

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by Vice President Loren Myhill

Loren Myhill led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**1. Secretary Roll Call-**Chris Off called the roll and a voting quorum was established. 16/18 rep. council and executive board members were in attendance. These included: **Mary Burton, Diana Freeman, Tom Rotunno, Mary Jane Roberts, Allison Carey, Nancy Hollenbeck, Dinah Ismail, Mike Rainis, Ruth Ramirez, Maria Martinez, Michael Kashdan and Beth Orlik along with exec. Board members Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off.** Absent members included, **Julie Ames, Martin Juarez, Sonia Torres.** There were no first time visitors.

**2. Approve Minutes-** Copies of the minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting were available for review. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved as presented.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Marcia Garten made available the monthly Treasurer's report. Marcia welcomes anyone to look at the financial books if they have questions at any time. There was one correction made for clarity- taxes filed fee vs taxes paid. The report was approved as presented.

**4. Vice President Report:** Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 334 bargaining unit members including fee payers. This list is gathered monthly from the Kalmus HR department. Loren also reviewed the ground rules and meeting etiquette for the school year 2015-2016.

**5. President's Report: (Loren reported out in Julie's absence)**

a) Election Training Update- Per Roger Urroz (CTA rep) there will be training in the Spring for anyone interested in learning more about how to run an election. Roger will set up a training date and trainer.

b) Loren thanked the committee who put together the rep council binders for the entire rep council and executive board to put agendas, notes from meetings, etc. inside. CTA information was included with member benefits and Marcia Garten and Chris Off reviewed the binder's contents with the rep council members. Rep council members are encouraged to look at the website and familiarize themselves with what is currently linked to the site. Our rep council members are the link to our members who don't have an opportunity to attend meetings and get the most current information first hand. Members attending the meeting asked if more CTA membership pamphlets could be made available to all OCSEA members. They will be ordered and in the meantime members are encouraged to register at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org) and all the resources are available online also.

c) Current status of program-Loren reviewed the Governor's budget proposed until May looks positive and there are no cuts at the State level. In ACCESS we are hurting with enrollment which we may see come back this time of year. Each AU appears to be affected. Julie will be sending out a bargaining survey for members to respond to. This will guide the bargaining team in their next sessions. Please send your suggestions to Julie to bring to the team ASAP. A question was asked about the status of the Charter program. Dinah Ismail who teaches in the program provided details. The program looks promising with currently 65 students and more enrolling. There appear to still be logistical administrative areas to work out between the educational component and the college/career component. All in all, the program is growing through SAUSD referrals and word of mouth.

**6. Committee Reports:** Please email Julie of any interest in committees or changes if you want to be removed from a committee. The list will be sent out by Julie in the next week to all members so they can see whether or not there is still interest to be a part of a committee. Look online at [www.ocsea.com](http://www.ocsea.com) for committees to be involved in.

Election Committee, Special Ed Committee, ADA Committee, State Council, –nothing to report at this time.

Health Benefits Review Committee updates- Loren reported that the timeline for renewals are May. The committee will meet in March where they will get the Blue Shield information. They will also meet in April, and then later in May. He also mentioned that the Cadillac tax has been delayed until 2020. Mary Jane Roberts spoke as well.

Social Committee- Marcia encourages all members to send in ideas for any social events in the future to her. The Saddle Ranch Chop House in Dec. was well received with over 100 teachers and guests in attendance. The Social committee members who helped were recognized.

Retirement Recognition-retired teacher pins are being passed out or mailed to those teachers retiring this year by Allison Carey,

Membership Committee-Ruth Ramirez discussed another shirt color for more OCSEA polo shirt orders previously approved to be ordered soon.

Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee-Marcia said there will be another meeting to clarify the ratification of the 2014 Bylaws. The notes will be checked and this will be placed on the agenda for February 22, 2016.

Internet/Blog Committee: Julie to include this committee in her email to invite members to join committees.

**7. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SIGN UPS** –sign up online and notify Loren Myhill to see if there is space before registering. CC: Marcia Garten as well and send her receipts for reimbursement. Look at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org) for conference updates. The Issues conference January 15, 16, 17 chose Nancy Hollenbeck to sit at the CTA president's table with Eric Heins. Congratulations Nancy!

**8. a) AB Funding Question** as it affects ACCESS revenue –Roger Urroz explained that each student referred is given a different weight for A, B, or C funding as to how many \$ are assigned. It has been tabled due to time constraints to next meeting. It was requested that a worksheet of the AB funding aggregate that will show actual revenue for pupil funding be provided. Can it be broken out by funding source? Where are the dollars going? How much are going to our students?

b) CTA published salary comparisons of daily rates explanation- Marcia requested from Roger Urroz a worksheet of average step/column for the DORs in Orange County. This will be tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

c) Know Your Contract-tabled to next meeting due to time constraints.

Thanks to rep council member Beth Orlik for snacks☺ We are looking for rep council members to bring snacks for each monthly meeting. Please contact Julie Ames if you can purchase goodies and get reimbursed the same day.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. for a closed meeting of the rep council to vote on a grievance.

Next meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month except February @ 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

***Meetings for 2015-2016 (Subject to change)*** February 22, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13, 2016