

Representative Council Meeting October 7, 2008

Motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008, by Mike Otnisky, second Terry Vernor. Motion approved.

President's Report, Gene Smith

The IRS has mandated that a single firm manage the 403B accounts. The district is evaluating two firms. Visco Assoc. has put forth two proposals; and Timothy Hayes through Standard Insurance has submitted a plan that would let members maintain their present accounts. Members should respond to Gene Smith as to which plan would be in their best interest.

Gene sent out information to all members via email, on the financial health of STRS, which is good.

Quartz Hill High School has an interim principal. Gene Smith sat on the selection committee and 2 names have been put forward to the school board for consideration. Interviews for the Director 1 position are also underway.

There have been some changes in our drug and prescription plan. Members will be given information regarding some brand names that have been removed and where generics have been substituted. If a specific name brand drug is required, the insured or the doctor can write a letter to the insurance company (Medco) asking for coverage of the brand name drug. The Association is seeking to find a company that covers the cost of all name brand drugs.

Introductions of all representatives were made.

Vice President Political, Gerald Fairman spoke on the new manual for CTA/AVTA elections. He discussed irregularities at sites concerning department chair elections. Teachers are only allowed a vote for each class taught in that department for which they are voting. Coaching assignments do not count as a class taught in the department. The association has the right to see the voting results. Some election recommendations will be made. The proper way to have a school site election was also discussed. Parents cannot be employees of the district and students are also to be elected to the school site council. Teachers are to make up the majority of the council. Ed Code 52852 discusses the make-up of site councils.

Over 60 people showed up and marched down Lancaster Blvd. for the State Budget Rally. Gary Roberts, Marty Meeden, George Melendez and Linda Jones spoke at the rally. CTA Vice President, Dean Vogel toured many of the schools in our district.

Steve Knight is on the record for merit pay. We need to get out the vote for Linda Jones for 36th District.

Vice President Membership, Julie Agnew announced the AVTA social on October 17, 2008. CTA membership cards that don't belong to your school site should be returned to Julie.

Secretary and State Council Representative, Christine Van Allen gave the October State Council Report, attached.

Grievance Chair, Gary Roberts said we are waiting for a Level 2 reply within 10 days, regarding administrative interns working during their prep period.

Treasurer's Report, Beatriz Sztain

We need to set up an escrow account for the agency fee payers. We are signing up agency fee payers. Site Captains should make sure they have all their new teachers sign up as a member. Agency fee payers will get a Hudson notice. When we attend the social, members will need to sign in to comply with CTA rules. All meals need to have a sign in sheet.

Beatriz distributed the guidelines for reimbursement including a list of non reimbursed expenses. Mike Otnisky moved to approve the guidelines and Dave Weaver second. Motion passed. An AVTA ledger for 9/1/08 to 10/03/08 was given to all members. Cobb Doefler and Assoc. will conduct the audit for AVTA for the 2007-2008 year.

Negotiations will meet again on October 16.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Strom; meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.