

OCVTEA
2016-2017 Executive Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017
Toms River Center

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by Eileen Verde at 3:01 pm, second by Sharon Giannantonio

Attending:

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

Officers present were: President Howard Polenberg, Secretary Tierney Meeker, Treasurer Eileen Verde
Quorum was met to conduct business

Minutes: The Minutes from the June 7, 2017 Executive Meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by: Sharon Giannantonio

Second: Andy Dennison

Discussion: None

Passed unanimously

Treasurer Report –Philanthropic/Savings: \$2941.88 checking: \$3,376.13. LAFAP (determines how much money is allocated back to us for dues) form was mailed to Eileen and is due November 1. Howard has donated \$341. 55 of his personal money toward trophies and plaques for car show. Thank you Howard!

Standing Committees

Membership Committee –Question regarding new hires - did they join the OCVTEA? Kirk Goebel is working on it. Howard did attend the new teacher orientation in August and gave information to all new hires.

Sunshine Report – Report given by Howard Polenberg

Public Relations –N/A

Social Graces – Holiday Happy Hour is set to be December 1 at Tuscan House.

Internal Affairs – N/A

Legislative –Brian gave paperwork for centers, also NJEA is officially endorsing Phil Murphy. He reports that Boston NEA meeting went wonderfully and encourages more of our members to attend national events. He also attended a meeting where Phil Murphy promised to end PARCC and Chapter 78. Please contact Brian about phone banking - we need volunteers.

Election – We should have elections at the end of this school year and give our OCVTEA members plenty of notice. Howard attended a presidential workshop and it suggested that consistency is key with Executive officers. We should be serving 4 year terms (currently 1 year terms). Specifically to span contract negotiations. We no longer have a secretary representative; also, does Derrick Egan want the job? If not Waretown is without representation. Perhaps a vote at the next general meeting. Eileen Verde will follow up.

Negotiations- Our contract is officially completed and Article X is decided. Andy Dennison handed out paperwork for centers. Tiffany should update language officially on the constitution. We are 15 months away from the new contract, including our ability to negotiate our healthcare. Andy has asked Mike Bixler and Karyn Quigley to help with the number side of our next contract. They will attend a meeting on Oct. 10 regarding the healthcare portion of the contract.

Constitutional – N/A

Grievance –Sharon’s issue is settled, in our favor.

Old Business: Car show is this Saturday! Some updates: we are having issues with some food vendors, we are giving Knockout Pizza exclusive rights for food and menus will be given out. As for breakfast, Howard approached the Brick culinary center for breakfast at the car show, did not work out. Robert Dougherty is donating all of the food (6 dozen bagels, crumb cake, and coffee), so all profit for us!

New Business:

There is a President's workshop on Sept 28 and Howard will ask about dinner meeting topics and possible dates.

General meeting – discussion of completion of article 10 and extending term of executive committee

Howard, Andy, Eileen, Mike Bixler, and Karyn Quigley are going to a healthcare negotiations meeting on Oct. 10.

We put in for the Jim George award, UNISERV encouraged us to apply for the best-settled contract in the state and they will let us know if we will attend.

Future contract language may be needed to limit number of preps as per the contract. Many academy teachers, now that they have an "A-B" schedule, are reporting 5-6 preps and 160 students. JDC/Share-time instructors report having up to 9 preps, in addition to remediation pull-outs.

OCCEA and NJEA asked Howard to serve on state board for a committee on Vocational Education; 5-6 times a year, Howard said yes, more information forthcoming.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn: Brian Jones
Second: Howard Polenberg
Meeting adjourned at 4:07