

*Millard Education Association*

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**MEA Office**

**April 13, 2010**

**Omaha, NE**

Attending: Molly Erickson- President, Mike Foyt- Vice-President, Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer, Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary, Melissa Brendel- Elementary Director, Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director, Reynee Shanahan- Elementary Director, Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director, Jason Weber- Middle School Director, Chris Carroll- High School Director, Matt Heys- High School Director, Paul Schulte- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director

Absent: Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda**

- A. Add Elementary Plan Time to Information Items as letter C.

**II. Routine Matters**

- A. The minutes were approved electronically prior to the March Building Representative meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**III. Information Items**

- A. Elections Report: Tim Royers was elected for the High School Director position and Kim Secora was elected for the At-Large position. Moved (Gibbs/Carroll) to accept the Elections Report. Motion carried.
- B. Foundation Update: The two MEA scholarships available for members' children were awarded to Stephanie Lyons and Katie Patton. The MPS Foundation dinner is on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Qwest Center; MEA has a table and seats are available, so let Molly know if you'd like to attend. Molly is co-chairing the 1<sup>st</sup> annual MPS Foundation 5K Run at Lake Zorinsky on August 21<sup>st</sup>; the run begins at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 8:15; Molly wanted to know if the Board would be interested in helping sponsor the event. The Communications Committee will meet this weekend to discuss sponsorship.
- C. Elementary Plan Time: There is still discussion regarding the impact of potentially losing Wednesday plan time due to the need to increase student contact time at the elementary buildings. Molly feels it's very important that teacher collaboration time remain intact even if it isn't on Wednesdays.

**IV. Action Items**

- A. Constitution Revisions
  - a. Article VII
    - 1. Establish a new letter B to state: To establish clear lines of communication with all MEA members in your building. This could include, but not be limited to, emailing "unofficial" minutes, forwarding pertinent email messages, holding regular membership meetings, distributing MEA materials, bringing concerns from your own building to monthly meetings. Remaining letters would change in order by one.
    - 2. Add "when deemed necessary" to the end of the new letter F.
    - 3. Moved (Whisinnand/Gibbs) to take language changes to the Representative Council at the April meeting. Motion carried.
  - b. Article VIII
    - a. Section 1: Change April to March
    - b. Section 2: Change November to February

- c. Section 3: No change
  - d. Moved (Whisinnand/Schulte) to take language changes to the Representative Council at the April meeting. Motion carried.
- B. Scholarship Winners: 1-5 years teaching experience: Ann Carmoney and Jessica Zavadil; 6 or more years teaching experience: Kelly Pugh and Tara Fabian

**V. Reports**

- A. President's Report: The President's Dinner will be at Shadow Ridge Country Club on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Extra Duty Committee met before spring break and developed some goals; the committee will meet again in May.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Foyt didn't have a report.
- C. UniServ Report: Molly shared that MEA nominees for New Leader Institute in Lincoln this summer have been submitted.
- D. Metro District/Communications Report: DA delegates met on April 8<sup>th</sup> and at that time the language concerning the MEA Board of Directors motion to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. was drafted. Becky Scherbring signed MEA up for the Autism Puzzle Walk on Saturday, May 1st at Chalco Hills. MEA will be offering an opportunity for members to attend an Omaha Royals baseball game on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Matt Dykstra will be awarded the NSEA Teacher of the Year award at Delegate Assembly this weekend.
- E. GRC Report: The Omaha Press Club dinner was held in late March; Reynee Shanahan and Paul Schulte attended; they had the opportunity to talk with state and local leaders. Legislative Update: You can get up-to-date information regarding Legislative Bills at <http://nsea.org/policy/LegUpdate.htm>
- F. LCCC: Molly shared information from the District 4 meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary