

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by President Julie Ames.

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, Martin Juarez, Mike Rainis, Ruth Ramirez, Maria Martinez, Michael Kashdan and Beth Orlik along with exec. board members Julie Ames, Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off.** Excused rep. council members included, **Dinah Ismail, and Sonia Torres.** Please bring new members to the next meeting November 9th, 2015 to get a gift card for the first time attendee member and yourself! Members were provided a raffle ticket upon entering the meeting and Dana Rashagen won the raffle gift card at the end. Congrats Dana!

2. Approve Minutes- Copies of the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting were available for review and the minutes were approved.

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. She also provided a letter to advise fee payers of their Notice of Inspection rights to look at OCSEA's financial records. Please make your request by calling Marcia at 714-796-8748. The report was approved.

4. Vice President Report: Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 331 bargaining unit members based on the OCDE payroll posters including 39 fee payers. He also reviewed the CTA website and encouraged members to sign up on www.cta.org to get your email and home addresses current with the organization. We use the CTA addresses for our mailers and this saves the association time and money when the addresses are correct. You can sign up for an email CTA newsletter that brings you conference information, legal educational updates, and great news from the president Eric Heins, etc. Please also go online to avail yourselves of the many discounts that CTA offers.

5. President's Report: no report at this time.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Election Committee Update- John Wells stated ballots to ratify the contract are due by October 24th, 2015. Please make your vote count. If you have not received a ballot, please contact John Wells or Nancy Hollenbeck. John mentioned that some ballots were inadvertently sent to fee payers and the ballots will be checked carefully with CTA rosters to be counted. John thanks all for turning in their ballots thus far.

b) Special Ed Committee –nothing to report at this time.

c) ADA Committee-nothing to report at this time

d) Health Benefits Review Committee updates- nothing to report at this time

e) Grievance Committee- John Wells stated that a site liaison grievance was lost at level 1 and won at Level 2. There is a second grievance at level 2 and we are waiting for an answer.

f) Social Committee- Marcia received suggestions from the members for three venues- Saddle Ranch Chop House at the Block, Dave and Busters at the Block, and The Hacienda Restaurant for the certificated staff Holiday party. The social committee of seven members met and voted on pursuing the Saddle Ranch Chop House as a viable option looking at different factors. The date being considered is Thursday, December 3, 2015 from 4-6 pm to include certificated staff –including fee payers and one guest (18 years and older). Food drive donations will be taken. Mary Burton made a motion to have the Holiday party at Saddle Ranch Chop House in the Block and for OCSEA to cover the cost not to exceed \$8,000. Ruth Ramirez seconded the motion. No discussion, a vote was taken and passed unanimously by the rep council. Nancy Hollenbeck will create a save the date flyer and Patti Allen will take RSVP's. Thank you Marcia and the committee for all your hard work on this event.

g) State Council-nothing to report at this time

h) Retirement Recognition-Allison Carey agreed to be the link to pass out retirement pins for the upcoming year. All retirees from last year have received pins either at retirement parties, hand delivered or in the mail.

i) Membership Committee-A few fee payers have signed the CTA membership form and we welcome them. The CTA membership form will be added to the website to help fee payers have easy access to become members. Chris Off and Ruth Ramirez brought in the extra polo shirts for members to purchase at \$20.00 each. If anyone would like one, please contact us and we will check if that size is available. We have about 20 shirts left. There was discussion about ordering another round of shirts with a different color - green, yellow or white. The committee will pull together a survey to see if there is interest and price out this round of shirts to present at the next meeting. Thanks to Marcia Garten, we now have I (heart) OCSEA stickers. Please ask your rep council members for a few to promote our association. They are available at the monthly meetings as well.

Chris Off is working with Joel Harrison our webmaster in updating the website. There are outdated areas and the suggestion has been to request an updated 2015 seniority list that would reflect the recent retirees. Julie Ames will provide that list to update the website. Any other suggestions for updates to the website, please contact anyone on the executive board.

7. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SIGN UPS –Please email Loren and Marcia about space at a conference before signing up due to the 10 member limit. At that point sign up if space is available and indicate that OCSEA will pay for the conference. Lodging and transportation will be paid for by the member and reimbursed. Food at the conference is covered in the conference fee and OCSEA will cover one meal on Saturday evening. Other meals, snacks and alcohol are not covered by OCSEA. Gather receipts and provide to Marcia after any conference using the check reimbursement form. It is posted online under resources to print out. Look at www.cta.org for conference updates. The Las Vegas Issues conference- Jan. 15-17th, 2016 has the following 10 OCSEA members signed up:

Chris Off
Michelle Moran
Sonia Torres
Marcia Garten
Diana Freeman
Mary Burton
Allison Carey
Beth Orlik
Liz Wilson
Nancy Hollenbeck

Good Teaching Conference South –Feb 26-28, 2016-Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove

8. Old Business: PAC Formation-Marcia Garten reported out on the PAC Exploration Committee progress. (Political Action Committee). It was noted that the PAC committee should get language together and send to the By-law committee. The By-Law committee needs to review language, makes recommendations and bring the results of the PAC committee to the executive board and rep council. By-law committee members are John Wells, Marcia Garten, Liz Wilson and Ruth Ramirez to work on the language. A PAC would give us a voice as Orange County has not had one at the county level.

Thanks to rep council member Ruth Ramirez for October snacks-delicious! Ruth volunteered to provide themed snacks for this upcoming year. Beth Orlik will provide snacks for November as Ruth will not be available that day.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next meetings 2nd 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) November 10, December 14, 2015, January 11, February 1, or February 22, March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13, 2016.