

OCSEA Meeting Notes

February 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by President Julie Ames.

1. Secretary Roll Call-Chris Off called the roll and a voting quorum was established. 17/20 rep council and executive board members were in attendance. These included: **Mary Jane Roberts, Mary Burton, Diana Freeman, Tom Rotunno, Dave Busch, Carolyn Johnson, Michael Kashdan, Maria Martinez, Beth Orlik, Monica Ramirez, Dave Glick, Lonnie Howerton, Cheryl Stoltz, along with exec. board members Julie Ames, Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off.** Absent rep. council members included: **John Hall, Martin Juarez and Mike Rainis.** Please bring new members to the next meeting March 9, 2015.

2. Approve Minutes- Copies of the minutes from the January 10, 2015 meeting with corrections by Loren Myhill - Section 6 b 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. The report was approved.

4. Vice President Report: Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 342 bargaining unit members including fee payers.

Conferences-Please notify Loren of interest and sign up once approved if spots are open. Provide Marcia with registration confirmation so she can pay out. Please provide her with receipts in a timely manner.

5. President's Report: President Julie Ames

a) Movement of staff-please call Julie when you are being asked to move school sites if you feel there are any contract violations.

b) RIF Updates-there are no updates at this point and everyone will be informed as soon as Julie hears any information. 6 teachers have put in for retirement. Those with lateral transfers on file can put in for transfers as positions open up.

c) Bargaining Update-Julie informed the rep council that bargaining opens up on Feb. 3rd. The OCSEA bargaining team consists of Julie Ames, Loren Myhill, Mary Burton, Allison Carey and John Wells. The two openers are the 216 contract option for Sunburst and relief for the Itinerant status. The rep council would like an update on the reserves that OCDE has and would like the bargaining for compensation to come from a data driven base.

d) Climate survey-Julie has sent out the climate survey of 5 questions via email with Survey Monkey. Please complete no later than February 12th to have your voice heard.

6. Committee Reports:

a) Election Committee Update-chair John Wells stated that there is nothing to report at this time except that he would like to schedule the next rep council elections as close to the contract ratification vote as possible.

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

c) ADA Committee-Loren looked over the most recent report and did not see any violations.

d) Health Benefits Review Committee updates- Loren Myhill reported that health benefits claims are increasing and decreasing depending upon the group in which members are enrolled. HMO claims costs are up, while PPO claims costs are steady. Loren will not know for a few months what is proposed for increases. In answering a question about Loss Ratio, Loren reported that Loss ratios are currently running at two percent lower than last year for PPO, but HMO ratios are higher than last year. They are at 100%.

e) Calendar Committee- Diane Freeman has been given drafts of Special Schools to date. Julie will ask for and provide the other school calendars to the committee for review.

f) Grievance Committee-John Wells has represented one member with the administration ruling against the grievance. It may be resolved before going to Level 2.

g) Social Committee- Marcia Garten and Ruth Ramirez are researching the OCSEA family friendly event at Knottsberry Farm in May. She requested a budget for approximately \$100 per person to include admission, food, gratuity and taxes. Teachers, significant others and children will be invited. The committee will be working out details for grandchildren. Dave Bush made a motion to look into budgeting \$10,000 for this event. The motion was not seconded. Cheryl Stoltz made a motion to send out a survey email to find out the level of interest in a Knotts event to include number of interested people per family. Her motion included that the event not exceed \$30,000 to \$40,000 depending upon the interest of the teachers. Chris Off seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

h) Membership report-Ruth Ramirez and Chris Off reported that there are still ~ 30 OCSEA black polo shirts available if a teacher did not get their order in. They can be purchased for \$20.00 if you would like a second one (sizes are limited). They also reminded members to check the CTA website, sign up and look for valuable discounts and resources.

7. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SIGN UPS as of February 2, 2015

1. Good Teaching Conference-North/South – February 6-8, 2015 in San Jose and March 20-22, 2015 Sheraton Hotel and Marina, San Diego

1. Mary Jane Roberts
2. Michelle Moran
3. Beth Orlik
4. Rafael Nguyen
5. Julie Ames
6. Cheryl Stoltz
7. Dianne Freeman
8. Chris Off
9. Mary Burton

Please register-notify Loren and Marcia- submit receipts to Marcia Garten ASAP. There is one spot open. There is a way to sign up for a free virtual Good Teaching conference for North. Debbie Crew is testing it out.

2. President's Conference-July 16-19, 2015 Fairmont Hotel, San Jose

Conference Share outs- Beth Orlik, Diana Freeman, John Wells, and Mary Jane Roberts shared out great information at the Issues conference. When you see them-ask them what information they brought back. Highlights were preplanning Retirement, APPS in education, county office updates, etc...

8. Old Business-Dave Glick has furthered his research re: a blog for OCSEA and has narrowed it down to icreate a canvas –a company from Irvine. It will cost \$1,000 which includes surveys and trainings for the webmaster. It was given to Loren and the exec.board to look over and report back at the next meeting.

9. Retirement Survey-Lonnie Howerton is looking for help to create a survey to poll teachers about ideas for retirements and proposed several creative ideas. Mary Jane Roberts made a motion for Lonnie to create a retirement survey. Dave Glick seconded. Discussion ensued, and the motion passed with all in favor. Please send Lonnie your ideas.

10. New business-Quarterly State Council Report/ Governor's Budget- Loren reported that there is a preliminary State budget with a May revise coming. The budget may not change. There was discussion in the report about the County

Offices of Education where the numbers of injuries to teachers have increased. There will be elections for state council and new officers including CTA president, etc.

Thanks to Ruth Ramirez for February snacks- Ruth volunteered to provide snacks through February. Please see Chris Off for volunteering for March-June for refreshments.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next meeting *Monday March 9, 2015 @ 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

Meetings for the rest of year 2015- April 13, 2015, May 11, 2015 and June 8, 2015- please mark your calendars.