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Chapter 33 Combined Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2012

Location: District Office – Board Room

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Members present: Jan Phemester, Sharon Himebrook, Medelline Lowe, Herb Mintz, Chris Weidman, Kathy Chaika, Annette Perot, John Martinez, Isabel Dillman, Charles Jones, Dean Drumheller, Violeta Grigorescu, Juanita Celaya

Meeting called to order 5:10pm – Annette Perot

1. MINUTES – Annette Perot

The minutes from the combined meeting of May 09, 2012 were attached for review. It was moved by John Martinez and seconded by Chris Weidman to approve the minutes as amended.

The motion carried with 10 attendees voting “aye”, and 3 abstaining.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT – Chris Weidman

The report of accounting activity and ending balances for May 2012 were attached to agenda.

Checking account ending balance: \$9,140.00

Savings account ending balance: \$10,940.55 with 65¢ interest earned

Chris reported that \$3,000.00 was transferred from the checking accounting into the savings account; interest will be calculated next month. With the exception of reimbursement to Canada College (approximately \$75.00), all reimbursements for CSEW have been made. It was also noted that the dues Chapter 33 receives from CSEA increased due to new hires.

3. CSEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE – Annette Perot/Chris Weidman

All delegates and alternates attended the Regional President’s Meeting (RPM) on June 11, 2012 to go over the resolutions that will be discussed at the 2012 CSEA Annual Conference. Each delegate will choose one resolution to present to the membership at the next Drive Release Meeting. The membership will then direct the delegates on how they would like the delegates to vote on each resolution at the conference.

To date, only Chancellor Galatolo has responded that he will be attending the CSEA Annual Conference.

4. NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE – Chris Weidman

Chris reported that the last meeting scheduled on May 22 was moved to May 24, 2012 and the next meeting will be on June 26. During his opening day address to the staff, Chancellor Galatolo said the District is now in Basic Aid status, which means there are less “strings” from the state on how money is spent. He realizes that the classified have gone for many years without a salary increase, so the District will “crunch the numbers” and he predicts the outcome should be favorable.

5. **CPRO – Herb Mintz**

Herb handed out “Vote No On The Corporate Power Grab, Protect Schools/Public Safety Initiative” flyer. His goal was to educate the members on the flyer, and explained the State Association has put together a 4-phase plan to defeat this initiative. All members were asked to sign “Let’s Save Public Education” cards.

CSEA Region 5 Labor Representative Diana Hull elaborated on the plan (we are in phase II.)

- a. Phase I – Talk to leadership
- b. Phase II – Talk to union memberships, distribution of information
- c. Phase III – Reach out to members who don’t attend union meetings
- d. Phase IV – Ask members to talk to community, family and friends. We don’t want what happened in Wisconsin to happen to us.

She explained in 2000-2005 this initiative came up and it looked like it was going to pass, so our leadership mobilized to defeat it. Why are they going after CSEA? Because we have a multi-billion dollar pension fund they would love to raid or destabilize.

John Martinez suggested that a more provocative name such as “Worker Enslavement Act,” people don’t seem to realize that we are all workers. He believes that unless the campaigns rename themselves to something that grabs attention, we will lose because people won’t look at it.

Herb raised the issue to the people who developed the campaign, but they didn’t want to use anything like “99%” and he was the lone voice on the name issue.

Kathy Chaika asked if the State Association had the funds to run ads close to the election. Diana responded yes, but we are outspent 15 to 1, what we do have is people power. Charles Jones said we must take this to heart, this is just the beginning of an all-out attack, if they win, nothing will prevent them from reaching into and raiding our pensions.

6. **CPAC**

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

7. **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS – Annette Perot**

Please pass out “Let’s Save Public Education” signature cards to people in your work areas.
Thank you for coming.

8. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Remember, do not let any union business interfere with your work flow.
Thank you for coming.

Motion to adjournment meeting – Kathy Chaika, seconded by Chris Weidman. The motion carried with all members voting “aye.”

Meeting adjourned 6:11pm