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Teaching Assistants' Chapter Building Rep Meeting March 9, 2010

Present: Executive Committee: S. Manning, P. Favata ; NTA Liaison: J. LeRoy.
Fostertown: G. Nichols, NFA: C. Derham, New Windsor: B. Butrick, Heritage:
M. Leonard, Meadow Hill: L. Maier, Pre-K at Renwick Street: K. Riley, Pre-K at
Washington Street: J. Stumpf, D. Petrilli.
Schools not represented: Balmville (excused), GAMS, NFA North Campus,
HOH, Gardnertown (excused), Vails Gate, South Jr., West Street, Temple Hill.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

Approval of minutes:

January 12, 2010

Moved: J. Stumpf

Second: M. Leonard

Passes Unanimously.

Chairperson's Report:

1. Sick days – Call the Civil Service number. If you know that you will be absent for more than one day, state this info, reason and if necessary that you will supply a doctor's note. This way you will not have to call in every day.
2. Certification – It is your responsibility to stay current and complete requirements for each level. Extensions are usually only granted if you can't complete the work time requirement.
3. School Computers – Are for school use only. No union or personal correspondence.
4. Calendar for upcoming dates will be emailed.
5. Agendas will be emailed in the future; minutes will also be emailed and put on the website.
6. Tarrytown SRP conference April 23 & 24 signup sheet passed.
7. Infinite Campus – As of now, only teachers have been trained. If you have been or will be trained please notify Sheila Manning.
8. Job Description – If you are asked to do a job outside of your normal routine and you are unsure of what is expected, you may ask for it to be put in writing (ie: Front Desk).
9. 55/25 retirement incentive not signed by Legislature yet.
10. ED 14 Meeting – Discussion on the importance of seniority and how it is done.
VOTE/COPE why so important. Albany updates.

Important Dates: March 11, 18, & 25 – Budget Meeting at BOE, 5:00pm. Please try to attend.

Committee Reports:

1. Labor Management – Negotiations have started; proposal will be exchanged at the March 25 meeting. Gail Nichols, Margaret DePuy and Sheila Manning will be on the committee. Ken our LRS has our list of concerns and will write up proposals. EVERYTHING is CONFIDENTIAL during negotiations. This is when LAP and VOTE/COPE are the most important.
2. Grievance – No report.
3. Membership – Defensive Driving course March 13, next one in May.
4. Sick Bank – Only one person has used the bank this year, no one else has applied. Procedures on the use of the bank reviewed.
5. Community – Sunshine was not used. Fair Trade products order form available on the NTA website. Suggested a hard copy be sent to the buildings. Fair Trade posters will be sent to the schools. Safe Homes project – Mothers Day scrapbook project will start soon. More info to follow. Let the Executive Committee know of other organizations members are involved with.
6. LAP – Senior Day – A spring visit is being planned to visit Nursing homes in our area, tea with cards or crafts from our students, more info to follow. Will be setting up a table and Bounce House at Carly's Day; volunteers will be needed. Starting Healthy event, date changed to June 5.
7. VOTE/COPE – A drive for 2010 will be done in the spring.
8. Scholarship – Winners for the member's scholarship for the fall were chosen.
9. Grapevine – Help is needed in putting together our newsletter. Any help you can supply (article writing, pictures, or organization) would be appreciated. Contact Patty SanSevero at grapevintanews@aol.com.
10. Teacher Center/Policy Board – Teacher Center back at Stewart. Thinking Math course in the works; 2 TAs and 2 teachers trained.
11. Nominations and Elections – No one for GAMS or NFA. Will send letters again. BOE: Attend meetings.

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion 1

Whereas, the Newburgh Teaching Assistants' Chapter wants to support the continuing education of the members of the chapter, and

Whereas, the scholarship committee has reviewed all applications, and

Whereas, the committee has selected Martha Patricio and Danielle Willard to receive the 2009 fall semester member scholarships, be it therefore

Resolved, that Martha Patricio and Danielle Willard will each receive a five hundred dollar scholarship for the 2009 fall semester.

(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: J. Stumpf

Second: M. Leonard

Passes Unanimously.

Motion 2

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 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 39th annual International Convention of the CBTU May 26-31, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan.

(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: P. Favata

Second: B. Butrick

Passes Unanimously.

Good and Welfare:

A suggestion was made that a treasurer's report be given at the meetings. One will be generated.

Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn at 5:45pm.

Moved: P. Favata

Second: M. Leonard

Passes Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Mongelli, Recording Secretary

Important Dates:

- March 11, 18, & 25 – Budget Meeting @BOE @ 5pm
- May 22 – Carly Day – Orange Co. Farmers Museum Grounds 11am–4pm,
Rain date 5/23.
- June 5 – Starting Healthy and Staying Healthy in Newburgh at Newburgh Recreation for
grades K–4.