

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by 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, Tom Rotunno, Nancy Hollenbeck, Mike Rainis, Maria Martinez, Michael Kashdan, Mary Jane Roberts, Allison Carey, Ruth Ramirez, Dinah Ismail, Beth Orlik and Martin Juarez, along with exec. board members Julie Ames, Marcia Garten, Loren Myhill and Chris Off. Absent/excused members included: Sonia Torres and Diana Freeman.** Please bring new members to the next meeting May 9th to get a gift card for the first time attendee member and yourself! Members were provided a raffle ticket upon entering the meeting and Marcia Garten won the \$15.00 raffle gift card at the end.

2. Approve Minutes- Copies of the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting were available for review 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. Please make your request by calling Marcia at 714-796-8748. The report was approved **unanimously**.

4. Vice President Report: Vice President Loren Myhill stated we have 336 bargaining unit members based on the OCDE payroll roster –this includes fee payers.

5. President's Report: President Julie Ames provided **CTA State Council** paper ballots for 2 of our OCSEA members who would like to run for **the District M openings for CTA State Council**. Marcia Garten and Laurie Martinez have expressed interest in this 3 year term. Their names were written on the board and paper ballots were passed out along with a signature sheet for all voters in the room. There is one open position and the candidate to be placed on the ballot is a write-in vote. Those members who would still like to vote for our own County representation on the CTA State Council can come in person to **the OUEA -Roger Urroz' office on May 19th between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** in order to vote. The address to vote is:

1224 East Katella Suite 203

Orange, CA

714-288-1288

Julie Ames provided a negotiations update: Four tentative MOUs were recently passed by an email vote of the rep council. There were 12 yes votes and 5 did not vote. Mary Jane Roberts had concerns that were not addressed by the negotiations team and her vote did not get in. Loren explained that part of the confusion lay in the fact that Nina wrote the Joint communique and lumped 2 bargaining meetings into 1 communique. Loren who is also on the bargaining team brought up that OCSEA has two openers: 1) binding arbitration 2) class size. Administration has two openers: 1) evaluations 2) teacher transfers.

Binding arbitration basically means that ~~we are looking for~~ a decision made by an arbitrator ~~to~~ **must** be upheld by our superintendent. This is currently not the case. **Per Loren,** class size reduction for all programs has for all intent and purposes been addressed by the MOUs. The only site that may consistently need this provision is Sunburst as we do not all have full rosters. Nancy Hollenbeck suggested to the bargaining team when the conversation turn to compensation and or teacher transfer that administration ~~honor a teacher who has maintain any stipend as site liaison~~ **a teacher holds,** even if they are moved from their site mid or toward the end of the year.

6. Committee Reports:

a) ADA Committee—nothing to report at his time

b) By Laws Committee—up at CTA being reviewed for approval. Julie has sent two e-mails to confirm that CTA has them and are looking them over. Standing rules—the hope is to finish them by the end of this month.

c) Calendar Committee— Calendars are approved for 2016-2017.

d) Election Committee - The OCSEA officer positions for the school year of 2016-2018 were voted upon.

John Wells provided the OCSEA Officer Election results via email on 4/27/16 after the voting count took place. These are the results he reported: The election committee met this afternoon and counted the votes in our officer election and the votes are as follows:

For president
Julie Ames 85 (elected)
Richard Berman 3
Chris Off 2
Keith Laszlo 2
John Wells 2

There were 7 additional write in candidates with one vote each.

For vice president
Richard Berman 28
Marcia Garten 20
Allison Carey 62 (elected)

For secretary
Loren Myhill 81 (elected)
Louis Lester 22
There were two additional write in candidates with one vote each.

For treasurer
Elizabeth Wilson 95 (elected)
Marcia Garten 2
There were 5 additional write in candidates with one vote each.

e) **Grievance Committee**- nothing to report

f) **Health Benefits Review Committee** –Mary Jane Roberts reported out some interesting data. Since our switch to Blue Shield, 83 members have called into Teledoc which is a phone-in doctor line offered by this new insurance. Insurance companies want to ideally have a 70% loss ratio with a 30% profit. Blue Shield is currently showing a 74% traditional HMO 74% loss ratio; an 86.6% TRIO loss ratio and a 82% PPO loss ratio. Mary Jane reports that there may be a 7.9% increase in benefit costs which equates to ~ .5% to 1% increase ~~for those not with TRIO~~ **to the salary schedule**. Admin will pick up the **increased** cost for TRIO enrollees for 2016-2017..

g) **Internet/Blog Committee**-nothing to report

h) **Membership committee**- OCSEA VP and Membership committee Chris Off have access to CTA 360 which is a mobile App to streamline our membership lists- to order missing cards, update addresses, etc. This came in handy during the recent election where at least 10 members realized CTA did not have their current addresses. Roger Urroz will be assisting the membership committee to chat with our fee payers who may not be aware that they are fee payers and talk about the benefits of becoming a CTA member.

i) **Political Action Committee (PAC)** –Please see Agenda item 8 for discussion.

j) **Retirement**- Allison Carey will be sending out retirement pins to those who have announced their retirements to thank them for their dedicated work.

k) **Social Committee**-OSCEA Central Happy Hour went very well with up to 20 attendees. Thanks to Maria Martinez and Beth Orlik for hosting. Some teachers were present who had never been to a meeting and were very happy to meet fellow OCSEA members.

Next Happy Hour is in West-Huntington beach area - week of June 6th TBD. Please come and meet your fellow members in a fun, informal environment. Bring any questions you might have for your rep council representative.

l) **Special Ed Committee**-nothing to report

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 via check. Lodging, food and transportation will be paid for by the member and reimbursed. Gather receipts and provide to Marcia after any conference using the check reimbursement form. It will be posted online to print out. Look at www.cta.org for conference updates.

8. OCSEA Political Action Committee (PAC) Update: Marcia Garten explained the hard work that she, Loren Myhill, Ruth Ramirez and Mike Kashdan have put into the recent County Board Election interviews. Marcia passed out a handout that clearly explained that there are five trustees on the Orange County Board of Education. Three seats are up for re-election in the coming June 7th, 2016 election. After Roger Urroz's office contacted all 9 candidates running for office, three

in each of the three seats, 4 sat down with our OCSEA PAC and agreed to be interviewed. Out of those interviews, 2 candidates were endorsed who are pro-public education. We are supporting the candidates who will support our teachers, look for uniform salary schedules, not support charters that undermine our collective bargaining efforts.

Trustee Area 1- (Santa Ana, Tustin, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove) - No endorsement

Trustee Area 3 – (Irvine, Lake Forest, Orange, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, Brea) - Margaret Brown endorsed

Trustee Area 4- (Anaheim, Fullerton, La Habra, Buena park, Placentia)- Jack Bedell endorsed

Mary Jane Roberts made a motion to accept the recommendations of the OCSEA PAC committee for endorsements of the candidates in Trustee Area 3 and 4. Mary Burton seconded the motion. Discussion ensued, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Thanks again to rep council member Beth Orlik for the delicious refreshments. (The meat lovers pizza was a hit!)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting 2nd Monday @ 3:30 at 281 North Rampart St. Suite A., Orange, CA 92868

Last Meeting for 2015-2016 is June 13, 2016.