

John Manning
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May 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by John Manning

Present: John Manning, Marc Foti, Joaquim Johnson, Joe Italiano, Victoria Scarpa Fred Criscitelli, Eleanor Murno, Brenda Avery-Carswell, Matt Perkins, Howard Stein , and Charlie Gurnari

Absent: Dean Campiglia, Evelyn Samtak, James Capello, Cathy Nolan, Timothy Reilly, Larry Hurtado, and Yvonne Watson

Minutes

The minutes for April 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 the report and included the missing interest figures from last month's report (they fell within his predicted range of \$1 - \$7)
- Mr. Italiano made a motion to accept the report and Mr. Gurnari seconded it. The report passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report

- no report was submitted, but Mr. Foti noted that more receipts for baskets have come his way. It was noted that a member of the English Department recently went out on leave, and Mr. Mix will be notified to send a basket to this member in the first week of June.

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.
- One grievance concerning class coverages has been handled by Mr. Foti and Mr. Manning and was successfully resolved.

Social Committee

- no report was submitted

Old Business

- The council was updated about the text-messaging plan, and their previous questions concerning whether an annual contract was required was addressed. The plan costs \$25 a month and is billed on a month-to-month basis, so it can be canceled at any time. Mr. Italiano made a motion to continue utilizing the text-messaging system. Mr. Gurnari seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Manning and Mr. Gurnari reported that the Teacher-of-the-Year celebration was a success and thanked all who helped to make it so.

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- The End-of-Year party is scheduled for Monday, June 18th from 4pm to 8pm. It was announced that we must get 150 people in attendance to ensure that we have the large room upstairs. A motion was made by Mrs. Avery-Carswell to sell tickets for the event for \$30 apiece. Mr. Gurnari seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Mrs. Avery-Carswell to set the retiree-gift spending at \$1,000 and to include a small plaque/gift from the Association for retiring principal Joe Digise, separate from that amount. Ms. Scarpa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by the Ms. Scarpa and seconded by Mrs. Avery-Carswell to adjust the scholarship designations to allow for 7 - \$500 scholarships (one in each of the four designated categories; 4-year college / 2-year college / technical school / member's child, and three at-large scholarships to be designated by the committee according to the quality of candidates). The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Mr. Manning reported that the Negotiating team is still awaiting the Board to sign-off on the contract agreement. He suspects that the Administration is waiting to present all agreements to the board at one time (i.e. Teachers, Supervisors, Secretaries, Maintenance, etc.).
- The council discussed whether or not the Association should take up collections for members experiencing hardships, or whether it should be done at the individual department level. After much deliberation, the Council expressed a hesitation to taking such initiatives for fear of appearing biased or partial in its efforts. Also, the issue of privacy was a concern. It was suggested that the President of the Association exercise his/her power to alert the Association of a need for a collection, but that the collection be conducted by the colleagues of the effected-member's department.

Vicky Scarpa made a motion to end the meeting and Howard Stein seconded it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Joaquim Johnson
PCTVEA Secretary