

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association

Executive Board Meeting

April 6, 2005

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

President Lynn Herbst called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. at the UEP Building. The minutes of the March Executive Board meeting were corrected to note that some public relations promotions have not gone to press yet.

President: Lynn Herbst

.Thanked Scholarship Fund Committee for their time and effort.

.Congratulated newly elected union officers.

.Ballots from Hoover and Wright were not turned in by the Head Building Reps.

.Upcoming School Board meetings: April 11: Walker Elementary and Julie Stringer; April 25: Hoover Elementary and Holly Cartier; May 9: Irving Elementary and Gary Stewart; May 23: Jefferson Elementary and Laurel Key; August: Franklin Elementary and Barbara Rosenthal.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

.Mistele moved, seconded by Lehman that the Association sponsors a half page article in the Star regarding Teacher Appreciation Week. Discussion. The motion was tabled, pending the arrival of Treasurer Greg Wall.

.Mistele showed each of the quilt squares prepared by the schools. The squares need to be professionally quilted together. Herbst will help to find assistance in completing the quilt. The final project will be displayed on the wall in the School Board Meeting Room.

.Jennifer Cyskiewicz and her fifth grade class at Walker Elementary, will be featured in an article in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The fifth graders recently completed a Dream Bedroom contest.

P R & R Secondary: Cathi Probst

.Family leave and sick day accumulations are being addressed in order to eliminate inconsistencies and confusion.

.There are safety concerns regarding the secondary school aquatic classes. Nass is researching how other schools teach their aquatic classes.

P R & R Elementary: Gary Stewart

.The communications model is being used effectively. Stewart has had fewer issues referred to him because the issues are being settled at the building level.

.The issues related to the Lesley University masters program are being resolved..

Negotiations: Ludeman

.Negotiations dates are established through June 14, 2005.

.Time is being taken to deal with each issue.

.Ludeman moved, seconded by Geboy-Helfenstein, move into Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. Probst moved, seconded by Ludeman, move out of Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.

.Herbst will assume Head Negotiator role for the rest of this bargaining period.

Political Action: Laurel Key

.Shared School Board elections results. Carol Garrison, Robert Kitchen and Peggy Miller were elected. William Zuback came in fourth with 200 votes less than Miller. The number of teachers who helped, either with a donation or by providing a yard sign location, was disappointing.

Michelle Knafllic: Membership

.No report.

Directors**Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein**

.Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament will take place April 8, 2005. Everything is organized and ready to go. The committee has collected an array of prizes and appetizers and beverages will be available.

.School plaques need updating to reflect recent Scholarship Fund winners' names.

Director: Chad Lehman

The Friends of Education Awards will be given to the following volunteers: Kim and Mike Daly, Irving School; Tammy Imme, Wilson; Pauline Church, Longfellow; Mary Ann Alberti, Hoover; Beaulah Jeske, Franklin; Scott Waarvik, Madison; and Pam Lindgren, Mitchell. The Friends of Education Recognition Dinner will be held on April 27, 2005. The nominator and the winner are invited to the dinner.

Director: Laura Westcott

.Jeanne Ricci is working on the Spring Recognition Party. Invitations to retirees will be sent after April 15, 2005.

Parliamentarian: Julie Stringer

.The Association election went well. There were enough people to help count ballots.

Unfinished Business

.The motion by Mistele returned to the table: Mistele moved, seconded by Lehman, that the Association will sponsor a half page article in the Star regarding Teacher Appreciation Week.

.The motion passed.

New Business

District Waiver request:

Motion by Probst, seconded by Westcott, to approve the District non-precedent setting waiver for a selected group of teachers to be excused from faculty meetings in order to participate in an After School – Department of Education research study for the 2005-2006 school year. Teachers will be responsible for the material covered at staff meetings, but won't be in attendance due to teaching responsibilities.

.The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 22 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Rosenthal, Secretary