

**WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES
January 18, 2006**

Information session with Jack Norman, Research Director, Institute for Wisconsin's Future took place from 4:30-5:50 p.m.

President Linda Ziefle called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. Minutes of October 19th were approved with the name changes of Karla (not Carol) Jenkins and Diane Craney (not Craig) and 1/18/06 agenda was also approved as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Linda Ziefle

- WSC/WEAC political action partnership has been entered into and will involve various activities including re-electing Governor Doyle.
- WEAC Rep., Diane Craney, said we need to focus on covering the costs of the campaigns. Examples of spending cited were:

Cullen - \$32,000 Vuhkmir - \$50,000 unopposed
Reynolds - \$204,000
Doyle - over \$500,000

Political Action monies - Diane went on to state the importance of having these monies when needed and that The Children's Great Schools fund was established for that purpose. Money is deducted from an account of your choosing, you are informed of how the money is anticipated to be spent, and if you disagree you can ask that your monies not be used. The goal for WSC is to have at least 5 members sign up for this fund this year. Beth Ludeman, speaking as a Great Schools Fund contributor stresses the painless way to support candidates when needed and encouraged all to consider signing up. Forms to do so were distributed.

- Partnering with Wisconsin Vision - Linda announced that we are again offering this option for vision and coupons and information was distributed.
- Several WEA and WA-WMEA members will attend leadership training this weekend.

- WSC Newsletters - two have been distributed thus far, comments regarding content is positive, concern over the size of font being too small was raised.
- South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center - it was announced that there are outings for school groups, visit the following website for further information - www.theatreiv.org

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Butkus

Sandy Nass reported for Mary. Report was distributed. Highlight given was that we have reduced our ranks by 100 members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sandy Nass

- Report was distributed. Highlights were that the top issues are non-renewal/layoffs and early retirement.
- 120 people attended the retirement forums recently held.

UEPBC REPORT - Ed Doemland

WSC newsletter contains the most recent report, nothing new to add.

WSC RETIRED - Art Fiet

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WEAC DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Beth Ludeman

- Renaissance Plan - is now being implemented; it essentially streamlines what we are doing currently in terms of operating.
- Winter Leadership - Sandy Nass and Mary Butkus will be attending to receive training on how to present the issues facing education.
- WEAC - continues to build coalitions, WASB has been added to those WEAC is currently working with.
- NEA Director - is impressed with the Wisconsin Stories approach and is looking to replicate that on a much larger scale.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

20/20 Program - a member brought up that John Stossel recently did a special on the Crisis in Education. NEA response is being drafted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Brent, Secretary