

**West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association**

**Representative Assembly Meeting:**

February 8, 2006

**Schools Represented: Central H.S., Hale H.S., Alternative H.S., FLW Middle School, West Milwaukee Middle School, Franklin, Horace Mann, Irving, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mitchell, Pershing, Walker, Wilson, Administration Building**

**Executive Board: Jill Miller, Cathi Probst, Greg Wall, Laurel Key, Kathy Ceel, Michelle Knaflie, Monique Mistele, Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein, LuAnn Livingston, Kathy Popa, Laura Westcott, Julie Stringer. Lynn Herbst and Gary Stewart were excused.**

President Beth Ludeman called the meeting to order at 4:15PM at the UEP Building

A motion was made by Kathy Popa and seconded by Kathy Ceel to approve the minutes of the January RA Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

**President: Beth Ludeman**

- Ballots will be coming to the buildings to vote for the State Delegates.
- Reminded schools about attending School Board Meetings
- Informed about offer from WEAC about flyers to explain WKCE test scores for parents. Let Beth know if you want these flyers
- Beth has received an invitation to attend an Award of Excellence Dinner. This year Jessica Doyle will be honored at the dinner. Would people be interested in attending the dinner on March 18<sup>th</sup> at North Point Sheraton in Brown Deer at 5:00PM sponsored by North Shore United Educators? Let Beth know if you are interested.
- NEA Fund Drive will be happening on the floor of the RA at the first meeting of the WEAC RA.
- **West Suburban Council President: Linda Ziefle**
- Talked about upcoming workshops – flyers will be forth coming (Moeller Financial Seminar on 2/16; IDEA Update on 3/21; Gender Diversity on 3/30; PDP Writing Workshop 5/1
- Lists will be emailed of recommended NEA candidates-delegates to NEA
- **PTSA Council: Chris Morrissey**
- Reminder to attend some of the events the PTA sponsors at your school or send a thank you note to thank them for everything they do and let them know that they are appreciated.

**Vice President: Jill Miller**

- Has attended meeting of WAES – they would like to have this organization be independent – are looking to have members pay dues to help fund this organization

- Working on a presentation for head building representatives with members of her committee - volunteers are still welcome

**P R & R Secondary: Cathi Probst**

- Important to have examples of the issues you have concerns about
- Has attended several non-renewal meetings. Not many in the district this year.
- District has agreed to settle grievance without going to arbitration

**P R & R Elementary: Gary Stewart (Beth reported for Gary)**

- Please let Beth know about prep time issues at the elementary level- Beth needs to know from schools by this Friday (2/10/06) for upcoming Labor Management Meeting
- Please let Beth or Sandy know if you have any issues at the elementary level in Gary's absence.

**Negotiations: Lynn Herbst (Beth reported for Lynn)**

- Have only had one bargaining session since the last RA Meeting
- Planning to hold a general meeting sometime in March – no date has been set yet – Lynn will email building representatives with the date for the upcoming meeting when the meeting is set
- Encourage members to be politically active to make an impact at the legislative level
- LuAnn Livingston distributed information about WRS retirement benefits
- Sandy Nass talked about benefits in relation to the QEO and bargaining in response to LuAnn's information

**Treasurer: Greg Wall**

- Amount to take off for tax purposes is on your last December check- please check your pay stub

**Political Action: Laurel Key**

- Thanked everyone for contributing to the candidate questionnaire
- School board interviews take place on February 18<sup>th</sup> at UPC Building
- Looking for elementary and middle school people to be on the interviewing team
- Passed out flyer about the senate seat up for election /Re: Jim Sullivan "Walk with the Candidate" Let's work to get a good candidate in office
- Listening session for Tom Reynolds is tonight at the West Allis City Hall

**Legislative: Kathy Ceel**

- Be politically active – remember to get out and vote
- Played DVD about TABOR – want to change TABOR to another name when it comes up for a vote in the legislature – please lobby on WEAC – we need to stand together on this issue
- Each school got a DVD to play at their schools – please show it to your members
- Discussion about TABOR ensued

**Public Relations: Monique Mistele**

- Talked about Great Schools brochures that could be passed out at conferences or with beginning of the year school packets – go to WEAC.org website – click on Members only and locate the public relations icon or call or email Monique to get the phone number
- Quilt squares for the association logo and district logo is a work in progress
- Will call Denise Lockwood re: Read Across America February 24<sup>th</sup> in which State Superintendent and Stan Johnson will be at Franklin School; Mitchell's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and display at Wilson representing West Allis 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary

**Membership: Michelle Knaflie**

- No report

**Executive Director: Sandy Nass**

- Long time from now until Easter - watch how you interact with your students and other staff members

**Directors:**

**Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein**

- Passed out flyers about Poker Tournament to post in buildings
- Encourage donations for the poker fundraiser – solicit businesses to make donations
- Come and join the fun and attend the fundraiser – encourage everyone to attend on April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Will check into how the alternative school could benefit from some of the scholarship money at the next executive board meeting

**Director: LuAnn Livingston**

- Need nominations for Friends of Education – please talk it up at your buildings
- April 26<sup>th</sup> at Hale Cafeteria is the date set for the dinner

**Director: Kathy Popa**

- Deadline for the next Newsletter is March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Director: Laura Westcott**

- May 19<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the Association Retirement Party at Greenfield Park

**Parliamentarian and Elections Chair: Julie Stringer**

- Summarized nominations for the upcoming election
- Nominations were taken for representatives to the WEAC Convention in Orlando
- notice will go out for volunteers to help with the election/ballot counting

**Unfinished Business**

- All of the officers from WEAC along with the Cat and the Hat will be at Franklin for Read Across America as well as Libby Burmaster, the State Superintendent

- Would like to have a book drive for Gulf Coast school libraries at all of our buildings – drive runs until the end of March – donations will also be accepted
- Linda Ziefle moved and was seconded by Julie Stringer to accept the changes made to the Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion ensued. Greg Wall moved and was seconded by Cathy Probst to end discussion and take a vote. Motion passed.

**New Business**

- None

A motion was made by Linda Ziefle and seconded by Michelle Knaflie to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary