NTA TEACHING ASSISTANT’S CHAPTER
Building Representative Meeting
June 14, 2011

Present: Executive Committee: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson
NTA Liaison: J. LeRoy
Schools: Balmville: D. 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: 4:31 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
May 10, 2010

Moved: M. Leonard
Second: B. Butrick

Passes unanimously

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:
1. Members have voiced concerns in remembering professional development hours they have taken in the distant past. If anyone has any particular professional development, workshop, staff development, or faculty meeting they may have recorded, please e-mail any Executive Committee with the name, date, and amount of time logged of that information. Remember it is the members’ responsibility to keep records of professional development hours.
2. Laid-off members have received letters, meetings, and had an informational meeting with our Labor Relations Specialist Ken DeStefano, and President Patricia Van Duser. A Department of Labor meeting was also attended by members.
3. A NYSUT booklet was given to each laid-off member but if they are in need of a copy contact S. Manning.
4. SRP conference reminder: October 21-23 in Saratoga. $50 deposit will be returned when attended. Registration forms out to those who expressed interest.
5. Teachers received displaced information letters this week. Teaching Assistant’s will be notified in late summer after all needs of buildings are compiled.
6. Reminder: keep the pink copy of student write-up. J. LeRoy reminds members that it creates a paper trail and gives a reminder of the resolution.
7. RA Report contained a front page article mentioning our Starting Healthy/Staying Healthy LAP event.
8. NYSUT has offered to speak on Member Benefits. If members feel this would be of interest please contact Sheila.
9. Teaching Assistant Certification requirements are on NYSUT.org.
10. Tarrytown has raffles supporting Disaster Relief for a chance of winning an Apple i-pad; $5 each.
11. Thank you note received by B. Palumbo. Happy Retirement!

TREASURE’S REPORT:
Not available at this time with apologies from E. Hart. The statements only arrived a day or so ago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Labor Management: No report at this time.
Negotiations: May 16 was last meeting. There will be a General Membership meeting at NFA next week to go over status and to discuss Triborough Law.
Grievance: B. Johnson reports no new grievances at this time.
Grapevine: L. Tucker interested in assisting. Please submit any blurb, article, information to P. Sansevero. “Fluff” is happily accepted.
VOTE COPE: 2011 Campaign runs till November 2011. Sign up for automatic payroll deduction for easy contribution. Once done, the automatic deduction will continue for ten weeks. The importance of VOTECOPE at this time can’t be repeated enough.
Political Action: Call 1 877 255 9417 to comment on how Tax Caps will not help education.
Sick Bank: There was a lot of activity this year in sick bank. An MOA is needed when we go over allotted 100 days.
Scholarship: TA applications are due back June 17. Winners will receive their check by mail over the summer.
Health & Safety: May 19 meeting; Work continues on various construction projects throughout the Districts school buildings. A bus tour of the construction projects is scheduled for June 24. Sport physicals are scheduled for August 11, 18, and 25. Summer Safety Tips are on the District Website. Meadow Hill and Temple Hill were awarded trophies (topped with a Solar Light design) as Co-Champions for the 2011-2012 Energy Conservation Challenge. The students also received ice-cream for their outstanding efforts in 25% reduction of energy in their respective buildings.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION#1:
Whereas, the NTAC would like to support the community and the students of NFA, and
Whereas, the NTAC would donate $250.00 to the Carly Fund, and have a table at the Carly’s Day event be it
Resolved, that the NTAC donate $250.00 to the Carly Fund from the LAP funds,
(Submitted by the LAP Committee)
Moved: B. Johnson
Second: L. Tucker          Passes Unanimously

MOTION#2:

Whereas, Union professional development is provided at the NYSUT State SRP conference, and

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

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

Resolved, that 25 members of the Teaching Assistants’ Chapter will be able to attend the NYSUT State SRP conference in the Fall 2011, and be it further

Resolved, that the $50.00 confirmation check that TA members pay will only be returned to those members that attend the SRP conference.

(Submitted by the NTAC Executive Committee)

Moved: B. Johnson
Second: B. Butrick

Motion to amend: the number of attendees to 16.

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

Motion #2 AS AMENDED:

Resolved, that 16 members of the Teaching Assistants’ Chapter will be able to attend the NYSUT State SRP conference in the Fall 2011, and be it further

Resolved, that the $50.00 confirmation check that TA members pay will only be returned to those members that attend the SRP conference.

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

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. B. Johnson reported on the CBTU conference she attended. It included breakout sessions that aimed at growing and strengthening our unions, building coalitions within our communities, and within our own union. Discussions included union knowledge, and passing it on to our youth. It is important to intertwine union knowledge to support each other. Eventually the CBTU may have a chapter in the vicinity. Overall the conference was extremely informative, uplifting and enjoyed by our member at large.
2. The unofficial amount raised on Carly’s Day: $10,000.
3. All T/A Building Representatives have an e-mail on the NTA website; contact Lorraine at NTA if you are unable to access it. Please remember to open your e-mail throughout the summer.
ADJOURNED:

Motion to adjourn at 5:54PM

Moved: B. Johnson
Second: D. Knox

Respectfully submitted,

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