NTA TEACHING ASSISTANT’S CHAPTER
Building Representative Meeting
May 10, 2011

Present: Executive Committee: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, P. Favata, B. Johnson
NTA Liaison: J. LeRoy.
Schools: Balmville: Denice Knox; Fostertown: G. Nichols; Horizons: L. Tucker; Meadow Hill: L. Maier; New Windsor: B. Butrick; NFA: C. Derham, M. Leonard; Pre-K: J. Powell;
SMS: L. Simpson.
Schools not represented: GAMS; Heritage; NFA North; West Street.

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order: 4:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
March 8, 2010 Moved: D. Knox Second: B. Butrick Passes unanimously
March 21, 2010 Moved: B. Butrick Second: L. Maier Passes unanimously

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:
1. Sheila attended a meeting with our NTA President, TA Liaison, and, other NTA members regarding lay-off training. Ken gave the workshop with Mike Siegel.
2. Board of Directors will not be endorsing any candidates.
3. Discussion was had on being able to have a specific format like a check off sheet in putting forth recommendations for which candidates TA’s would like to support at the conclusion of future candidate nights. Members who attended this year’s forum were asked for their opinion at the end of the meeting.
4. “Neutral Stance” for supporting the budget- encourage all to vote with what is best for the kids.
5. Phone banks May 11, 12, and 16th please make an effort to attend.
6. Lay-off letters will be out shortly, most probably by the end of this month.
7. Sick time for laid off members held for their return.
8. 22 TA’s laid-off; individual meetings for those members will be held, usually at BOE. Bring proof of information if you are questioning dates or data.
9. Leave of Absence without pay is a factor in lay-off seniority.
10. Some members questioning their seniority status, if you are not getting laid-off, please wait until the summer to make inquiry or to check on information with HR.
11. Seniority list is not union generated; laying off employees is a legal process-State Ed Law.
12. Process for our district has been Effective Date first, Board of Ed minutes second. Our district has factored in a third criterion for TA seniority because so many TA’s were appointed at one time- "full time teacher aide".
13. Due to logistics (large number of teacher retirees), TA’s will not be able to attend “Friends of Education 2011”. We have let the NTA know how disappointed we are in this and hope that this is only a one time occurrence.

14. SRP Conference- October 21, 22, & 23- Saratoga Hilton- anyone interested in attending notify Sheila. Motion will be this June.

15. Tenure – if you have a member that reached tenure but did not get a certificate from NYSUT please contact Sheila before the EOY meeting, June 7, 2011.

16. Level III members- keep track of PD hours on line. If further information on the process is requested, a memo will be sent out to Level III members.

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 will review all applications and select the two winners of the 2011 spring semester member’s scholarships, and be it

Resolved, that the two winners will each receive a five hundred dollar scholarship for the 2011 spring semester.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

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

Motion #2

Resolved, the TA Building Representatives approve the 2011-2012 NTAC Calendar as presented.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: D. Knox
Second: L. Tucker           Passes Unanimously

Motion #3

Whereas, Union professional development is provide at the NYSUT Tarrytown Regional Office SRP conference, and

Whereas, there is valuable information given by NYSUT in the workshops, and

Whereas, the exchange of information with union peers is important, therefore be it

Resolved, that 4 members of the Teaching Assistants’ Chapter will attend the NYSUT Tarrytown Regional Office SRP conference on April 29-30, 2011 for the cost of $50 per member for a total of $200.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)
Moved: B. Johnson
Second: J. Powell

Passes Unanimously

Motion #4

Whereas, the TAC officers and committee members deserve to be justly compensated for their efforts, be it

Resolved, the TA Building Representatives approve the officers and committee stipends amounts 2011-2012 school year as presented.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: L. Simpson
Second: T. Brady-Lyden

Passes Unanimously

Motion #5

Whereas, the Newburgh Teaching Assistants’ Chapter wants to support the continuing education of the students of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, and

Whereas, the scholarship committee will review all applications, and select the two winners of the 2011 student scholarships, and hereby

Resolved, that the two winners will each receive a one thousand dollar scholarship.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: B. Johnson
Second: J. Powell

Passes Unanimously

Motion #6:

Whereas, the unity of the Newburgh Teaching Assistants’ Chapter is very important, and

Whereas, the members need to be able to interact with other members from different schools, and

Whereas, this is made possible with an end of year meeting with refreshments, and

Whereas, the general membership will be charged 10.00 per person, and

Whereas, the NTAC is honoring the retirees, class of 2011 teaching assistants, and

Whereas, the laid-off members of year 2011, may face economic challenges, hereby be it

Resolved, that an end of the year meeting take place at a location decided on by the Special Events Committee not to exceed $25.00 per person, and be it further

Resolved, that the retiree and laid-off members of 2011, be excluded from payment to attend the end of the year meeting 2011.
(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: B. Butrick
Second: L. Maier            Passes - 1 abstain

Motion #7

Resolved, the Teaching Assistants’ Building Representatives approve the 2011-2012 NTAC budget.

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: L. Tucker            Passes Unanimously

Motion #8

Whereas, we are one local, and

Whereas, the NTAC utilizes the NTA building, and

Whereas, the building has undergone a major plumbing repair, hereby be it

Resolved, that the NTAC give the NTA $500 toward said repairs.

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

Motion #9

Whereas, in the past, the NTAC has honored TA retirees with a small gift, hereby be it

Resolved, that gifts not to exceed $30.00 per retiree, for a total not to exceed $500.00 be purchased for the members retiring in the school year 2010-2011.

(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: C.Derham            Passes Unanimously

Good & Welfare

1. Discussion on spouses at end of year party- many retirees are recognized through their schools and would have spouse at that event.
2. Zumba class given at New Windsor School every Tuesday and Thursday 4:15-5:15 - $5.
3. Any ideas for projects or suggestions for improving our chapter please e-mail any executive committee member at anytime.
4. Suggestion given to have a summer meeting(s).
**Dates in May to Remember:**
2-Executive Committee Meeting
10- Building Rep meeting/LAP
14- Youth Pride Day
17- Budget Vote
24- BOE workshop
24-29 - CBTU
31- BOE meeting

**ADJOURNED:**
Motion to adjourn: 7:25 PM

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: B. Butrick

Respectfully submitted,

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