

Representative Assembly/General Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2008

Minutes

Present: C. Bader, A. Balch, M. Brown, S. Burdett, B. Burrows, C. Burton, B. Canfield, D. Cerbone, L. Chaput, T. Dickerson, M. Donner, J. Drake, S. Gager, C. Glassman, C. Gunter, M. Hamblin, M. Humphreys, K. Jewett, S. Kaier-Tuttle, E. Khuns, P. LeVan, M. LoRe-Geigel, M. Maland, K Matychak, S. McGrath, E. McRae, J. Menchel, G. Mulkeen, D. Nichols, B. O'Brien, L. Riley, B. Shapiro, L. Shemancik, K. Shield, S. Smith, N. Sorrentino, S. Stein, S. Tontarski, P. VanGraafeiland

Absent: J. DiBrango, G. Drooz, L. Khalil, J. Larson, M. O'Connor, D. Sanfratello, A. Shelp

- 1. Additions to the Agenda:** B. Shapiro thanked members of the R.A. for all of their hard work this year. She thanked those who are stepping down this year and introduced new members for 2008-09.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Approved: May 12, 2008 R.A. minutes, June 2, 2008 Executive Committee minutes.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Final report of the year was distributed. Most categories stayed within budget. R.A. voted and accepted.

Old Business

- 4. PDTA Budget:** Our dues are about average for those districts around us, but we do offer more stipends than most. J. Menchel distributed budget proposal. R.A. voted and approved the budget for next year.

New Business

- 5. Installation of 2008-9 Representative Assembly:** See "Additions to Agenda" above.
- 6. Professional Standards Review Board Nominations:** Many names were suggested. The Executive Committee discussed and found two that would fit the needs of the Board. R.A. voted and approved naming Shelly Osinki and Teri Nicosia.

Committee Reports

- 7. Professional Development:** Need to encourage elementary and middle school staff to apply for study grants next year.
- 8. Communications:** *Speak Out* was published six times this year.
- 9. Public Relations:** Next year we will make some adjustments for the Food Cupboard donations.
- 10. Special Events:** Great events, including a terrific retirement party.
- 11. Political Action:** Vote/Cope checks will be deposited tomorrow. We had a 16 percent increase in donations this year.
- 12. Membership:** Very smooth this fall.

Special Reports

13. **President:** B. Shapiro recommended that people read this month's *New York Teacher*. It has a great article about the union's #1 role, to protect the teacher's need. If there are any issues regarding staffing/sectioning, get word to your Building Rep ASAP, as B. Shapiro and S. Gager will be meeting with John Schiess next Monday. We will be having a personal PDTA training this summer at NYSUT. Dates TBD. B. Shapiro invited all members of the R.A. B. Shapiro distributed a copy of letter from M.A. Price regarding a timeline for hiring an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, as Holly Jones will be finishing her "interimship." Finally, B. Shapiro thanked all who have sat on the many committees.
14. **Vice President-Administration:**
 - a. Board of Education:
 - b. DPT: Looking for a date to work in the summer
 - c. PTSA: Reminded Reps that we have a Student Benefit Fund and you can encourage staff to give names.
15. **Vice President-Negotiations:**
 - a. IST Study: Final language being completed.
 - b. Special Needs (504) Tutor Study: Talking again.
 - c. Special Needs Advisory Committee: Looking into training for SRPs and others.
16. **Grievance:**
 - a. **Health Fund:** Reached an agreement and it will be signed this week. The agreement stated that if you are on the payroll on October 1, you will receive the Health Fund. For anyone out on leave on October 1, but returning for the second semester, they need to petition the district to receive the prorated Health Fund. You must work a minimum of one semester to be eligible for the Health Fund
17. **Retirees:** *Retired Times* was distributed.
18. **Professional Standards Review Board**
19. **Delegates**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary