

Millard Education Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MEA Office
November 22, 2010
Omaha, NE

Attending: Molly Erickson- President, Paul Schulte- Vice-President, Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer, Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary, Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director, Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director, Jason Weber- Middle School Director, Kim Secora- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director, Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

Absent: Melissa Brendel- Elementary Director, Reynee Shanahan- Elementary Director , Tim Royers- High School Director

Vice- President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda

A. None

II. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes from the October meeting were approved electronically.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

III. Information Items

- A. Committee Meeting in December: The Communications Committee is meeting on Monday, December 6th at 4:30, location TBA.
- B. Review Retreat Notes: We feel we are on track in meeting the goals we set for ourselves at July's meeting. The only outstanding item at this time is our Wellness piece and how that could work in terms of negotiations.
- C. Book Drive Update (Timeline): Molly is working on contacting people at local book stores to solicit donations. Paul will work on contacting building media specialists to discuss how they can help out.
- D. MEA Nurse Dues Structure: We are looking at reducing dues for nurses, school psychologists, and speech-language pathologists because they often belong to both their professional organization and MEA. We would cut their NSEA and MEA dues in half. This wouldn't garner MEA more money, but it could help boost membership. More research needs to be done before we take this to BRs.
- E. Project Wee Care: Molly asked if we would be interested in supporting the organization at this time. Most of us are supporting philanthropies through our buildings. This may be something we do next year.
- F. New Business Item- Education Week Wreath: Treasurer Tom Whisinnand was asked to lay a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. Log on to www.millardmea.org for the details.

IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business

- A. Focus Group: Invite 6 new members, 6 new non-members, 6 experienced members, and 6 experienced non-members to attend a focus group on Thursday, March 3rd, location TBA. Participants will be randomly selected based off of years of experience.
- B. Negotiations Team: Matt Heyes (chief negotiator), Tyler Berzina (statistician), Molly Erickson, Paul Schulte, and Mike Wiesen. Motion to accept negotiations team (Whisinnand/Weber). Motion carried.
- C. Policy 2450- Teacher Scholarship: Molly asked that we modify the due dates for applications to better serve our members. Motion to accept the change in dates (Gibbs/Shirmang-Ward). Motion carried.
- D. End-of-the-Year Financial Report: The 2009-2010 financial report was presented. Motion to accept the financial report (Whisinnand/Scherbring). Motion carried.

V. Reports

- A. President's Report: Mary Jo Warren's mother passed away; \$25 from our contingency fund will be donated in her name for the NSEA's Children's Fund. Sheila Catton's family thanked the MEA for supporting their fundraiser. Paul Schulte recommended Molly for the NEA Commission on Effective Teachers and Teaching. She was not selected but may be working with the committee in the future.
- B. Vice President's Report: Paul is going to NCUEA in Tulsa next week.
- C. UniServ Report: Several members are receiving assistance at this time. This is going to be a tight fiscal legislative section. Members need to be ready to email/contact state senators when needed.
- D. Metro District: The Metro District is proposing that each local be responsible for preparing fundraising baskets at Delegate Assembly. They are also talking about resurrecting President's Council so local presidents can get together and discuss what is happening in districts.
- E. GRC Report: Paul had no report at this time.
- F. LCCC/Legislative Report: The LCCC met on November 18th; they worked on approving grant proposals. Molly will bring more information to December's BR meeting. District 4 is not meeting until January.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. Focus Group
- B. Nurse Dues Structure

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary