

## MCEA Rep Council

May 12, 2016

**Call to Order:** 4:23 PM

**Minutes:** Minutes from the March meeting were read & accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** A written report for February & March were presented. The balance for Feb. was \$625,737.23. PD workshop reimbursement made the balance in March \$660,880.01. Money will be going out again in April.

The budget of \$369,616 presented last meeting was voted on and was unanimous. The mortgage line has gone down since we sold the house, as have real estate taxes, office repair & maintenance. \$15,000 went to workshops since we're doing more & they've been well received. A Tech Support position was added for use at the office & outside workshops. Research was eliminated & will be coming back with a reduction from \$8,000 to \$3,000. D. King thanked the committee.

**Correspondence:** MJ Fabiano sent thank you notes to the Overnight presenters. Flowers & a gift was sent to Donna Meyer for Administrative Professionals Day. The report was accepted.

**President's Report:** D. King reported there are 26 members that can attend the NEA-RA in Washington, DC from locals & 10 from the state. NJEA provides \$500 in funding. MCEA will discuss their funding to locals. There will be a meeting for delegates at the office Mon. May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once delegates contribute the full amount to PAC they will receive a \$200 gift card. L. Fox was thanked for being the PAC Coordinator. V. McKeon will be the County Coordinator. We are looking for State Contacts.

Calendars are in draft form based on UniServ & Officer schedules & PD offerings. We don't have a publication date but it will go to print in early June. We need to know if meetings need to be scheduled later. If you order calendars, please pick them up. 1,00 were thrown out last year.

D. King is attending other LAT dinners to see what legislators are saying.

Executive Committee has binders with the Constitution & By Laws & Policies. It is available for viewing in the office.

### **Committee Reports:**

**UniServ:** T. Predale reminded members to register for Summer Leadership by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is on a first come, first serve basis. You go on a waiting list after the deadline, especially for hotel rooms.

There are Vote for the Pension pledge cards & window clings available. The campaign for 1//4 of the pension payments to be made throughout the year is kicking off in Aug. NJEA needs members signed up with pledge cards. You can also sign up on the VoteNJ Pension web site. Lists are available from the UniServe office. These are new pledge cards. Sign up again!

NJEA is working on changes to Ch. 78. There is a negotiations & legislative campaign. New updates will be given at the County Bargaining Council on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations:** NJEA is setting a new tone about attitudes about teachers with commercials showing the public great things teachers do in the community. Different teachers & retirees throughout the state will be used.

Public Relations & Pride are changing procedures next year. Not enough money is being spent interacting with the public. There will be a 50/50 ratio with community organizing.

Community Connection Grant applications will be available for a teacher to use in their own community to interact with those your children & your neighbors go to school with.

We now have liability insurance if you have a bus or vehicle at an event.

There is an essay contest about what a wonderful education did for you. The educator & child will attend & be featured at a Trenton Thunder game.

**Pride:** C. Johnson said there is a parade in Freehold May 30<sup>th</sup>. Members who walk will get a free T shirt with a colonial theme.

June 2<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 at I Play America will be the Friend of Education Dinner. 35 adults will be recognized and 31 students. Scholarship winners, committee members, DA, DA Alternates, & NEA-RA delegates are guests at the event.

June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Gay Pride Parade in Asbury. We have a float. You can come & walk with the float & throw items to the crowd. T shirts will be given to those that attend.

MCEA is doing a room at Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch with MCREA in July for 4 or 5 days. It is a Dr. Seuss theme. We are in need of additional volunteers. We also need fundraising for carpets, etc. This can be a Pride project. You can also make meals or donate goods.

**School Finance:** C. Hines submitted a written report.

**Editorial:** Policies from 1946 & later are being reviewed. There is a lot of language about The Reporter which doesn't exist anymore. The editor of The Review passed away from cancer & a co-editor was restructuring. NJEA is looking at logos to rebrand & standardize them.

NJEA.org has sections on voting for pensions, VOTENJPENSIONS.org. There is an info button to contact legislators.

**Membership:** L. Fox had a meeting on Mon. There was a World Cuisine/World Café to interact in small groups. She brought a guest to get them involved. There will be an early career gathering again this year. NJREA is \$88 per year or \$1,155 for lifetime membership. That can be paid in 5 payments.

**Minority Concerns:** M. Scott attended a conference last Friday & Saturday with 360 members. Monmouth County was represented. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NEA/AFT merger. Minority is all people & includes LGBT.

**Youth Services:** M. Scott reported there is a meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A pamphlet & logo are being developed. The School Meal Program is working with a food bank to provide dinner at after school programs. Promote the Boys & Girls Clubs.

**Scholarship:** M. Weltner thanked members for selling tickets. \$3,334 was the amount sold. A student teacher won \$1,300 & a teacher in Red Bank won \$330. S. Schrott & her committee were thanked. There were 51 applicants. 10

scholarships were awarded at \$500 each. They are invited to the Friends of Education Dinner.

**GR:** W. Potter stated that June 8<sup>th</sup> is the last LAT meeting at Porta with training in Virtual Phone Banking. It will be open all summer. The focus is the amendment. It's critical. There was an LAT dinner.

Neptune hosted Jennifer Beck & used NJEA's Tell Your Story. She mentioned it at the LAT dinner. Her seat is up next week.

**CCT:** J. Weldon mentioned that Frank Pallone is a friendly incumbent. LD 4 is represented by Chris Smith. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the PAC screening. Questionnaires will be out June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Leadership:** P. Eschelbach reported that Winter Leadership had record attendance. They are going back to a date after Jan. Summer Leadership deadline is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don't wait! It is Aug. 6-12. ESP starts Fri. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee scholarship. Applications must be to the County by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monmouth Beach, Keansburg, & Long Branch are not eligible. The GR Scholarship deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>. There are new electives & entertainment.

**Research:** K. DeWitt & E. Wheeler have a new email. [MCEAresearch@gmail.com](mailto:MCEAresearch@gmail.com). Send salary guides & requests for information. The form will be made more user friendly.

*Committee reports were accepted.*

### **Old Business:**

PAC in Middlesex had volunteers.

Overnight venues are being looked into for Sept. or March. The info will be out in August or early September. We will raffle off baskets for our scholarship. Begin to think about what your local will do.

### **New Business:**

The US Ed Department did an update March 29<sup>th</sup> about ESSA. There is no more highly qualified. Title 1 Paras are no longer required to do any above & beyond requirements. Boards may need to change policies on requirements.

We are not supporting the Health Benefits bill. It impacts collective bargaining.

PARCC will be the new exit exam.

**Good of the Order:**

D. King is running for NJEA Secretary Treasurer & asked for our support. She will be in our county before others. See her if you are interested in helping with her campaign. Judy Owens from Asbury Park was the last time Monmouth County had a member on the NJEA Executive Board. Wendell Steinhauer is running for Secretary Treasurer as are 4 other members.

D. King stated small locals are not getting any funding.

589 members voted in the election for NEA-RA.

**Adjourn:** 5:43 PM