NTA TEACHING ASSISTANT'S CHAPTER
Building Representative Meeting
February 22, 2011

Schools not represented: Gams; Heritage; HOH; NFA North; Temple Hill; West Street; NTA Liaison.

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 4:27pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
December 14, 2010

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: D. Knox Passes Unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
1. Meeting dates for BOE: 7pm this evening and March 3, 2011 @ 4pm.
2. Reminder to wear “Pink Hearts/Not Pink Slips” pin at all times
3. www.newburghedinfo.com is a blog that has been reporting information of the BOE meetings.
4. Reviewed general information of BOE Meeting Protocol with Senior Staff recommendations to direction request, approved, against, abstained, and bubbled for further information.
5. Passed concept of closing West Street School with disbursement of students to Fostertown, HOH, and Vails Gate.
6. K and 1st grade TA’s were bubbled for more information on 1st grade TA’s and feedback from administration from each school.
7. VOTECOPE and members contributions to it have always been important and it’s especially true now.
8. TRS website has a countdown to retirement steps listing for members to refer to.
9. Contact Sheila at ext. 36220 if there are any questions on dates or prior service information.
10. T/A Leadership Conference for BR’s will be held March 12, 2011 from 9am-1pm at NTA office. Please RSVP if you have not already done so.
11. Members’ responsibility to keep up to date on certification expiration dates. Newer Level 3 members have a 5 year expiration date.
12. If a member has moved from Level 1 to Level 2, no physical certificate is issued. Members will receive a certificate when Level 3 is achieved.
13. Members should also keep record of State required development time. (75hrs/5yr).
14. All members should establish Teach on line website account.
15. Special Education stipends will be looked into by S. Manning.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
1. 500$ Scholarships have been rewarded to 2 TA’s continuing with school.
2. $50 gift cards were sent to laid-off members.
3. A 100$ contribution was sent to Hospice in remembrance of Dr. Annette Saturnelli.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
1. Labor Management: On the January 26, 2011 meeting, ground rules for negotiations were covered. Completed and returned surveys of concerns were received. Another meeting is being held this Thursday 2PM-4PM.
2. Grievances: B. Johnson reports that there is a possible Stage 2 at this time.
3. Sick Bank: P. Favata reports one more member is approved at this time. Please make sure sick bank forms have been signed-can’t use it if you are not in it. 100 days available at beginning of September.
4. Membership: A. Sutton has lost her home to a fire. Contact will be made to see how we can help. Helping out in for our Senior Event may be as simple as providing coffee and coffee fixings to senior community centers. Any ideas for helping at our nursing homes will be appreciated. Scrap booking for Safe Homes should begin soon and the idea for making a few pages on March 12th, will be considered.
5. Newsletter: Thank you to P. SanSevero for her work on The Grapevine. Patty is already working on the next issue for sometime in the Spring. Please feel free to send information or pictures to Pats e-mail which is on the Grapevine. Pass this on to all our members.
6. VOTE/COPE: D. Knox reports that cash contributions can no longer be collected-only checks made to NTA VOTE/COPE or payroll deductions for VOTE/COPE are acceptable. 2011 payroll deductions enrollment is over but check contributions can be put in for the 2011 campaign. VOTE/COPE runs from January to December. TA Contributions for 2011 are $3,090 in payroll deductions and $180 in check contributions. Thank you for your hard work Denice.
7. Scholarship: The winners of the $500 TA scholarship are, M. O’Connell of Gardnertown and S. Drew of Meadow Hill- Congratulations! Student scholarship applications are due back by March 23, 2011. It is #106 on the scholarship list.
8. Health & Safety: Reviewing the process for accident reports and who and how they should be reported. Procedures are being worked on regarding concussions with contact sports vs. collision sports in mind. Automatic emergency lights and bell systems are now in all elevators in our schools.
9. SAVE: Head delegates and administration should be establishing turn-key training on correct procedures for write-ups. Be specific and detailed when writing one.
10. Planning Board: Has not met again at this time.
11. LAP: Starting Healthy, Staying Healthy- locating a venue for May 7, 2011.
12. **Special Events:** March 12, 2011 is being set up. Any End of Year ideas for venue please send them to D.Petrilli.

**OLD BUSINESS:**
None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION 1:**

*Whereas,* the NTAC wants to support the community and the students of NFA, and

*Whereas,* Jean Harrison was a strong supporter of the Empty Bowl event, and

*Whereas,* the NTAC would donate $50.00 in memory of Jean Harrison to the Hudson Valley Food Bank, through the Empty Bowl event at NFA, be it therefore;

*Resolved,* that the NTAC donate $50.00 in memory of Jean Harrison to the Hudson Valley Food Bank.

(Submitted by the NTAC Executive Committee)

**MOTION OF THE FLOOR:** to amend the amount of the donation to $100.00

Moved: B. Johnson  
Seconded: D.Knox  
**Passes Unanimously.**

**MOTION 1 AS AMENDED**

*Resolved,* that the NTAC donate **$100.00** in memory of Jean Harrison to the Hudson Valley Food Bank.

**Passes Unanimously.**

**MOTION 2**

*Whereas,* it is in the best interest of our membership to support teaching assistants who are experiencing difficult or joyous times, be it therefore,

*Resolved,* that NTAC’s Building Reps authorize the Community and Member Affairs committee chair to follow the criteria listed and make purchases as needed, and be it further

*Resolved,* that the NTAC’s Building Reps approve the revised edition of the criteria.

**Criteria**

The following events the assistant will receive $50 in the form of a gift card, floral arrangement, or donation to a charity:
• Death in Family: Spouse, Mother, Father, Sibling, or Child
• Illness: Member, spouse or child is in hospital for three or more days, or caring for a spouse or child for a long term illness.

The following events the assistant will receive $25 in the form of a gift card or a floral arrangement:
• Birth
• Wedding

The following events the assistant will receive a card:
• Death of other family member
• Birth of Grandchild

Moved: B. Johnson  
Second: M. Leonard  
Passes Unanimously.

MOTION 3

Whereas, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionist consists of members from seventy-seven international and national unions with forty-two chapters across the country, and

Whereas, the CBTU seeks to fulfill the dream of those Black trade unionists, both living and deceased, who throughout this century have courageously and unremittingly struggled to build a national movement that would bring all our strengths and varied talents to bear in the unending effort to achieve economic, political, and social justice for every American, and

Whereas, the basic objectives of the CBTU are to:
• Improve economic development and employment opportunities,
• Increase union involvement in voter registration, voter education and voter turnout projects,
• Organize unorganized workers,
• Actively support civil rights and civic groups working to improve living and working conditions,
• Increase effective political alliances between labor, churches and the general community, and,

Whereas, CBTU pledges to work in coalition with organized labor and other allies whose mission is consistent with these objectives, and

Whereas, NYSUT recognizes the CBTU as an ally in the labor movement, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teaching Assistants’ Chapter of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association approve Berenda Johnson to attend the 40th annual International Convention of the CBTU May 25-30, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

(Submitted by the Executive Committee)
Moved: L. Simpson  
Second: M. Leonard  
Passes Unanimously.

Cost:
- Registration: $370.00 (includes Women’s Luncheon and President Billy Lucy Celebration)
- Hotel: $974.40 (6 days)
- Estimated Airfare: $387.00 (Round Trip)

GOOD & WELFARE:
1. Eunice from Safe Homes sent a thank you for our contributions of baskets and wonders how we do it all.
2. Amy Sutton may need things due to the fire. More information to follow.

ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm.

Moved: B. Johnson  
Second: L. Simpson  
Passes Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Brady-Lyden  
Recording Secretary  
NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter