

OCSEA MINUTES

November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Ames at 3:40 PM. Lonnie Howerton led the Council members in the pledge to the flag. Secretary Loren Myhill took attendance of Rep. Council members present. Absent were: Lewis Lester, Richard Berman, Allison Carey, and Diana Freeman. The late start of the meeting was due to the lateness of some members whose presence is required for a quorum. No gift cards were given for first time attendees, but Julie Ames won the drawing at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was held at the Fountain Valley Ed. Center, which is the location for the 2017-2018 year.

Approval of the Minutes: Copies of the September 13, 2017 meeting were available for everyone and time for review was provided. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as presented. There are no October minutes due to the fact that not enough Rep. Council members attended to establish a quorum.

Vice-President Report: In the Absence of Allison Carey, Loren Myhill prepared the report and shared that we now have 310 bargaining unit members.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Wilson presented the treasurer's report. Copies were available for attendees to review. There were no corrections or additions and the report was approved as presented. Liz will try to include deposits as well as expenditures in all future reports.

President's Report: Julie share that for many years the Union has consistently recommended to the IBPST and OCDE administrators the value of a retirement incentive as a way to save money, better manage staffing, and budgeting for salaries. Although this (SERP) was not something for which we could or did actually bargain, we are pleased that the Department is now offering a SERP to our qualifying members. All interested teachers should attend information meetings to learn all the details of the SERP. Additionally, with the reduction of students and teachers now participating in ACCESS programs we are told that there will be sites closing and teachers reassigned at some point. Everyone was given a chance to ask any questions they had at the time, but everyone is encouraged to attend the meetings provided for complete answers to all of their questions.

Social Committee: Chris Off reported that members are signing up for the Holiday Party on December 8th, but we need as many as possible to sign up as soon as possible for planning purposes. Fliers are in your email boxes. Plenty of free parking and security are provided.

Elections Committee: Chris reported that Executive Board elections will be held in the spring and we need more members on the elections committee. Simply email Julie Ames if you are interested in joining any committee.

Membership: Chris Off reported that we have added two new members since our last meeting.

Safety: Marlene Simmons reported that safety and security issues at our sites are still in the process of being addressed. However, the resulting low morale, and lack of trust in administration resolve remain an ongoing problem. Laura S. has promised Marlene that in the future all AU Administration phones will at least be answered when teachers call for support, so this is some progress.

HBRC: No more meetings till 2018.

By-Laws: John suggested that we could send our bylaws for approval again just to satisfy everyone that may have concerns about them.

Roger Urroz, CTA SCP, reported that under current Ed. Code CA Law, school councilors do not acquire permanent status nor do other ancillary staff.

Old Business: John Well's motion from the last meeting that our Executive Board keeps minutes of any meetings and report to Rep. Council was brought to a vote and the motion carried.

New Business: Loren moved and John seconded that in the future, no member will be reimbursed for expenses for a conference outside of our area if the same conference is offered locally. Discussion was held and the motion carried.

John Wells moved and Steve Slack seconded that our standing rules state that Rep. Council members who miss three consecutive meetings be removed and replaced by the candidate from the last election who received the highest number of votes. Following discussion the motion carried. Mary, Allison W, and Mary Jane voted no.

Mary Jane Roberts moved and Beth Orlik seconded that future meetings cannot be canceled for lack of a quorum until we have waited at least thirty (30) minutes past our scheduled start time. Motion carried.

The next meeting at the Fountain Valley site will be January 8, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM.