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Chapter 33 Combined Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 09, 2012

Location: District Office – Board Room

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Members present: John Martinez, Linda Allen, Chuck La Mere, Ulysses Guadamuz, Lucy Nolasco, Rachel Corrales, Faye Soler, Rosa Jimenez, Herb Mintz, Jeanne Stalker, Charles Jones, Linda Herda, Chris Weidman, Stephanie Samuelsen, Isabel Dillman, Maria Lara-Blanco, Juanita Celaya, Annette Perot

Meeting called to order 5:07pm – Chris Weidman

1. MINUTES – Chris Weidman

The minutes from the combined meeting of April 11, 2012 were attached for review. It was moved by Charles Jones and seconded by Stephanie Samuelsen to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with 13 attendees voting “aye”, and 4 abstaining.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT – Linda Herda

The report of accounting activity and ending balances for April 2012 were attached to agenda.
Checking account ending balance: \$11,628.00
Savings account ending balance: \$7940.18 with 65¢ interest earned

Linda Herda stated that she has not had time to transfer the \$3,000.00 from the checking account to the saving account, but will try to have it done before the next meeting.

John Martinez gave an update on his research into whether the union could set up a scholarship fund as discussed at the meeting on April 11, 2012. He said that he could find nothing which prevented us from setting up a scholarship, but we would need to put this before the membership for a vote. It should be done when next year’s budget is being prepared.

3. CONFERENCE UPDATE – Stephanie Samuelsen

Invitations to attend the 2012 CSEA Annual Conference were sent out to the District Staff and Board of Trustees. To date only Ron Galatolo has responded that he will be attending, Harry Joel will check his schedule and let us know. The Chapter 33 representatives in attendance will invite Ron (and guest) to dinner.

There are only seven resolutions which will be presented and voted on at the conference. The resolutions have been sent to Herb Mintz to send out to the membership. All delegates and alternates must attend the RPM (Regional President’s Meeting) which will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. A presentation should be made at the next chapter meeting on the outcome of the resolutions (7 new/1carry-over) that were discussed at the RPM.

4. NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE – Chris Weidman

Chris reported that we are currently in a waiting period to hear from the district. There is a meeting scheduled May 22, 2012 at which time there should (hopefully) be favorable news to report.

John Martinez made a clarification that negotiations are actually confidential between the negotiating teams (CSEA and District and the chapter executive board.) Once they feel that an agreement has been reached, then they bring the agreement to the membership for a vote.

5. **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS** – Stephanie Samuelson

A continuation of the examination of our CSEA contract, the topic discussed was vacation. Bullet points were included on the agenda and read. Questions and answers followed.

6. **CPRO** – Herb Mintz

Herb handed out "Vote No On The Corporate Power Grab" flyers. He explained that what is happening in Wisconsin has now arrived in California, and it is the corporate deception initiative, which attempts to limit the power of organized labor by restricting the ability of Unions to contribute to political candidates and initiatives while preserving political fund raising for corporations and the super rich. It is important that we are proactive in our union to remain strong.

7. **CPAC**

Due to time constraints, Charles Jones passed on his report.

8. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** – Annette Perot

Sorry I was late this evening, thanks to Chris Weidman for leading the meeting, and thanks to everyone who came this evening.

9. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Thank you for coming.

Motion to adjournment meeting – Juanita Celaya, seconded by Chuck La Mere. The motion carried with all members voting "aye."

Meeting adjourned 6:17pm