

WE-WMEA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes from February 1, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Ludeman at 4:07 PM

January minutes amended to read “there” instead of “their” under new business. Motion made by Kathy Popa and seconded by Cathi Probst to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed. Minutes accepted as amended.

President Ludeman

- Reported on Jack Norman’s presentation
- Next WEAC Board Meeting will be in Milwaukee (2/24-2/26/06)
- Regional meetings were exceptional this year – consider attending in the future
- WEAC’s Winter Conference is this week-end in Middleton
- Regarding Constitution and By-laws committee – no overriding concerns were noted from Bob Burke, just some of a housekeeping nature
- Reminded Executive Board about School Board Meetings and who is scheduled to attend
- Talked about a grant regarding release time – Beth will look into this grant on behalf of the local for providing release time in the future

WSC President Linda Ziefle

- No report – excused absence

Vice President Jill Miller

- Reported about attendance at a meeting for the Institute for Wisconsin’s Future – discussed possible membership dues in the future
- Talked about putting together a presentation disc for new teachers - the committee that was formed would look into this

PR&R Chair-Secondary Cathi Probst

- Attended non-renewal meetings
- Attended Pupil Service concerns meetings
- Attended IEP meetings where there have been concerns
- Addressed Middle School prep time concerns

PR&R Chair-Elementary Gary Stewart (Beth reported for Gary)

- Ongoing investigation into teacher prep time – would like input from elementary schools

Negotiations Chair Lynn Herbst

- Talked about new federal accounting law as it impacts retirement benefits reporting system
- Not many districts have buyout for sick days – many districts have limits
- New reporting system could affect rate for borrowing money by the district in the future
- Facing a bad situation with insurance in regards to what you would have to pay towards your insurance in retirement
- The retirement we have now will be unaffordable in the future with the insurance concerns we have at present

- Would like to produce a video to show why it is important to be politically active now and to elect the right people – timing will be important
- Lynn is working on informational sessions

Treasurer Greg Wall

- Greg passed out form to be filled out for tax purposes

Political Action Chair Laurel Key

- Has heard from all of the candidates except one for the interviews
- Looking for some more volunteers to interview the candidates

Legislative Chair Kathy Ceel

- Would like to get a tape about TABOR presentation to show at the RA Meeting next week as part of her report
- Continue to encourage political involvement and lobbying by all members

Membership Chair Michelle Knaflic

- No report

Public Relations Chair Monique Mistele

- Quilt squares are in progress
- Will call Denise Lockwood for coverage on Read Across America
- Beth would like to check out a drive to collect books or money for victims of hurricane Katrina or for our district as part of Read Across America– feedback will be solicited at the RA Meeting next week
- Anita has brochures for conferences which can be given out at conferences or can be sent home after conferences – will remind representatives at the next RA Meeting

Executive Director Sandy Nass

- Ongoing issues at elementary level with communication model
- District conducted an in district audit about placement on steps of the salary schedule
- July 11, 12 and August 9 are the dates scheduled for individual meetings about retirement with Bob Moeller (800-362-8034 ext 253)– schedule a meeting as soon as possible – space fills up quickly

Director Bridget Geboy- Helfenstein

- Contract signed for poker tournament on April 28th

Director LuAnn Livingston

- Need nominations for Friends of Education – due March 1st

Director Kathy Popa

- Newsletter is out – read it!
- Next deadline for the newsletter is March 15th

Director Laura Westcott

- Retirement party is Friday May 19th at Greenfield Park

Parliamentarian Julie Stringer

- 53 emails were sent out to inform individuals about being nominated for a position – waiting to here back from some of the nominees to see if they will accept the nomination
- Julie will take more nominations at the RA Meeting next week
- A Legislative Committee is being formed at the district level to have a legislative section on the district website

Unfinished Business

- none

New Business

- Read Across America was discussed previously and will be discussed again at the RA Meeting next week

A motion was made by LuAnn to end the meeting and seconded by Kathy Ceel. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary