

MEA Representative Council Meeting: October 26, 2009

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

I. Information/Introductions

None

II. Agenda Revisions

None

III. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting were approved.
- B. The Financial Report was approved as submitted.

IV. Leadership Reports

- A. President's Report: A reminder that the teacher scholarships for the semester are due at the end of this week. Winners will be pulled at the next Board meeting through a lottery system. Applications for spring semester will be accepted immediately. Molly is continuing to visit buildings; she will visit Horizon High School in the spring. MPS Foundation campaign: The 2009 total was \$44,349 up from \$42,187 which is a 6% increase; the 2009 donor total was 1074 up from 943 which is a 10% increase. First Nebraska Educator fliers are available for distribution at school.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Foyt was absent.
- C. UniServ Report: Remind members that if they have questions/concerns regarding observations or evaluations to contact Mike Wiesen and/or Molly. Governor Heineman has called a special session to cut the budget and school aid is on the table; any cut will affect us. Last spring we received NEA grant money, and we used it to contact nonmembers with 2-5 years experience; 90 teachers were contacted, 26 of those teachers joined MEA this year. We may want to consider doing this again in the spring. Thank you to those who helped make phone calls.
- D. Metro District Board Report: LCCC minutes are currently online through the NSEA website (www.nsea.org) under Metro District. Lincoln, Nebraska is hosting the Special Olympics USA National Games in July 2010; those interested in volunteering can get information from the NSEA website as well. There is a Teacher Town Hall meeting to address No Child Left Behind at Westside Community Center on Thursday, November 12th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Roger Breed (Nebraska Commissioner of Education), Marilyn Peterseon (Director of Federal Programs), and Congressman Lee Terry will discuss NCLB and answer questions from teachers.
- E. LCCC Report: Millard School Board met to approve their poverty and diversity plans; the state and Learning Community still have to approve these. Molly will have more info about this at the next meeting. The previous LCCC meeting addressed student movement between districts.

V. Information Items

- A. Western Region, Mesa, Arizona (1 position): Interested BRs need to see Molly after the meeting.
- B. Policy Change 1100 (First Reading): Molly explained the changes the Board approved. We will vote on the change at the next Building Rep meeting.
- C. Membership Update: We have 1189 members out of a possible 1800 potential members; last year's membership was 1212.
- D. Board letter per last BR meeting: BRs at last month's meeting asked Molly to write the letter in support of the production of "Rent" at MNHS. The school edition will be performed in April. Molly's letter is being sent to the Board of Education and it's signed by the Millard Education Association.
- E. Crystal Apple Award Winner: Lynette Dergan, Media Specialist at Andersen Middle School

VI. Action Items

None

VII. New Business / Questions

- A. Elementary planning time

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary