

WA-WMEA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes from November 4, 2009

Executive Board Present: Nancy Nienhuis, Sandy Nass, Chris Morrissey, Lynn Malloy, Chad Lehman, Jeff Sikich, Linda Wamboldt, Ryan Rutz, Jim Kurovsky, Heather Swenson, Michelle Daavettila

Meeting called to order by President Sikich at 4:11 PM

Minutes from the October 7, 2009 Executive Board Meeting were accepted as printed.

President Jeff Sikich

- Jeff updated Executive Board on upcoming dates for conferences/conventions and meetings. Schools and Executive Board Members attending upcoming School Board Meetings: November 9th – Central and Michelle Daavettila; November 23rd – Horace Mann and Nancy Nienhuis/Chad Lehman.
- American Education Week is November 15th to November 21st this year.
- Jeff sent letters to retired West Allis Teachers about considering running for the School Board. The Board has appointed George Sotiros as the new Board member to replace Robert Kitchen. He will officially take office on Monday November 9, 2009.
- Jeff attended the Southwest Bargaining Session and updated the board on the session.
- Jeff attended a financial planning seminar and found it to be very beneficial. Managing Your Financial Life Seminar will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM and on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.
- Next USEFUL Meeting targeted toward second year teachers is from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the UEP Building. Jeff sent out notification via email.
- NEA Midwest Leadership Conference will be in Minneapolis on November 23rd and November 24th.

Vice President Nancy Nienhuis

- No Report

PR&R Chair-Secondary Jim Kurovsky

- Concerns still exist regarding duty time in relation to CAP time at the high school level. There were also some concerns regarding prep minutes which appear to be resolved. Questions have been brought forward about how many meetings teachers can be asked to attend during the morning preparation time.

PR&R Chair-Intermediate Heather Swenson

- No new current concerns at this time at the intermediate level.

PR&R Chair-Elementary Michelle Daavettila

- Concerns continue to exist at the elementary level which are currently being addressed and looked into.
- Just a reminder that if you have a concern at the elementary level, please go through your head building representative and have them contact Michelle about any concerns/issues.

Negotiations Chair Chad Lehman

- No Report

Treasurer Ryan Rutz

- Please submit vouchers for reimbursement in a timely manner within the fiscal year that the money was spent.
- Remember to check your last December pay stub for the amount of dues that can be deducted for tax purposes.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair Linda Wamboldt

- Linda attended a forum regarding selecting school board members. She will attend the meeting in November and January.

Director/Membership Chair Angela Bina - Absent

- Angela continues to work on updating the membership list. Please keep her updated/informed of name changes, address changes etc. so that she can keep things as accurate as possible.
- A “teachers only” distribution list has been created and one test message has been sent out. However, Human Resources strongly suggested that we come up with guidelines as to how to use this system and what to do if someone abuses it. Angela would like to discuss and create guidelines at an Executive Board Meeting.

Executive Director Sandy Nass

- Sandy updated the board on the current issues she is working on.

Director/Events & Activities/Community Outreach/Public Relations:

Chris Morrissey

- Chris is working on a new venue for the Spring Recognition Party. Please contact her with any thoughts/ideas.

Director/ Professional Development Maureen Marek - Absent

- No Report

Communications/Parliamentarian/Elections Chair Julie Stringer

- The Word is scheduled to go out next week. Please send articles to Julie so she can put a newsletter together.

Unfinished Business

- Jeff has the paperwork completed and ready to go to send a check to the West Allis-West Milwaukee Educational Foundation for \$250 in Memory of Robert Kitchen.

New Business

- Jeff is working on locating a destination for the December Executive Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heather Swenson and seconded by Linda Wamboldt. Motion to adjourn the meeting passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary