

UNION TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

**Date Change February 22, 2010



CALL TO ORDER: 4:04 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion, J. Zurka, 2nd, M. Donner, Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from the International Myeloma Foundation (in memory of C. Saacke)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION OF ITEMS:

1. January 2010 is our one year anniversary of our unsettled expedited healthcare arbitration, still no response
2. February 1st: Tiered Lesson Plans/Technology: only 1 per week until further notice
3. Pass the budget -- St. Pat's Parade -- we need marchers!
 - * 11:00 am UTEA breakfast @ Cafe Z
 - * 12:30 we march in the parade
 - * 2:00 we end up @ Cafe Z for lunch on the UCEA
4. May 7th & 8th UTEA overnight -- please spread the word -- sign up anyone who has any interest to learn about the UTEA: 3 sessions to include organizing your building, school law/DYFS and member rights. Includes: dinner, breakfast and lunch, and overnight stay. 4:00 start on Friday, end about 11:45 Sat. Patty Valenzuela and Rich D'Avanzo to head registration, see form to register

TREASURER'S REPORT: As submitted Jan. 2010, Banking Summary. Please review addendum items. Motion to approve, M. Riley, 2nd, P. Valenzuela, unanimous

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Negotiations:** none
- **Pride:** as submitted. Winter proposal has been accepted. Thank you letters from organizations are being requested before receiving donation. Motion to approve items 4, 5 and 6 on the report, R. Mazur, 2nd, J. Frazier, unanimous
- **Elections:** NEA RA: (New Orleans) July 1 - 6 -- February/March (5 people can go local UTEA Reps and there are also 9 state rep positions available. There is a self-nomination for to run for the state level for RA. NOMINATIONS for RA: D. Tavares, J. Zurka, K. Alvarez, AM Shannon, J. Frazier, P. Valenzuela, J. Permison Election to be held in March, Nominations will close on 3/4, contact L. Torres
- **Membership:** Disability Insurance Representative to be set up at faculty meeting with each rep.
- **Grievance:** as submitted, 3 total.
- **ESP:** 4 members attending ESP conference, cost \$750
- **Health & Safety:** Boys Showers at UHS leaking, cafeteria floors not being washed. Issues should be reported to custodian, then principal, then Health and Safety. PEOSHA found 4 violations in air quality at UHS.
- **PAC/Legislative:** 3 Bills in Senate passed with a 36 to 0 vote. ****WE MUST CYBERLOBBY, see UTEA and NJEA website!!!** Bills can still be reversed
- *St. Patrick's Day Parade: March 13 -- Pass the Budget 11:00 Breakfast Café Z for marchers, 2:00 lunch Café Z sponsored by UCEA
- **Newsletter:** website updated weekly
- **Good & Welfare:** J. Palumbo submitted resignation, J. Zurka and J. Adams to follow up. Proposal for changes in the Good and Welfare recognition system. Motion to accept proposal as written, C. Sharp, 2nd, R. D'Avanzo, unanimous.

• **Philanthropic:** G. Feingold reviews scholarship applications. Scholarships are 4 total, at \$1000 each (2 to further their education, 1 for the son or daughter of a UTEA member, 1 student going into the education field). Suggestion from the floor for some acknowledgement to be given that applications were received.

*Private donation of (2) \$2500 was received as well.

• **Social:** Halfway to Summer Party was a success! *Breakfast before parade, Café Z, send sign ups to N. Ahern

• **Administrative Advisory: None**

OLD BUSINESS: Sat 2/27 volunteers for the UTEA office at 1:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS: J. Grossi instructing members that have issues to put it in writing and sign their name in order to avoid awkward situations with administration. UTEA will be more than willing to help all members!

*Motion for UTEA to sponsor Suffragettes team for \$125, J. Frazier, 2nd, R. Mazur, unanimous

*Teacher Recognition forms to be sent to building reps from Phyllis Stolar in March

ADJOURNMENT: Motion, M. Fiorito, 2nd, K. Whalen, unanimous 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Ahern, Secretary

Attendance: EXEC

A.M. Shannon

J. Grossi

N. Mullen

N. Ahern

J. Zurka

J. Permison

J. Frazier

A. Pfeifer

C. King

M. Fiorito

C. Sharp

S. Homich

REPS:

UHS: J. Salvatore

G. Barnas

M. Donner

R. Mazur

M. Riley

K. Smith

Burnet: R. D'Avanzo

P. Valenzuela

Kaw: K. Whalen

C5: F. Palumbo

Wash: K. Arminio

S. Tobin

P. Wiggins

Fr: L. Vollmuth

HC: D. Tavares

CF: J. Ponce

BH: C. Sharp