

## PDTA Representative Assembly

October 19, 2009

### Minutes

**Present:** Connie Bader, Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Chris Burton, Bernadette Canfield, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Tracy Dickerson, Kristen Dolan, Jill Drake, Sue Gager, Lee Gibson, Carrie Gunther, Mary Hamblin, Marc Hellems, Kelly Jordan, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Linda Khalil, Erin Khuns, Paul LeVan, Helga Lübbers, Maryanne Maland, Rhonda Matthews, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Pam Metzler, Gail Mulkeen, Michelle O'Connor, Barbara Shapiro, Laura Shemancik, Karen Shield, Steve Smith, Sandy Stein, Tracey Stubbs, Sherry Tontarski, Pam VanGraafeiland, Dennise Zobel

**Absent:** Becky Girouard, Caren Glassman, Donna Nichols, Brian Shafer

**Additions to Agenda:** none

**Minutes Approval:** September 21, 2009 R.A. minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Committee still is working on audit. Should be done for our November R.A. meeting.

### **OLD:**

- a. **PSRB Nominations:** We received only 5 nominations, fewer than in years past. We still have time to send nominations. We need one from HS and one from any level.
- b. **PDTA E-mail accounts:** Website stats: we had over 1,000 hits in September! Our e-mail accounts are up and running. Try it out! (your name as it is on the district site @pdta.org) There will be a link to the mail site on www.pdta.org.
- c. **Sick Leave Bank Open Enrollment:** In progress. Forms are coming in. Enrollment is up this year.

### **NEW:**

- a. **Model UN donation** Approved: same amount as we gave last year.
- b. **Retiree Council #6 donation-** Approved: give the same amount as last year. Barb will check with other locals to see what they give, for future reference.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Health & Safety:**
  1. Wellness: Working on what is a food reward. You can give input to your building's health and safety chair. The district has hired a consultant to work with us on students and body image. This consultant does training. Keep your eyes open for training.
  2. Religion in the Schools Committee: This committee is looking for how they can be used more, do people have questions, and does anything need clarification. Questions/suggestions should be directed to the rep in the building.

- b. **Membership:** Membership Drive is still in progress. Dues deductions will begin with the first paycheck in November.
- c. **Public Relations:** Entertainment books are selling! You can still order one! Check out the display/order form, probably located in lounge. Strides for Breast Cancer: +8,000 walkers earned over \$775,000! October is EVERY building month collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. They are real low right now, especially in paper products, like tissues; paper towels and napkins.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

- a. **President:**
  - Will be interviewing seven people for PDTA Office Secretary:
  - New NY State law allows you to cover dependents up to age 29.
  - K-5 enrollment committee is still working. This committee has NOT recommended major changes, like redistricting.
- b. **V-P for Administration:** DPT is meeting for the first time this year on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. **V-P for Negotiations:**
  - Extracurricular Committee has completed its recommendations. Contracts were written and are on the way to advisors.
  - B. Burrows also asked that teachers join PTSA. This goes a long way in public relations, especially as we head closer to Negotiations.
- d. **Grievance:**
  - Working on the coffee issue. Options and guidelines are coming to the buildings. Building reps should check with principals.
  - SHS English overage: couldn't get an additional section, but teachers will receive stipend.
  - Elementary Special areas: now have to do a 3<sup>rd</sup> report card. They will receive .5 day release day to work on report cards this year only + training will be offered this week/next week.  
Elementary reps should talk to special area teachers
- e. **Retiree:** B. Shapiro and A. Perrotto will speak at their October luncheon.
- f. **Professional Standards Review Board:**
- g. **Delegates:**
  - First Meeting:** October 27<sup>h</sup>