

WA-WMEA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes from November 7, 2007

Executive Board Present: Beth Ludeman, Greg Wall, Maureen Marek, Nancy Nienhuis, Peg Oberbeck, Angela Bina, Lynn Herbst, Sandy Nass, Chris Morrissey, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Chad Lehman, Jeff Sikich

Guest: Linda Weaver, WSC President

Meeting called to order by President Ludeman at 4:10 PM

Minutes from the October 3, 2007 Executive Board Meeting were accepted as printed.

President Ludeman

- Council 10 UniServ is interested in spearheading an effort to get a number of members trained in the “Camp Wellstone” Organizing Plan next spring. Beth would like to have some discussion around this issue so that we have an idea of how many WA-WMEA leaders would like to participate if the opportunity arises.
- The NEA Midwest Regional Leadership Conference will be held in Minneapolis this year, January 18-20, and WSC has set aside funding for registration fees. Executive Board members should consider attending; we will discuss the feasibility of sending representatives. Registration should be completed by December 7th.
- Joan Delaney will tentatively meet with the Executive Board at our January meeting to discuss the reorganization plans to date and respond to concerns and questions brought forward.
- Beth distributed a booklet published by WEAC on “Addressing Issues Presented by Violent Special Education Students” to see whether we would like to procure copies for our building representatives.
- WEAC Executive Director Dan Burkhalter has announced the timeline for the election of state delegates to represent WEAC to the NEA Representative Assembly for the next two-year term. We will discuss this process in order to get as many WA-WMEA members elected as are interested. The 2008 Convention is in Washington, D.C., and the 2009 will be held in San Diego. The deadline for declaration of candidacy is January 5, 2008.
- WEAC Convention was very engaging this year; Beth personally saw a significant number of *new* WA-WMEA members in attendance this year. Tavis Smiley delivered one of the most inspirational keynote addresses she could recall. And many sessions were standing-room only!
- Put the date on your calendar NOW!! USEFULL will be hosting a PDP Review Team Training on Saturday, February 9th; it benefits all of us to serve each other in renewing licenses under the new system. The session will likely fill quickly after it is promoted, so watch for more information to come!
- American Education Week is November 11-18. A brief discussion took place about the kinds of things we want to do for our members and ways in which to

promote our collective and individual achievements within the membership with a limited amount of time to prepare for it.

WSC President Linda Weaver

- **WISCONSIN WAY FORUMS THIS MONTH**

Thursday
November 8th
7:00 pm
Waukesha Expo Center

Tuesday
November 27th
7:00 pm
Bavarian Inn, Glendale

The Wisconsin Way is a non-partisan, grassroots effort to

- reduce property taxes
- create a more fair and equitable funding system
- promote excellence in education and public service

Area residents with different view-points and from all walks of life are being invited to come together for a public conversation on property tax issues and possible solutions to the challenges we all face in protecting and preserving Wisconsin's unique quality of life.

- **USEFULL MEDICAL ISSUES WORKSHOP**

What you can and can't be asked to do in your classroom

UEP Brookfield Office
Tuesday
November 27th
4:30 – 6pm

- **WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL RETIREMENT FORUMS**

UEP Brookfield Office
Monday
December 10th
4:30 Wauwatosa Education Association
6:30 West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association

This year's Retirement Forum has been presented in two parts. An overview of the Wisconsin Retirement System took place in September. The December sessions will focus on specific contract language for early and regular retirement in Wauwatosa and West Allis. These retirement forums are open to WSC members and their spouses. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Contact Anita at wobsta@weac.org to register. An electronic flyer will soon be mailed.

Vice President Jeff Sikich

- No Report

PR&R Chair-Secondary Peggy Oberbeck

- West Milwaukee Middle School has a new building representative: Linda Wamboldt
- Members should have received notification about salary updates that they had sent in paperwork for.

PR&R Chair-Elementary Nancy Nienhuis

- Math manipulatives are coming soon. Some schools have already received their math manipulatives.
- Nancy has not heard any concerns regarding fall assessments or time constraint issues.

Negotiations Chair Chad Lehman

- A presentation was provided to the Board on DPI requirements that impact our calendar for the school year. Calendar and DPI requirements were discussed.

Treasurer Greg Wall

- Greg updated the board on the Association's financial status.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair Kathy Ceel

- No Report – a replacement has not yet been appointed to fill Kathy Ceel's position.

Director/Membership Chair Angela Bina

- Angela is making final updates to the membership roster.
- *Did you know?* updates are being sent out to members to keep everyone informed about current issues and events. Please send ideas to Angela so she can email them to our members.

Community Outreach/Public Relations Chair Lynn Herbst

- Lynn updated the Executive Board about American Education Week which will be November 11 through November 18.
- Lynn will continue to keep the community informed about what the Association is doing for and in the community.

Executive Director Sandy Nass

- No Report

Director/Events & Activities Chris Morrissey

- No Report

Director/ Professional Development Maureen Marek

- No Report

Communications/Parliamentarian/Elections Chair Julie Stringer

- Deadline for articles for *The Word* is November 7, 2007.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Elementary Supplemental Contract Request: Angela brought forward a request from music teachers in the district to have chorus a supplemental contract. Chorus is not counted in the music teacher's workload but they are expected to do chorus. In the past it had been counted in their workload. Angela will give a report to Chad so he can pursue this issue in the future.
- December meeting plans were discussed and finalized.
- Please remember to send reports to Beth regarding your committee work progress.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Herbst and seconded by Chris Morrissey. Motion to adjourn the meeting passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary