



GESIP Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

Message from the President

Dear Members,

I want to say thank you for all the hard work you are doing this year. At our last General Membership meeting I believed there were notes from a meeting that were missed; however, Anna was right the last "official" General Membership meeting was in May. I was thinking of the meetings for contract ratification and the in-service. I know we all had a lot of choices for the in-service, and I would like to thank those of you that attended. We had a great time learning about the contract. The question and answer section was terrific. There were a lot of great questions, and I hope we were able to answer all of them. Members together we have managed to ratify our contract, fill several vacant positions, and a multitude of other things. As we transition into the New Year we will be looking for people to fill the following positions below if you are interested please contact me or your campus reps:

- **Grievance Chair Person** (Maintain Complete Records of all grievances filed, orientation of all new campus reps, advise/assist with grievances filed)
- **Constitution Committee** (assist with rewriting our current bylaws)
- **Contract Committee** (assist new/current members with understanding the bargaining agreement we work under)
- **Local/ State News Committee** (assist with making sure members are up to date with accurate information on daily events affecting our college and community)
- **Political Committee** (assist with getting accurate political information to our members in a timely fashion)
- **Steering Committee** (Input on things such as: development day, campus security, discretionary budget spending towards things like professional work shops, trips, conferences, etc.)

**Once again thank all of you for all you do!
Don't be afraid to get involved.
You have a voice and it matters.**

Minutes from General Membership Meeting

11/19/09 Location over IP on each campus

Start Time: 4:38pm End Time: 5:18pm

Present: 16 members present.

I. Welcome

Equainess Price/President GESP greeted everyone.

II. Minutes (No minutes to approve)

III. President's Report

A big "Thank you" to all that attended the contract discussion session at the Brat Stop. Another thanks for voting on the extension of the current contract.

Contract class feedback -those who attended should still give feedback if you didn't get a chance to. This will help in making improvements.

The ball game was a great success almost all the tickets were sold.

Grievance chair position is vacant. No other information is available but we are looking to fill it.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Not available)

Treasurer was absent.

V. Old Business

Social Events. Should we have a post Christmas party? The turnout has been declining. We should still so some kind of social activities for all members this winter. It is in our budget to have two events per year. One in the summer months and one in the inter month. If there is anyone with any ideas or if you would like to organize a social event please step forward. Please contact Anna Konkell and she can work with you getting things started.

Open positions. Equainess will schedule with Bill Whyte about the open positions that have yet to be filled.

VI. New Business

Kenosha custodian for recolor of areas will be done by 01/06/2010. Dennis will allow those who need to attend the meeting to flex their hours.

Reclassification Jeff J. wanted to know if we still have classes on how to re-class. Leigh B. of UTTC can check into putting another one together if enough people are interested.

UTTC. NEA Midwest Leadership Training in Minneapolis for 01/22-01/24 please respond to Equainess by 12/14 for early registration for the January The Conference registration fee is \$135 if paid by December 14, 2009 and \$175 fee after December 14th. This fee includes four group meals (Saturday dinner is on your own), reception, breaks, education sessions and Conference materials. On line registration ends, Friday, January 15, 2010. **Grievance training** session provided by UTTC. See Equainess for more details.

January 30 a coordinated meeting will be set for reps from around the state to talk about bargaining tactics. Please contact Equainess if you are interested.

Happy ESP Day. Betty sent an email to all. Thanks Betty

Newsletter deadline Nov. 20th. Next deadline is March 26 for an April Newsletter.

VIII. Calendar



**Next General Membership meeting will be
Wednesday January 13 @ 4:30
Watch your email for details about the locations.**



Constitution Committee (as seen in email)

1st Email:

GESP Members:

If you are interested in becoming part of a committee formed to review the GESP Constitution with the intent of update please reply to this EMAIL by December 11th 2009. I'm hoping that we can coordinate a brief "get our act together" meeting before the Holiday break.

We are looking for five members not including myself for a total of six on the committee.

It is somewhat a formal procedure and there are rules to follow including a General Membership vote on any modifications or updates.

2nd Email:

We have reached our six member volunteer list for this committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee it would be great to have a "back up" or "alternate" list of members.

Following is the committee:

Betty Altenburg
Marie Cairns
Maria Chembakassery
Curtis Higgins
Jeff Johnson
Melvina Klemm

In the near future we will be sending out information soliciting your input/thoughts/ideas as this review process involves all members and any changes must be approved by vote during a General Membership meeting.

Thanks in advance,

Jeffrey W. Johnson

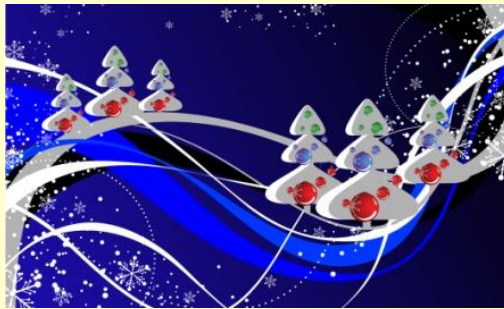


Useful Information

We have a newsletter that can be found at <http://www.weac.org/gesp/>. Right now it's a work in progress however I would like to have all of you send me ideas of what you would like to see there regarding information. You will be able to find this newsletter and any future newsletters there. You can send me your ideas at altenburgb@gtc.edu or leave me a message at ext. 2972.

Thanks,

Betty Altenburg



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Modified Xbox 360 for sale gently used.
Includes *Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2*, and one Joystick

HDMI connection (cable not included), will play burned
backups, has been banned from Xbox Live.

\$160.00 Firm

For the Xbox 360 contact Equainess Price at
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