

OCVTEA
2015–2016 Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Toms River Center

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:08 pm.

Attending:

Association Representatives: Sharon Giannantonio, Helene Crist, Brian Jones, Eileen Verde, John Sweeney, and Andrew Dennison

Officers present were: President Howard Polenberg, Vice-President Tiffany Seeley and Treasurer Gerald Luchs, Acting- Secretary Tierney Meeker

Quorum was met to conduct business

Minutes: The Minutes from the January 20, 2016 Executive Meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by: Eileen Verde

Second: Brian Jones

Discussion: None

Passed unanimously

Treasurer Report –Report given by Gerald Luchs. Balance of \$11,866.25, scholarship \$3,247.70

Standing Committees

Membership Committee – Gerald Luchs stated he is working on membership and it is going great, almost everyone is signed up (one pending waiting on paperwork), and we discovered one more member needs to be signed up (new guidance counselor at Brick).

Sunshine Report – see attached- list of cards sent to people

Public Relations –N/A

Social Graces –Committee will be headed by Jeremy Dusza. He will take care of end of year happy hour flyers, retirement, and plaques.

Internal Affairs – Nothing to report

Legislative – There is a reach out by the OCCEA to have a conversation with new members, encourage service in the UNISERV office and join phone bank, volunteer to call new members and encourage them to be more active members. In addition the OCCEA is holding a legislative dinner May 12 at Ramada Inn in Toms River. Tiffany will scan and share the flyer to the OCVTEA executive members. RSVP by April 22. Last thing, NJEA Lobby Day about speaking at the State Board of Education (Take Action), should be passed along to all OCVTEA members. (i.e. PARCC, graduation requirements, etc.)

Election –N/A

Negotiations – The negotiations team met April 13, 2016, Andy reports things went as well as things could be expected. They resolved a number of language issues proposed by both sides, pretty close to finishing but still have some ways to go. Some issues are being broached that have never been broached before, so that is taking more time. Next meeting is Wednesday April 27, 2016. Andy reports that in some ways it's going better than last time. Andy says advised by UNISERV to not give any more details by law. Sharon expressed concerns about being "in the dark" about certain issues, especially about money with the onset of health care costs.

Constitutional – Nothing to report

Grievance – There is still currently one issue in abeyance.

Old Business: N/A

New Business

- Summer leadership conference- we can apply for three different scholarships, each county will get one, encourage members to attend. See attached brochure, look through the list, and let Howard know. No professional development credit given at any workshop.
- Getting minimum of 10 hours requirement in terms of PD is proving difficult for some centers, questions about using SafeSchools suggested videos, and Sharon wants to know what else we could do for more hours? Discussion and suggestions given.

- There is currently no building rep at JDC. If someone wants to take the position, we should let them (and pay them another stipend). When ALPS moves to full time, there will need to be a building rep there as well.
 - Kirk Goebel- offered to take part of membership committee- Gerald will work together with Kirk. Tiffany wants a checks and balances, and more effective preparation for new teacher orientation.
 - Nominations- no nominations other than President and VP. Building reps need to speak with their membership about getting involved.
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- Good of cause:

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53