

Representative Council Meeting March 3, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009, was made by Mike Otnisky and second by Ed Campbell. Motion approved.

President's Report, Gene Smith

Gene explained that there were 101 reduction in force teachers; 46 of those were due to declining enrollment. The district is planning on 500 less students next year. District coordinators will be sent back to the classroom for part of the day. Gene explained that some members that previously had tenure, left the district and then came back with a new rehire date. Gene also stated that layoffs were according to hire date and the credential held. The CTA attorney will be at the CTA/AVTA office on March 11, 2009, to meet with AVTA members affected by the RIF.

Vice President Political, Gerald Fairman

NEA elections are being conducted across the country. There is a timeline sheet attached. Voting materials must be returned to the AVTA office by 5:00 P.M. March 16, 2009. Ballots, signature sheets and biographical sheet of the candidates were provided. The signatures must match the number of ballots cast.

A motion was made by Ed Campbell to allow the AVTA candidate with the most votes, be funded to go to the NEA RA Assembly in San Diego. Terry Vernor second. Motion approved.

Vice President Membership, Julie Agnew

The end of the year social, to honor our retirees will be at the Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, 40144 10th Street West in Palmdale on May 20, 2009, between 3 and 6 P.M. Each member may bring one adult guest. Ray Hart moved to allow up to \$8000 for the social. Mike Otnisky second. Motion approved.

Treasurer, Beatriz Sztain

A motion to approve the Balance sheet for February 23, 2009, was made by Joe Pincetich and Ray Hart second. Motion carried. The audit and taxes will be on March 20, 2009. The scanning of AVTA documents is continuing and should be complete soon.

Grievance Chair, Gary Roberts

There is a grievance at Palmdale High School regarding a reprimand of behavior and teacher reassignment. The member does not want the reprimand in his file. The teacher taught ED and had to separate two students during a fight. The member feels that his point of view was never taken into consideration. He wants the letter pulled from his file. CTA staff feels this will not be overturned. The district can reassign a teacher at any time. Terry Vernor moved to take this matter to arbitration and Joe Pincetich second. Motion failed (8 for, 23 against).

Negotiations, Dan Shy

The negotiations survey will be distributed by the site captains to all members and is due back on March 16, 2009.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Weaver.