

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association

Representative Assembly Meeting:

May 10, 2006

Schools Represented: NHHS, WAC, FLW, WMMS, Lincoln, Dottke, Wilson, Mitchell, Jefferson, Irving, Franklin, Walker,

Executive Board: Ludeman, Probst, Herbst, Wall, Geboy-Helfenstein, Knaflic, Ceel, Livingston, Popa,

President Beth Ludeman called the meeting to order at 4:09PM at the UEP Building

The minutes of our March 2006, RA stand as printed without objection.

Special presentation: Jim Sullivan (Wauwatosa alderman), running for the 5th Senate District of Wisconsin, presented by Political Action Chair Laurel Key. Mr. Sullivan is running to unseat Tom Reynolds (R-WI, 5th)

President: Beth Ludeman

- Names and email addresses are needed from head building reps for home contacts
- School Board meetings:
- May 22nd - will be attended by WAC, and from the Exec Bd. are Popa, and Weaver
- June 12th – Kate Schultz and Dottke
- June 26th – Greg Wall
- August 28th – Lynn Herbst and Walker school
- Many thanks have been passed our way due to donations from us (Wishing Children Well, etc.)
- WEAC Rep Assembly was held this past weekend in Green Bay. Please consider running for election next year for these position,. We had a few openings due to last minute cancellations of some who were unable to attend.
- Chris Morrissey – PTA Council Report
- **West Suburban Council President: Linda Weaver**
 - WEAC RA approved to allow release time for Sec-Treasurer and Vice President
 - Approved a 2 year budget
 - Approved a \$8 dues increase
 - RA next week on Wed.
 - Election of delegate to WEAC Board

Vice President: Jill Miller

- Working on a disk for head building reps regarding issues that come up in buildings. Prep time guidelines, leave for various reasons, retirement, etc.

P R & R Secondary: Cathi Probst

- No report, other than the news article in our newsletter.

P R & R Elementary: Gary Stewart

- Attempting to work through meetings. Not necessarily “grievable” things, but a “tone” we seem to be running into quite often with certain administrators.
- Working on some employee conflict items

Negotiations: Lynn Herbst

- Presentation of the Tentative Agreement by the Bargaining Team
- It is imperative that head reps get these TA’s into their mailboxes, first thing tomorrow
- There will be a Gen Membership meeting at FLW from 4-7pm, in the cafetorium
- Ballots must be counted on the 26th of May.

Treasurer: Greg Wall

- Presentation of the budget
- Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein makes a motion to increase our dues by \$17.00, Lynn Herbst seconds the motion. This brings our local dues to \$75.00
- Discussion follows
- Jill Miller amends this motion to increase our dues by \$19.00 (friendly amendment, agreed to by Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein, and Lynn Herbst) This would bring our dues for next year (06-07) to \$77.00

Political Action: Laurel Key

- See above
- Due to her illness, a benefit for Rita Kohls, School Board Vice President, established by Rick DeKeyser on June 1st (\$5 in advance, \$7 at the door; 5-7:30 dinner, 5-9 silent auction, 7:30-9 a DJ will be provided.)

Legislative: Kathy Ceel

- Taxpayer Protection Act was voted down by the state Senate. Some republicans have crossed party lines and voted with Democrats to kill the bill.
- Taxpayers are now being encouraged to not only email, but also call your legislators to document our opposition to bills like these.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

- We have received the remaining squares for the quilt to hang in the Board room.
- Asked Denise Lockwood to attend the Poker Tournament, and/or write an article in the Star regarding our endeavors towards our scholarship drive.
 - Will send flowers on behalf of the Association to Rita Kohls.
 - Monique will be stepping down as PR Chairperson, new chairperson will be Lynn Herbst

Membership: Michelle Knaflic

- No report

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

- Meeting with WEA Trust – unrelated to contract...we have a category of specialty drugs (experimental), only 517 in state are covered by this. Exorbitant costs involved here. The District will begin enforcing this language in the contract. All refills must go through the discount network for cost savings. Most of these drugs are climate controlled...limited supply, ie.30/month.
- If letters are received letting teachers know of change, District is just complying with language that is already there. This will apply to new prescriptions.

- Teachers will have to have medical documentation to verify why they need to take a specific medication, ie...Nexium (the little purple pill), as opposed to a generic brand.

Directors:

Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein

- This years Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament had an excellent turnout. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate!!
- The following students will be the recipients of this year's scholarship sponsored by our Association:
 - Michael Morin and Melissa Jo Wells from West Allis Central
 - Kathryn Foley and Dan Machmueller from Nathan Hale

Director: LuAnn Livingston

- Friend of Education Dinner went well – 10 nominees were honored. Please be reminded, when you nominate an individual for the Friend of Education award, you must (should) attend this dinner with the recipient.
- Door prizes: Angela Bina (Jefferson); Jeff Sikich (Lincoln); Nancy Nienhuis (Walker); Debbie Berrang (Mann)

Director: Kathy Popa

- Newsletter deadline is extended until Friday, May 12th.

Director: Laura Westcott

- We have 2 members who were inadvertently left off the original list of retirements. They are retiring from their career of teaching, yet they don't qualify under the Districts Retirement language. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to anyone.

Parliamentarian and Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

- Members will be needed to count ballots for the T.A.
- Ballot boxes and membership lists will arrive by the 22nd
- Responsibility of head rep to assemble ballot box and vote
- All staff must initial their names on the sign off list.
- Responsibility of head reps to deliver ballot box to Walker by 4pm on May 26th.

Unfinished Business

- none...

New Business

- none

Announcements

- none