

## **Representative Council Meeting January 8, 2008**

Motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007, by Dave Weaver. Mike Otinski second. Motion approved.

### **President's Report, Gene Smith**

The District Office has advised that they have a budget error of 4.3 million dollars. Since the district has a 5% reserve and those monies were not a part of salaries and benefits, the district will issue a joint communiqué that will state there will be no cutbacks of programs or personnel based on the error.

The Governor will be issuing a revised state budget and California is facing its worst budget deficit in years (\$14 billion). CTA will be ready to lobby to protect funding, but the latest word from CTA is that they are not expecting cuts for this year.

March 13 is the date of the next AVTA Social. The District is still hiring new people. Site Captains should be sure to let the new hires know about membership benefits and to sign them up as soon as possible.

### **Gerald Fairman, Vice President Political Action**

CTA has taken a NO position on Proposition 92 and a YES position on Proposition 93.

Gerald introduced Edward Mooney who spoke on his 14 points to revise NCLB. Mr Mooney will be meeting with Buck McKeon in the near future.

### **Treasurer's Report, Beatriz Sztain**

Beatriz stated that the audit has been completed and there were no areas of concern reported. The PERB report is available for member review.

### **Grievance Chair, Gary Roberts**

Please review the bargaining survey and submit suggestions. The survey will go out to the membership the first week in February.

Dave Weaver moved to purchase a subscription to "Survey Monkey". Second by Dave Weaver. A friendly amendment by Cathy Carothers, "not to exceed \$500". Second by Dave Weaver. Motion carried.

Christine Van Allen and Gerald Fairman will be running in the regional election as candidates to attend the NEA Representative Assembly in July.

The Coalition New Year's dinner was well attended and our representatives were able to meet a number of Coalition members.

Mike Otinsky moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.