

WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2005

Present: Ed Doemland, Sandy Nass, Art Fiet, Arlene Karczewski, Debbie Brent, Tom Zigan, Beth Ludeman, Mary Butkus, Kathy Popa

Meeting called to order by President Linda Ziefle at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes of June 6, 2005 were approved as written
Agenda for 9/12/05 approved

PRESIDENTS REPORT- Linda Ziefle

- WEAC Board met at the end of July in Green Bay. Focus was on the Renaissance Plan proposal which deals with restructuring WEAC to be more streamlined and efficient in its operation without hurting services currently provided to its members. They would like to move this proposal forward. Meeting this upcoming weekend will provide the opportunity to do so.
- Summer Academy- it was reported that this was well attended. Paul Anjeski the new Program Director and committee are being put together to evaluate summer and winter academy. Linda is part of this committee.
- Lobby Day- 36 people from the WSC attended which was reimbursed by WEAC in the amount of \$900.00. Our expenses were \$647.10
- NEA- reported by Mary Butkus and Beth Ludeman- big issue for California is the Governor taking money from the retirement fund and not paying it back. Strategies to pull out of the war were supported. New York was merged into an existing union, providing more strength.
- Computer equipment- monitor, 2 keyboards, 2 speakers are available to a great home. See Anita.
- Uniserv- becoming more automated. Can track Sandy's time spent on each task to better evaluate how/if changes are needed. This is a pilot program being utilized by a few right now. Sandy states that she likes it.
- Presidents Meeting- Linda will be attending this coming weekend.
- Activities for the year- Linda is trying to make the RA meetings more topical in terms of the interest of the members rather than just a business meeting. Ron Jetty is scheduled for October looking for January and May.
- WSC newsletter- Linda would like to see a newsletter put out prior to each RA, to better facilitate the above. Kathy Popa volunteered to publish it. All items need to be to Kathy by October 1st.
- Retirement Forum-scheduled for Monday November 12th 4:30 – 6 p.m. WEA. 6:30 - * p.m. WA-WM at the UEP office.
- WSC Website- Brian Carter, Linda, Anita and Sandy went through training to update the website. Brian has promised to be more available.
- PDP- proposed leadership training is in the plans, dates to be determined.

Diversity Training- Kathy Leadley is offering diversity training (trained by the NEA) Linda has asked if the other Uniservs would be interested in this.

- Florence School District- opening yet for one more year. Two dissolutions plans, one being to consolidate, the other to go to referendum to raise funds necessary to keep operating.
- WCS Handbook- Linda wants to table this until the Renaissance Plan results are known.
- WEAC Convention- in Milwaukee October 27th and 28th.
- RA Hotel in Green Bay-asked for our opinion, options available are; Best Western, Quality Inn, Candleward

TREASURER REPORT- Mary Butkus

- Submitted July 31, 2005 end of year coming shortly, explanations provided by Anita.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- Sandy Nass

- Written report submitted highlights; WESP officers and bargaining team have been meeting all summer drafting proposals in preparation for the first meeting on the 15th of September.
- WA-WM technical support services specialists have all contract documents for the 2005-2005 time period completed and retroactive payments made. This unit has been formally dissolved.
- Archiving WSC files- Jim Gibson has a proposal to do this for us. Sandy will ask Jim to put together a formal proposal for us to look at.

UEPBC REPORT- Ed Doemland

- Written report was submitted highlights; Dave O'Connell of the WEAC Human Resource Department now does the building management, bookkeeping is done by Louise Uphoff and here in the UEP building Carol Bauer supervises the handyman and does the billing. Carol Bauer will represent the staff at the meetings of the UEP Building Corporation meetings.

WSC-RETIRED-Art Fiet

- Art needed to leave early but Debbie reported off the written report left that the newly retired luncheon will be held on October 5th with Billy Feitlinger, Exec. Dir. Of Wis. Alliance for retired Americans as the featured speaker.
- Medicare D is a hot topic with retirees. We have had one presentation on this issue so far and plan to have more as the US government finalizes its program before January 1st.
- WSC-retired is hoping that their website will get a link from the WSC website this year.

WEAC BOARD REPORT- Beth Ludeman

- Hurricane Katrina relief- NEA to make donation to education, families, and students.
- Education funding referendum-What can we support and want to see as political winds shift?
- WEAC cards- should have arrived in the mail

OLD BUISNESS-none

NEW BUSINESS

- Kathy Popa moved and Beth seconded that WSC donate \$100.00 to the NEA Hurricane Katrina Relief fund. Motion Carried

ADJOURNED AT 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;
Debbie Brent, secretary