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Representative Council Meeting **April 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:11pm by John Manning

Present: John Manning, Marc Foti, Joaquim Johnson, Cathy Nolan, Joe Italiano, Timothy Reilly, Fred Criscitelli, Eleanor Murno, Brenda Avery-Carswell, Matt Perkins, Larry Hurtado, Yvonne Watson, and Charlie Gurnari

Absent: Dean Campiglia, Evelyn Samtak, James Capello, Victoria Scarpa, and Howard Stein

Minutes

The minutes for March were previously accepted via a unanimous consent procedure, and then posted to the association's website (www.PCTVEA.org under the link "Meetings").

Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Foti explained that he will add the interest figures for both accounts and will update the council. He approximates that each account will increase between \$4 - \$7 based off of accrued interest.
- Mr. Italiano made a motion to accept the report and Mrs. Murno seconded it. The report passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report

- 5 baskets were sent out last month and the switch to Aiello's Fruit Baskets has been a smooth one, as they have been quite accommodating.

Grievances

- There is one active grievance concerning the issue of health benefits for a member caring for a sick child. This grievance is being handled by the Uniserv office.
- It was noted that there has been an increase in members having disciplinary letters placed within their personnel files. Council members were instructed to express this to the members, in hopes of avoiding any unnecessary situations. One grievance may be pending concerning events related to this situation. The council will be updated on this situation, if a grievance should be filed.

Social Committee

- Mr. Gurnari reported that at present, 6 members were signed up for the bowling league. He requested that a text-message be sent out announcing this event, considering the fact that his flyer has been removed from the C-wing faculty room.

Old Business

- Reminder that the PCEA (county association) elections will be taking place. It was noted that someone from district is on the ballot, and that their presence on the executive board is advantageous

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for our members. As such, it was recommended that we maintain a mailing box in the faculty room to collect and ensure that our members' ballots are mailed.

- Mr. Mix reports that there are currently 74 members signed up for the text-messaging plan. The cost once again is \$25/month. It was asked if subscriptions were to be monthly or annually. Once this question is answered the council will be prepared to render a decision on whether or not to proceed.

New Business

- The End-of-Year party is scheduled for June 18. Tickets won't be sold, but Reps. will collect money and record the names of members wishing to attend. These names will be referenced at the door. Reps. will begin collecting names and money following our May meeting. The issue of gifts for the retirees was also discussed. It was agreed that watches will continue to be purchased, but logistics concerning engraving will be pursued.
- The Teacher-of-the-Year celebration for Yvette Nieves is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 in the Teachers' Caf. Finger foods will be provided and the soda and coffee machines will be running. Mr. Foti and Mrs. Avery-Carswell have agreed to assist with setup.
- Mr. Manning touched on circumstances concerning Negotiations and the Health Benefits. He explained that he has no control over what the other bargaining units (Supervisors, Secretaries, Custodial, etc.) do concerning the switch to the State Health Plan. He cannot predict what would happen to our tentative contract, if those units do not agree to switch.
- The idea of hosting a Jean's Day for the philanthropic fund was discussed. Mrs. Nolan agreed to make a request to administration for June 18th (the date of our party) to host a Jeans day.
- Mrs. Murno made a motion to make a \$100 contribution to the scholarship fund of the Educational Council of Passaic County. Mrs. Avery-Carswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Hurtado made a motion to end the meeting and Yvonne Watson seconded it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Joaquim Johnson
PCTVEA Secretary