BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
March 10, 2011

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, David Brown, Carol Franklin, James Nee, Linda Vinti.

Meeting was called to order at 4:18 PM

Approval of minutes:
February 16, 2011

Moved: L. Vinti
Second: C. Franklin
Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. I attended the third follow up meeting on the reconfiguration process.
2. NTA Office received over 100 telephone calls with questions based on the seniority list over the past two weeks. Any members with questions should CALL the NTA for the quickest response.
3. The second NTA Notebook went out this week.
4. Keep up due diligence on emailing politicians; it is getting noticed in Albany. New letters are on the NYSUT.org website daily.
5. Share with members to have “no comment” regarding the events of the past week reported in the Times Herald Record.
6. Thank you to the members at the rally on March 3, 2011 at the Teamsters. Pictures are available on NTA website as well as NYSUT’s flicker account.
7. Donations to VOTE-COPE from each building are as important now as ever before!!. Make checks payable to NTA VOTE-COPE as time for payroll deduction has passed.
8. The Tarrytown Leadership Program will be in Princeton, August 16, 17, and 18, 2011.
9. Letter to NYSUT Credentials Committee regarding the election of NYSUT RA Delegates shared.
10. Committee of 100 will be lobbying in Albany on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Any retirees interested –there will be a bus from TRO going to Albany.
11. Letter from the Retired Teacher Chapter shared.
VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The Teaching Assistant Executive Committee met on March 1, 2011.
2. March 8, 2011 Teaching Assistant Building Representative meeting was well represented.
3. The Teaching Assistant Conference for building reps presented by Ken DeStefano will be March 12, 2011. James Nee will also do a presentation on Labor Relations negotiation procedures.
4. March 29, 2011 the Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee will have a get together with SRPs from other school districts.
5. As a result of the Audit, “How to” binders are being developed to disseminate information to NTA members regarding procedures, committees, and activities of the NTA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly report is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Whereas, the benefits and gains for the union and its members are evident in the knowledge of their contracts, implementing action plans and electing school board are important topics necessary for the NTA representatives to properly perform their duties; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Leadership Conference for 2011 be held in November locally. (Submitted by Patricia Van Duser, NTA President)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: J. Daley

Passes unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, the delegates from the Newburgh Teachers' Association will be attending the NYSUT representative Assembly, and

Whereas, the delegates will be participating in a state-wide election for NYSUT officers, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate who go cast their votes for:

Richard C. Iannuzzi - President
Andrew Pallotta - Executive Vice President
Maria Neira - Vice President
Kathleen M. Donahue - Vice President
Lee Cutler - Secretary-Treasurer

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: D. Brown

Passes unanimously
MOTION #3

Whereas, the NFA Solar Racing Team is participating in the Eco-Marathon in Houston, TX in April, 2011, and

Whereas, the experience of the Solar Racing Team’s participation in the event has been valuable and will enhance the team's knowledge and skills,

Whereas, the NFA Solar Racing Team is putting together a brochure to raise funds to complete the construction of vehicles and fund the trip to TX, be it therefore

Resolved, the NTA Board of Directors authorizes the president to make a donation of $100 to the NFA Solar Racing Team.

Moved: J. LeRoy
Second: D. Brown

Passes unanimously

MOTION #4

Whereas, Celebration of Teaching and Learning 2011, is a premier professional development conference being held at the Hilton New York, in NYC on March 18 and March 19;

Whereas, developing our knowledge of the Common Core in Math and ELA are important in developing our APPR and all other professional development issues that will arise; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors authorize the President and Labor Management Member and APPR Standing Review Member, David Brown attend this conference at the cost of $375/person for two day registration and expenses associated with travel (rooms, travel and meals).

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: J. Daley

Passes (6-0-1)

GOOD AND WELFARE

1. Timeliness of response from Teaching Assistant Leadership will be addressed by J. LeRoy.
2. Empty Bowls fund raiser at NFA April 13, 2011.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM:

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Nee

Passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary