seniority list printed at the UEP and distributed soon.

Vice President: Jill Miller

.Attended WEAC Mid-Winter Conference.

.The Quality Educator Initiative (QEI) is an interactive computer portfolio website that can help teachers develop a PDP to meet PI34 licensure requirements. Suggestion that New Teacher in-service include explanation of QEI.

P R & R: Secondary: Cathi Probst

.Concerns about maternity leave/leaves.

.Hale students will be making a presentation regarding school budget issues to the West Allis Youth Commission.

P R & R: Elementary: Gary Stewart

.Questions regarding Lesley University as an approved university for coursework/masters program.

.Some building level issues are being addressed.

.Support for teachers with split classes.

Negotiations: Beth Ludeman

.Units surveys were distributed in buildings on February 25. Information will be compiled.

March 4 is an all day bargaining day.

.Motion by Probst, seconded by Lehman, to move into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Motion by Popa, seconded by Probst, to move out of Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.

.The last Labor-Management meeting was used to discuss Units instead of being a negotiations session. Minutes will be forthcoming.

Treasurer: Greg Wall

.Will be making a motion next month regarding stipend amounts and restructuring of the Executive Board. Recommendations for changes will not require a dues increase.

Political Action: Laurel Key

.Distributed data sheets for School Board Candidates. Key and her committee interviewed incumbents Robert Kitchen, Peggy Miller, Carol Garrison and newcomers Rick Dekeyser and William Zuback. Recommended that the Association endorse Bob Kitchen, Carol Garrison and William Zuback.

.Lehman moved, seconded by Probst, that we accept the Political Action Committee recommendations for the endorsement of Kitchen, Garrison and Zuback as candidates for the School Board. The motion passed.

.Lit drop date to be determined.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

.Handling several concerns.

.Noted that probation period is on hold when probationary teachers are on leave.

.Nass will be on vacation from March 23 to April 7, 2005.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

.There was good coverage of Governor Doyle's appearance at Mitchell School.

.Chris Heberlein and Demitrious Begas were listed in Who's Who in American Education.

.Lisa Mulaney was recognized for charitable work in Uganda.

Membership: Michelle Knaflic

.Discussed Governor Doyle's appearance at Mitchell School.

.Membership work is complete.

Directors:

Director: Kathy Popa

.Newsletter deadline is March 4, 2005.

.Newsletter will be distributed before Spring break.

Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein

.Distributed flyer for 1st Annual "Dawg" No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament to be held April 8, 2005 at Tanner Paull Restaurant and Banquet Hall. \$30 suggested donations will cover participation. The donations go toward the WAWMEA Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be directed to Geboy-Helfenstein.

Director: Chad Lehman

.Lehman moved, seconded by Geboy-Helfenstein that the Association recognize the following volunteers as recipients of the Friends of Education Award: Beulah Jeske, Franklin School; Mary Ann Alberti, Hoover School; Pauline Church, Longfellow School; Scott Waarvik, Madison School and Pam Lindgren, Mitchell School. The motion passed.

Director: Laura Westcott (Herbst reporting)

.The Spring Recognition Party will be held on May 13. Flyers will be distributed at the RA next week.

Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

.Association elections can begin March 7. All ballots are due to Stringer at Walker School by March 11 at 4:30 p.m.

New Business

.Probst moved, seconded by Popa, that we accept the 2005-2007 WEAC Teacher Bargaining Goals. The motion passed.

Motion by Lehman, seconded by Popa, that the Association will donate \$250 to Wishing Children Well. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Rosenthal, Secretary