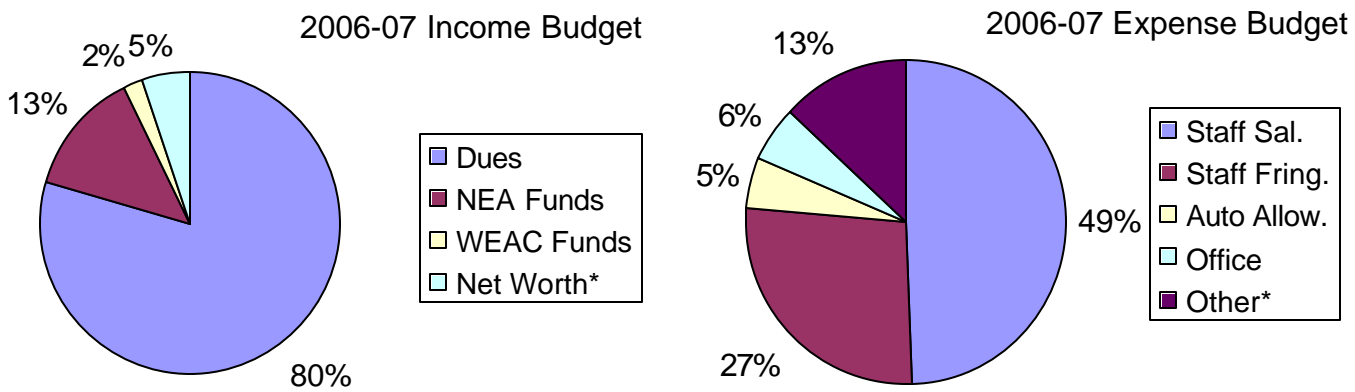


The 2006-07 KMUC Budget as approved at the May, 2006 Delegate Assembly is \$520,406. Where does this money come from? Where does it go?



*Net worth is an amount taken from savings used to balance the budget in lieu of an additional dues increase.

*Other includes mileage, meals, staff and member training, conferences, workshops, community partnerships, building and grounds maintenance, Coordinated Bargaining Council, legal assistance to members and locals, and contingency funds.

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Welcome Fall and Happy Halloween



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- October 11
CBC/Presidents Mtg.
6:00 PM at KMUC
 - October 13 & 14
WEAC Board Meeting
Madison
 - October 17 & 18
Work Nights
At KMUC
 - October 23
KMUC Exec. Committee
5:00 PM at KMUC
 - October 26 & 27
WEAC Convention
Madison
 - November 6
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American Education Week
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Holiday—Office Closed

KMUC's Solidarity Kickoff 2006

KMUC's Solidarity Kickoff was held September 13 at Range Line Inn, Kohler. Among the candidates and guest speakers were Kathleen Falk, Attorney General Candidate, Charlie Most, Senate 1 Candidate, Jamie Aulik, Senate 9 Candidate, Ron Gruett, Assembly 3 Candidate, Terry Van Akkeren, Assembly 26 Incumbent Candidate and Dan Schoof, Governor Doyle's Campaign Director.

WEAC was represented by Terry Meyer, Vice President, Mary Bell, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Burke, Political Action Director and Deb Sybell, Legislative Program Coordinator.

There were 110 local members present for the event. After the speakers, the locals worked in teams to create their local association commitments. This consisted of naming a legislative chair, commitments to work nights in September and October, writing postcards, assisting with candidate literature drops, and more.

The October work nights will be October 17 and 18 at the KMUC office. Anyone who would like to come and help at either night is more than welcome.

We have Aulik and Doyle yard signs available to be displayed. Stop by the office to pick some up.

Stay up to date with our Solidarity effort by checking our website at www.weac.org/kmuc.

Below is Plymouth and Sheboygan during their work time, as well as Jim Carlson sharing the evenings agenda with Kathleen Falk.



October News 'N Notes

KMUC is affiliated with WEAC and NEA



Green's Education Plan Merits a Failing Grade

Just as kids were heading back to school, Mark Green offered an education plan that leaves our children behind. Borrowing extensively from conservative think tanks, Green proposed eroding local control and bargaining rights while investing in unproven experiments such as independent charter schools.

The centerpiece of Green's plan is the so-called "70% solution," which would require 70 cents of every education tax dollar to be spent in the classroom. More appropriately named the "70% delusion," this proposal does not infuse one single dollar of new money into our schools. It merely reshuffles the money deck and erodes local control by forcing budget decisions disconnected from the educational needs of our students. As a result, school districts would find it more difficult to fund heating the classroom, food service, bus drivers, counselors and school nurses.

Failing to recognize that our schools depend on the ability to attract and retain great staff, Green attacks collective bargaining rights and advances performance-based merit pay. Instead of offering meaningful solutions to reducing the rising cost of health care, Green targets workers and their ability to bargain health coverage. He also puts his stamp of approval on "pay for performance," a system that ignores the many facets of educational success while providing no additional compensation for acquisition of skills and knowledge by educators.

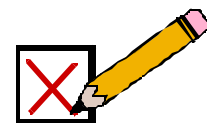
With schools across the state struggling with declining enrollment and funding special education, Mark Green turns a blind eye to these realities. Instead, he wants to allow any four-year University of Wisconsin institution to establish an independent charter school, relinquishing local control of public schools to a government entity too far removed from taxpayer accountability. Without changes to the school funding system, property taxpayers would be left holding the bag.

Contrast Green's plan with Governor Doyle's record on education. Governor Doyle has shielded Wisconsin's schools from \$400 million in cuts, restored the state's commitment to two-thirds funding of education costs, and made significant investments in pupil transportation, special education, four-year-old kindergarten and the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) class-size reduction program. Using his veto authority, he has also deflected attacks on collective bargaining rights.

Mark Green and Governor Doyle couldn't offer two more different visions for education. Mark Green seeks to invest in unproven strategies for boosting student achievement. Meanwhile, Governor Doyle has made education his top priority and his record reflects his commitment to ensuring every kid in Wisconsin attends a great school.

This is an 11.29 communication with WEAC members.

***Your voice and vote really do
make a difference!***



**PLEASE
VOTE
ON**

NOVEMBER 7

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KMUC's Website New and Improved

Our website has a new address www.weac.org/kmuc. Take some time and visit the site to see the enhancements that we have made. Stay current with the upcoming **2006 Campaign** and locate your local polling place. If you are new to the area you can get information about how to register. Under the **Photo Gallery** find pictures from the Solidarity Kickoff event. If you are an initial educator and need to begin your PDP plan visit **Training** to obtain the list of Team Members who can approve your plan. You can also check out the QEI icon to register and begin your plan. If you have any questions regarding KMUC and what we can do for you, visit **Board** to see who your KMUC Board Representative is. They will be able to answer your questions.

PDP Training for Initial Educators

KMUC sponsored a training for Initial Educators to prepare for doing their PDP plan on September 16. Linda Helf taught the class and there were 32 teachers present. Any of you who have not had this training will have an opportunity to take this class again in April 2007. Visit our website under the QEI icon to get more information regarding your PDP plan. Also see **Training** for a list of PDP Team members.

Are you a cooperating teacher for student teachers?

If you have a student teacher or student observer in your classroom, did you know that they can become a Student WEA member? In addition to professional conferences and publications, they are covered by the same personal liability insurance that you receive as an NEA member. These are just a few of the many member benefits they receive for under \$32. Please encourage them to join our pre-professional organization by visiting our website at www.student-wea.org and signing up. Contact Nancy Clark at clarkn@weac.org if you would like me to send you a folder of information to share with your cooperating student.

***Local
Corner
Featured this
Month:
KMUC-Retired***

KMUC-Retired welcomed teachers who retired in 2006 into the wonderful world of retirement at a Recognition Luncheon in Valders on September 27. KMUC-R President Gary Bents, explained the many benefits of belonging to the KMUC and WEAC retired groups while WEAC-R President Al Knop, and KMUC UniServ Director, Jim Carlson each emphasized to the group of 23 retirees the importance of electing to political office those friends of education who support WEAC's position on many education related issues. Many of these issues such as insurance and pensions have an impact on retirees as well as those who are still teaching. It is especially critical that Governor Jim Doyle, a true friend of public education, be re-elected to a second term.

Membership Secretary and KMUC-R Treasurer Jim Billmann reported that 58 new teachers became lifetime members of KMUC-R, WEAC-R and NEA-R since last March, bringing the total membership in KMUC-R to 153 members. Of this number, 106 have already retired and 47 are still teaching.

The group concluded the day's activities with a tour of the Valders Stone and Marble plant.

This is *your* newsletter. Please let us know what's happening in your local associations so we can share your stories and photos in future issues.