

OCVTEA
2017-2018 Executive Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017
Toms River Center

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by Sharon Giannantonio at 3:03 pm, second by Tiffany Seeley

Attending:

Association Representatives: Brian Jones, Tierney Meeker, Tina Held, John Sweeney, Sharon Giannantonio Helene Christ, and Andy Dennison

Officers present were: President Howard Polenberg, Vice-President Tina Held, Secretary Tierney Meeker, Treasurer Eileen Verde

Quorum was met to conduct business

Minutes: The Minutes from the September 20, 2017 Executive Meeting were read.

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

Second: John Sweeney

Discussion: None

Passed unanimously

Treasurer Report –Philanthropic/Savings: \$3,609.00 checking: \$4,175.77. We currently have enough to give the same 8- \$300.00 scholarships at the end of this year as last year. LAFAP paperwork has been submitted to accountants, and we are waiting to hear back.

Standing Committees

Membership Committee –N/A

Sunshine Report – N/A

Public Relations –N/A

Social Graces – Association dinner meeting presented by NJEA on Wednesday at 4-6:30 at the Tuscan House. Presentation on member benefits and stress management. Holiday Happy Hour is set to be December 1st at Tuscan House.

Internal Affairs – N/A

Legislative –N/A

Election – We will discuss a general election, may need to change constitution regarding terms. Talk about future terms of members in ratio to the buildings.

Negotiations- N/A

Constitutional – N/A

Grievance – Current grievance with A/B schedule. Howard mailed a demand to bargain form with the grievance. Wendy and UNISERV are in contact with Andy Dennison.

Old Business: Car show was not as popular as last year. There were wonderful donations, especially from Rob Dougherty and Howard Polenberg, We made the profits from Rob's food contributions and Lester Glenn also gave us \$500.00. Moving forward, we may want to look to improve the car show or look into other fundraisers. Christine Smith will help with marketing. We are thankful for all the members of the association who came and volunteered (it was a good showing). Another suggestion, perhaps selling t-shirts? Total of \$1,640.00 profit from the day. Concern for future possible scholarships.

New Business:

Meeting with Wendy, we need monthly meetings at centers. The AR should be communicating with members. ARs should let Tiffany Seeley know that these meetings are happening.

Tiffany will be sending an email: The email will discuss the election this year, the upcoming dinner meeting, possible topics for future dinner meetings.

We have been nominated for a Jim George award; we have been invited to October 27 and 28th at Doubletree in Somerset. Howard signed up for workshop on bargaining our healthcare.

Eileen spoke about a workshop she attended about future healthcare negotiations.

Tina Held wants language regarding how preps are differentiated between academies and the share-time. She feels that share-time and academy teachers should be treated the same. Tiffany discussed language and the grievance. Tiffany wants to keep the conversation open and keep researching.

Howard spoke about future winter leadership conference dates (January 5-6, 2018) being held at the Hilton in East Brunswick. He will submit for a scholarship/grant to pay for it.

Howard was appointed to a Vocational Career and Technical Committee. The goal is change attitudes about vocational education, to lobby about vocational education, and voice concerns about vocational education. There are some schools changing their names to distance themselves with that “vokie” mentality (moving toward “career” rather than “vocational”)-this misunderstanding that going to a vocational technical school means you are not going to college.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn: Sharron Giannantonio

Second: John Sweeney

Meeting adjourned at 3:43