



# Newburgh Teachers' Association

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## Teaching Assistants' Chapter Building Rep. Meeting 1/12/10 Minutes

- I. **Call to order: 4:20 pm.**
- II. **In Attendance:** M. Leonard, D. Petrilli, J. LaCappolla, M. DePuy, L. Simpson, T. Brady-Lyden, J. Powell, M. Lattimore, L. Maier, G. Nichols, Z. Johnson, J. Stumpf, J. LeRoy (NTA Liaison), Exec. Comm. Members- S. Manning, J. Mongelli, B. Johnson, P. Favata.
- III. **Chairperson's Report:**
  1. Our NYSUT regional office is now located in Tarrytown. Ken DeStefano will remain our LRS.
  2. Reminder- refrain from using school e-mail for union or personal business. Also, members who do not have a "continuing" certificate should keep track of their certification and requirements.
  3. Regarding TA substitutes: school personnel should be giving preference to members who had been laid off before calling others for substitute work. There is also a Teaching Assistant Sub. List that should be utilized.
  4. TAs will not be using AESOP, but a separate line may be installed for TA calls by next September.
  5. The Mid-Hudson SRP Conference is scheduled for March 20th and 21st in Cooperstown. More information to follow.
  6. Building Rep. Training will be held at the NTA office on 1/19 and again on 2/16. It is a two-part class for anyone who has not received training in the past. Classes start at 4:15 and will be conducted by LRS Ken DeStefano.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
  1. Labor Management - no exact date has been set for the February meeting. The contract will be opened up after 2/1/10. We currently have 196 members. The committee is looking into a retirement incentive similar to the teachers'. The top three members' concerns, according to the recent survey, are 1) salary, 2) health insurance benefits and 3) in-service credit increase.
  2. Grievance - there is only one Teaching Assistant issue being discussed. It is a seniority issue and is being handled by NTA President Patricia Van Duser (not a "formal" grievance).

3. Membership - the next Defensive Driving course will be held on February 2nd. The holiday shopping trip/fundraiser was a success. Approximately 20 people participated. Hopefully the number will be greater next year. Please contact Berenda Johnson if you know of any new hires in your building or if a member has been transferred into or out of your building.
4. Sick Bank- one possible application at this time.
5. Member/Community Affairs- set up a beautiful dinner for all Building Reps. present as a thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.
6. LAP- meeting to be held after tonight's Building Rep. meeting. Update to be given at the General Membership meeting on 1/26.
7. Nominations/Elections - Zamia Johnson is the newly elected representative for West Street. Still no nominations were received from NFA North or GAMS.
8. VOTE/COPE- average donation figures per building were discussed. More information to follow at the General Membership meeting.
9. Policy Board/Teacher Center- working on more meaningful staff development days. Jean Stumpf and Theresa Brady-Lyden are completing their training in "Thinking Math" and will soon be certified to provide instruction in this.
10. Scholarship - final status regarding the member scholarships will be given at the 1/26 meeting. The deadline was extended because not every school received the information.

**V. Good and Welfare:**

1. No new motions were brought forward at this meeting.
2. Representatives will be asking TAs at building meetings to think about possibly taking up a collection for members who still have not been hired back.
3. Reminder- fill out census forms!
4. Three gift drawings were held for members present as a further "thank you."

**VI. Motion to adjourn: J. Mongelli, 2nd by D. Knox.**