

Millard Education Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2009
Omaha, NE

Attending:

Molly Erickson- President
Mike Foyt- Vice-President
Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary
Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer
Melissa Brendel and Becky Scherbring- Elementary Directors
Jason Weber- Middle School Directors
Chris Carroll and Matt Heys - High School Directors
Paul Schulte- At-Large Directors

Absent:

Reynee Shannahan- Elementary Director
Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director
Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director
Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:50 P.M.

I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda

None

II. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes were approved electronically prior to the August Building Representative meeting.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was unavailable at this time.

III. Information Items

- A. Parliamentary Procedure: Molly went over the "Parliamentary Rules at a Glance" document from the flash drive. She wanted to refresh everyone's memory on the procedures and remind us to use the rules at meetings.
- B. Membership Numbers: Current membership is at 1147; 34 new teachers joined, six former nonmembers joined.
- C. Strategic Planning: Molly went over our plan; we added items we implemented during the 2008-2009 school year, and we brainstormed ideas for the 2009-2010 school year. Molly will send this document to us so we can load it on to our flash drives.
- D. Policy and Constitution Ad-Hoc: This was discussed last year; Molly asked for a chair to help form a small committee. Moved (Scherbring/Schulte) that we do not form a committee for Policy and Constitution but instead look at one item per meeting. Matt Heys asked to make a friendly amendment by adding that we should always invite Building Representatives to join our meetings and/or look over what we're working on via the website so they can make suggestions for changes. We will have Policy and Constitution on the agenda at each board meeting so we can cover as many items as a meeting allows. Motion carried.
- E. MEA Foundation Update: Last year we looked in to starting our own foundation to set up an assistance program for members. The MEA Foundation would have a separate board and meet as necessary; it would cover raffles and assistance for members, among other things. Molly continues to work on gathering information on how we can do this.

- F. Flash Drives: These were sent to all Board members. Paper copies will no longer be made unless requested. Molly will be sending items through email that need to be downloaded. If you aren't sure how to download to the flash drive, Molly can give you a tutorial.

IV. Action Items

- A. Member Drop Request: Moved (Shirmang-Ward/Foyt) that the Board move from regular session into executive session at 5:35 P.M. to discuss member drop requests. Motion carried. Moved (Whisinnand/Heys) to return to regular session at 5:54 P.M. Motion carried. Moved (Heys/Scherbring) to address all three drop requests as one and honor all three. Motion carried.

V. Reports

- A. President's Report: The first Professional Committee meeting of the year is on Thursday, September 17th. Agenda items at this time: day 194, extra duty, ANGEL. Molly has been stopping by buildings with bagels to welcome teachers back to school. Long term care: MPS has decided not to offer this through the district at this time. Molly shared that she had received an email from a concerned member regarding NEA General Counsel Bob Chanin's retirement speech at the July 2009 Representative Assembly.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Foyt wanted to know how much time teachers in other buildings were being asked to spend in PLC meetings. He also asked what other teachers turn in terms of lesson plans to their administrators. He expressed concern over his principal asking for plans then giving teachers examples of plans that run 12 to 20 pages per week. If you have concerns about what's happening in your building, please contact Molly.
- C. UniServ Report: Mike Wiesen was absent. He was negotiating with Westside.
- D. Metro District Report: The next meeting is Thursday, September 10th. Tom would like to take the concerns we have with dues (automatic state increase) and our membership (decrease) to the Metro Board to see if other districts are having the same issues.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. Dues structure: Tom will discuss this with Metro Board.
- B. Policy and Constitution Update

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary