

## **Representative Council December 1, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009, was made by Winston Parkinson and Gary Dilbeck second. Motion approved.

**President, Gene Smith** Gene spoke about the small group meeting questions and the intention of CTA leadership wanting more input about local teacher concerns. The small groups meetings discussion will help begin the conversation.

The school board conference is coming up and board members, Carothers, D'Erico and Lott have decided not to go and we will thank them for being fiscally responsible.

The Legislature has announced more budget woes and we need to let the parents know that teachers are doing more with less. Teachers need to communicate with parents and the community about large class sizes, limited supplies and out of pocket costs we endure.

Dr. David Aponic will present a retirement workshop for the representative council and for the general membership. The dates will be announced. Members will be notified by email and fliers.

On December 9, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. the new board members will be seated.

**Vice President Political, Gerald Fairman** Made available the latest information on Race to the Top. President Obama's "Race to The Top" stimulus funds comes with strings attached, including tying teachers' pay to their achieving uniform academic growth in students of vastly differing backgrounds, practices, work ethics and achievement levels. Also the Governor can keep half of the stimulus and there is no guarantee that the state will receive any money. The plan also raises caps on the number of charter schools putting more schools in the hands of profit driven enterprises.

**Vice President Membership, Julie Agnew** Julie has a list of 9 people to get signed up as members. Julie handed out forms for those teachers' mailboxes to get them signed up.

**Treasurer, Beatriz Sztain** The meeting with the auditors to file taxes is scheduled for January 8, 2009, so we should be able to file on-time. State fees for non-profit were renewed. The CD's have been rolled over. The cost of the Leadership Conference was \$ 7525.64. The AVTA computers purchased (2) were \$1600. Gary Roberts moved David Wright second to accept the budget presented. Motion carried.

**Secretary, Christine Van Allen reminded** the council to turn in member's phone numbers and email contacts.

**Grievance Chair, Gary Roberts** Gary had a meeting with Mark Bryant and there was some discussion about how reviews are made up by administrators.

**Bargaining Chair, Dan Shy** Nothing to report. The bargaining survey will be available in January.

Motion to adjourn by Winston Parkinson.