

Millard Education Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MEA Office  
Omaha, NE  
March 31, 2015

Mtg called to order ~ 5:39

In attendance: Paul, Marsha, Cama, Mandy, Sabine, Jason, Reynee, Chris, Deanna, Aarron

- I. Adoption of the Board of Directors February 2015 Minutes ~ moved to adopt by Jason, seconded by Reynee
- II. Adoption of the March 2015 Treasurer's Report ~ moved to adopt by Reynee, seconded by Jason
- III. Information Items
  - A. Membership Update—Marsha ~ no new information, thinking about ideas for May. Omaha Community Playhouse is not going to work out. Denim Days are going well, donations turned in at April BR meeting.
  - B. 2015-2016 Budget Committee Recommendations—Tom ~ met 3/25/15 – line item 100, 2% increase in rent; snacks – Millard Business Association donating, decrease by \$200, try to be more frugal; line item communications – internet increased; salaries – increase (Pres, staff secretary, etc.); tax preparation increased because we had to had another paid position; contingency fund, zeroed out; no SEAN golf tournament; SurveyMonkey costs are reimbursed through Metro District; MEA savings zeroed out; external public relations decreased – haven't used any yet this year; increase in \$12,000 in overall budget = recommend raising dues by \$5 ~ \$140 (LEA local is \$191; OEA local is \$178); haven't raised in at least 10 years. NSEA is increasing by \$3 and NEA increase is \$2. Justification for increase? Need to explain better to our members, explain how little it is per month. \$11.20 is truly what is needed to balance the budget. Look at percentage of base?
  - C. President Dinner Awards Nomination
    - a. Rookie of the Year ~ We had a MEA member nominated for NSEA Rookie of the Year Award, but didn't receive it. This teacher will receive the MEA Rookie of the Year Award
    - b. BR of the Year ~ BR chosen
    - c. Community Partner ~ Rebekah - Raising Cane's Chicken
    - d. Friend of Education ~ Sen. Rick Kolowski
  - D. Metro District DA Caucus—April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ~ metro board mtg beforehand and then will discuss caucus items
  - E. Metro District Summer Retreat ~ June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on UNO campus – 8 a.m. start with continental breakfast, keynote speaker, student panel, EMAC presentation/panel, lunch/history of 31G, our association in action with NEA trainer to address issues of ELL/ethnic minorities/LGBTQ, and then reflection and planning. Donations are requested ~ Would like to use the \$200 allocated for the SEAN Golf Tourney to go to the Metro Retreat.
  - F. DA Delegates and RA Delegates ~ Sent out over survey monkey – better response. Finalizing RA nominations.
- IV. Action Items
  - A. MEA President's Hours – motion to accept by Chris, seconded by Cama. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - B. 2015-2016 Budget Proposal – motion to table until next meeting by Aarron, seconded by Deanna. Need the treasurer here. Motion passed.
  - C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Crystal Apple Award Selection – motion to recommended nominee (SH) by Cama, seconded by Chris. Discussion. Motion passed.
- V. Reports
  - A. President's Report ~ busy with work at the Foundation with strategic planning rewrite. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> SEAN DA, 16<sup>th</sup> Metro Caucus, 23<sup>rd</sup> heading to Lincoln for DA, 29<sup>th</sup> Vintage Financial mtg, 3<sup>rd</sup> President's Dinner
  - B. Vice-President's Report ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> heading to Lincoln, board mtg on 24<sup>th</sup>, and then DA
  - C. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) ~ Tom absent, report available for review

- D. NSEA Organizing Specialist Report ~ approaching 4/15 deadline, received word from district that no contracts are being canceled. If someone gets a notice of non-renewal or cancellation of contract, reach out immediately because only have 7 days to respond. Caution about what one puts out on social media – be careful about your name on being attached to comments in social media. Watch conversations.
- E. NSEA/Metro District—next meeting is (NSEA—April 24, 2015) (Metro—April 16, 2015)
- F. Legislative Report – none; question about lobbying and money available for classroom teachers to testify / share info. Funds are available for teachers to attend. Need to better represented.
- G. Committee Reports (GRC, Membership, Elections, Negotiations, Budget, Communications) – none

VI. Future Agenda Items – none

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Janovec