Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts. Alt. Program

Schools not represented: Administration, Executive Dr., South Jr. High, Vails Gate

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

NTA Board of Directors appointed Karen Roberts, NTA Secretary on Nov. 8, 2006

Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2006
Moved: L. Colacchio                      Passed Unanimously
Seconded: S. Minard

Approval of the Minutes of October 18, 2006
Moved: N. Sparacio                      Passed Unanimously
Seconded: J. Daley

President’s Report
1. Leadership conference
2. Head Delegates/Officers TAs met re: Bond– discussion good and welfare
3. Election night victories
4. Lesson plan matter settled
5. Special Ed new guidelines – NTA President to speak to District
6. Meeting with Mr. Velez to be scheduled regarding electronic equipment
Vice-President’s Report
1. APPR - many schools still need to be work shopped
2. Sub Chapter meeting on 10/19. Contract was ratified which expires same date as teacher’s contract

Treasurer’s Report
1. NTA President gave the report

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Still working on stipend issues, as well as electronic equipment in classroom letters. Coach stipend issue signed off on. All of these issues take time to resolve. Members need to know this.
- Grievance- More members are needed for the committee.
- Health and Safety- This is another process that takes time to resolve. Forms are available if your school has an issue.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Phone banks will be ready to go for Bond vote. Head Delegates need to choose their dates. Ed. issues members will attend CLC meeting in Port Jervis with Orange County Legislators on 11/20, all are welcome to attend.
- Teacher Center- Round three in-service will begin soon. Registration should take place first and second week in January. Marco Polo workshops offered, one is full and one is canceled due to low enrollment. Dell discount available on the teacher center website. Policy Board retreat was a success. Data assessment is a possible topic for a study group.
- Nomination and Elections- Welcome to Steve Schulyer as new NFA Director as well as Karen Roberts as new Secretary. Waiting information from NYSUT regarding NYSUT and AFT delegate elections. Possibility of an NEA delegate as well.
- Special Events- Leadership Conference was a success. Currently putting Holiday Delegate Assembly together. Retirees will be invited.
- ER&D- Eight people are participating in training that will end in May. Hoping to hold TA orientation in September on a Saturday if possible.
- VOTE/COPE- Year ends for donations on December 31, 2006. To date we have received five thousand dollars more in payroll deductions and about seven hundred in checks. Fostertown School is at 100% contributions.
- Teaching Assistants- Today is SRP Recognition Day. Teaching Assistants presented officers with T-shirts.
- New Member Initiative- Union allows $750.00 per school to set up meetings and events with new teachers to discuss union issues. Letters with applications will go out soon. Welcome Janet Carlson to committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1
Whereas, the William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism award goes to those members who have exhibited exemplary service as unionists, and

Whereas, the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter continues to grow and engage in pro-education and pro-union activities, be it

Resolved: that the NTA’s Board of Directors designate the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Founding Officers, Sheila Manning, Chairperson, Joni Mongelli, Recording Secretary, Berenda Johnson, Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Glenda Faison-Crawford, Executive Committee Member-at-Large as this year’s William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism Award Recipients.

Moved: D. Liebman   Passed Unanimously
Seconded: P. Hunter

GOOD AND WELFARE
Bond vote discussion
Survey to go out for member responses about bond vote
Board of Directors to meet November 30, 2006

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM
Moved: P Hunter
Seconded: L. Colacchio   Passed Unanimously