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

Present: Executive Committee: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson, P. Favata
Schools not represented: GAMS; Heritage; Meadow Hill; NFA North; NTA Liaison

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order: 1:18 PM

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:
1. Thank you for attending this summer meeting. We are happy to accommodate your desire to continue with meetings during the summer to keep everyone up to date with NTATAAC information.
2. BR’s will be receiving calendars in advance so they may share and consult with members ahead of time on TA motions, events and information.
3. BR’s, please remember to check your e-mails on newburghta.com frequently and get members to frequent the website for important union information.
4. No information at this time regarding September 1 & 2 Conference Day for TA’s.
5. S. Manning had inquired about the displaced TA’s selection day but NTA President P. Van Duser has not received any information as yet. Administrators are still being put in place at this time.
6. A local “meet & share” of area paraprofessionals will be scheduled this year to continue to build upon last years’ get together. The date is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION#1:

Whereas, SRP specific issues, concerns and initiatives are presented by the NYSUT officers and staff at the NYSUT State SRP conference, and

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

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

Resolved, that 8 members of the Teaching Assistants’ Chapter will be able to attend the NYSUT State SRP conference October 21-23, 2011 in Saratoga Springs, for the cost of $265 per member for a total cost of $2,120 for registration and hotel accommodations, and

Resolved, that the $50.00 confirmation check the TA members pay will only be returned to those members that attend the SRP conference and be it further
Resolved, that all members that attend will bring back information presented at the conference by the NYSUT officers and staff, and report on their workshops at the next Building Representative meeting.

(Submitted by the NTAC Executive Committee)

Moved: D. Knox  
Second: B. Johnson  
Passes Unanimously

MOTION#2:

Whereas, the duties of Building Reps of the NTAC are “to represent their prospective school, and shall have the responsibility to report back to the building members as promptly as possible on all actions taken at the Building Rep meeting and shall vote in accordance with instructions given by the members in the individual schools,” and

Whereas, “in case of absence, a delegate shall be responsible for having an alternate present on his/her behalf”, be it therefore

Resolved, the NTAC Executive Committee require Building Rep, alternates and/or committee members to attend a minimum of five (5) meetings annually and be required to assist at two (2) Political Action activities to participate in NTAC and NTA Special Events (Leadership Conferences/Friends of Education Dinners).

(Submitted by the NTAC Executive Committee)

Moved: L. Simpson  
Second: L. Tucker  
Passes Unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. B. Butrick reports that after attending the kick-off Making Strides breakfast, there will not be a sample of the walking strides tee shirt this year. There are pictures and orders must be in by September 14 the latest. Due to the early date, share this information with our members as soon as possible. Schools will be getting informational packets early.

2. The Making Strides Walk is October 16, 2011. As a group, the NTA had a poor representation last year in terms of dollar amounts. Our schools together, under one banner, will show strength and unity in fighting for this cause. Members are encouraged to visit the newburgh.ta.com web-site to join the team and make donations.

3. We would like to have more members attending the BOE meetings. Please consider a month in which your school members would attend a BOE meeting as a group. Attending these meetings will give members in-sight as to how the process works. Of course this would not prevent anyone from attending any other BOE meeting that they would like to sit in on. Sheila is checking if attending these meetings will apply toward meeting the criteria for political action involvement.

4. B. Johnson is trying to keep our world a little greener. She would like members to go paperless in signing up for the Drivers Defense Training course. If it meets with approval, members will be able to sign up on newburgh.ta.com. We will keep you informed.
5. L. Tucker has joined P. SanSevero on the Grapevine. They are coming up with some concrete plans to get an issue out this autumn. They need your help. Send ideas, articles, updates, and anything you feel will make good reading their way!


ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn at 2:03 PM

Moved: C. Derham
Second: B. Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

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