

OCSEA MINUTES

May 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Allison Carey in the absence of Julie Ames, at 3:40 PM. Secretary Loren Myhill took attendance of Rep Council members present. Absent were Jacky Kriskey and Julie. No gift cards were given for first time attendees, but Mary Burton won the drawing at the end of the meeting. Allison held the meeting at the Orange Service Center on Rampart in Orange.

Approval of the Minutes: Copies of the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes were available for everyone, and time for review was provided. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and they were approved as presented.

Vice-President Report: Allison Carey shared that we have 314 Bargaining Unit members.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Wilson reported that she prepared and sent the report, but it did not get printed for the meeting. Allison said she would email it out instead.

President's Report: President-elect Marlene Simmons moved, and Mary Jane seconded, that we approve Shayne Shearer, Steve Slack, Adriana Clark, Marlene Simmons, and Laurie Martinez as our representatives on the Interest-Based Bargaining Team. The motion carried.

Since ACCESS Administration has not yet shared any specific definitive information on ACCESS reorganization, Allison had nothing new that she could share at this time.

Political Action Committee (PAC): Marcia shared that the members had conducted interviews of two County Board of Education candidates on April 10, 2018. The panel (Loren, Allison W., Marcia, and Laurie M.) shared that they recommend the endorsement of candidate Matthew Nguyen for the upcoming OCDE Board of Education elections. Marcia Garten moved and Allison Wilson seconded a motion for endorsement. Discussion revealed how apparently uninformed and harmful David Boyd has been to ACCESS from his statements in the interview. In stark contrast, Matt Nguyen was well prepared and had a good understanding of what ACCESS does and the value of our services to at-risk students in our County, as well as the harm that for-profit charters the present Board of Ed. Members have approved are doing to Public Education in Orange County. The motion carried. Loren expressed concern about other groups claiming that Orange County teachers support Matt's opponent when obviously we do not. In addition, it is important to us that everyone vote.

Roger Urroz shared that CTA has recommended statewide candidates on their website.

Bargaining for 2018-2019 is presently on hold pending arrangements for training of the new members which will be held during the first session whenever that is scheduled. Marlene will send out an email when she has established the dates for training and bargaining.

Loren shared the importance of the CTA Coordinated Bargaining Training held at the Orange Service Center on Rampart in May and requested that Roger share the date of that event so our team could attend. Roger said

that it would be May 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00. All bargaining team members are encouraged to attend for valuable information on the 23rd.

Social Committee: Marcia reported that the social committee is getting a great response to the Evites for the May 24th OCSEA retirement party at Dave and Busters honoring all the retiring teachers this year. More email reminders will be sent leading up to the event.

Elections Committee: Chris gave an update on the present elections taking place. Ballots for the run-off election for two offices of the Executive Board for the 2018-2020 term will be mailed to all voting members at the end of the week. Anyone not receiving a ballot needs to contact Chris Off. Email reminders will also be coming out to remind everyone to get ballots in the mail on time. They must be received back by May 5th, so mail them early.

Laurie Martinez won elections for both NEA RA Assembly in Minneapolis in June, and CTA CA State Council which is a three-year term.

Old business: The motion from last month that unused funds approved for the Social Committee to use for the Retirement Celebration Party on May 24th be used to set up a scholarship fund for students did not pass. All unused funds will be returned to the general fund as is customary.

New Business: John moved, and Richard seconded, that we approve the expenditure of up to \$50.00 for setting up and possibly using Zoom for our Rep Council meetings. Marlene shared that she wants to begin preparations of online Rep Council meetings. Others shared what they knew about Zoom. The motion carried. Mary Jane abstained.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Next meeting is June 11th, 2018.

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