NTA TEACHING ASSISTANT’S CHAPTER
Building Representative Meeting
October 11, 2011

Schools not represented: GAMS; South Middle School.

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

PLEDGE

SOLIDARITY OATH
Review of conduct at meetings.
Roll call for motions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:


CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
1. Office personnel should be calling recently laid-off TA subs in seniority order.
2. Several BR’s report that a retired teacher or aide have been covering in TA positions. This will be looked into.
3. All new Teaching Assistant BR’s will receive an NTA e-mail at newburghita.com. If you experience any problems with it please call Lorraine at NTA. All NTA correspondence will be going through NTA mail. Usually set up with first initial, last name@newburghita.com.
4. TRS consultation schedules should be in every building. Copies given to BR’s. Invite for TRS meeting (October 20, 2011) for those over 55 were sent out by NTA. Responses should have been returned by October 11, 2011.
5. SRP Conference will be October 21-23. Lourdes Martin will be filling in for the cancellation by one of our members. Reminder: members attending the SRP will report out on their workshops at the November BR meeting.
6. The Tarrytown regional SRP meeting was attended by Sheila last week. A discussion on Tax Cap showed that as of 9 months ago, 70% of members supported one. Use the
NYSUT website to send e-mails to various political officials voicing your opinion. Make time to watch the Nan Hayworth face book video.

a. Remind all members to do their part, register and vote! Deadline is this October 19th.

b. The NYSUT Disaster Relief fund supports NYSUT members in our area, and outside our area. Laid-off members are eligible as well. Please consider donating to this fund.

7. Speak with your building members and choose a month to attend the BOE workshops. Fostertown has taken October and NFA is scheduled for November and HOH is taking March. It is a great way to assure that the BOE sees the faces of TA’s.

8. Committee Member reminder: Please report out or send in your reports once a month. Information will be shared at the BR Meetings.

9. Any member having concerns or questions can contact the Executive Committee by e-mail or phone, or fill out a form and mail to any Executive Committee. Forms given to each BR.

10. There is no change in our contract or the State regarding TA APPR’s.

TREASURY REPORT
Attached
On file at NTA

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Labor Management: Has not met as of yet. A sub-committee is in place working on teachers APPR. Developing a model for grades 4-8.

Negotiations: Will begin again in February.

Grievance: None at this time. There is the possibility of one.

Sick Bank: No new activity at this time.

Community: Purchased shirts are in for the Strides Walk. B. Butrick handed out the shirts to the BR’s for delivery. Sunday, October 16, we will meet at the NYSUT tent at the Commons for a group picture. Bring pink balloons. Some members are walking at Dutchess Stadium.

SafeHomes: Our ad is in place in their 25th anniversary program. NFA is one of the recipients of this year’s Hope Award. Anyone interested in attending the dinner on October 27th please get in touch with Sheila Manning ASAP. In support of SafeHomes wear purple on October 19th.

SafeHomes has an ongoing need for dry goods, food store gift cards, personal care products, etc. You may call 562-5365 for more information. How are the baskets coming along?

Vote/Cope: Information packets given to each BR with letter and payroll deduction form. Please no combined checks. Contact information in packet. November 4th is cut-off date.

Political Action: Please encourage all members to register to vote. Voting registration cards must be post-marked no later than Friday, October 14. Check out NTA facebook page for up to date union action information.

Nomination/Elections: Thank you to Jeanne and JoAnne for their work in this year’s nominations and elections. TA Building Representative list will be updated on newburghta.com.

Grapevine: Newsletter is ready for October, waiting for approval. If you submit pictures for articles, please send P. SanSevero a digital e-mail. Paper photos do not copy well at all.

Central Compact: October 6th at Temple Hill. Unfortunately the guest speaker did not show. Instead L. Bair spoke on the 3 Doctors. Committee report handed in.

Health & Safety: Small turn out. Terry Damon gave an update on summer work. Each building should have a H&S committee. Committee report handed in.
**Scholarship:** Considering cutting member scholarship down to one in Fall, one in Spring. Most members that can benefit from it have their 18 credits already. 44 applicants, 19 have under the 18 credits. Number of credits is not only criteria.

**Teacher Center:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion #1:**

*Whereas,* NY state adopted the third Tuesday of November to be SRP Day, and

*Whereas,* we would like to recognize our members at our General Membership meeting on this year’s SRP Day, be it therefore

*Resolved,* that the chapter provide refreshments for SRP Day at our General Membership meeting being held on November 15, 2011 not to exceed $500.

(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

**Moved:** B. Johnson  
**Second:** J. Mongelli  
**Passes:** 12-yes 1-abstain

**Motion #2:**

*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 two winners of the 2011 winter semester member’s scholarships, and be it hereby

*Resolved,* that the two winners will each receive a five hundred dollar scholarship for the 2011 winter semester.

(Submitted by the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Executive Committee)

**Moved:** P. Favata  
**Second:** B. Johnson  
**Passes Unanimously** (13)

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

**ADJOURNED:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM

**Moved:** J. Mongelli  
**Second:** P. Favata  
**Passes Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary  
NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter