

PUUP Large Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Cardinal Lounge in ACC

Sept. 26, 2012

Attendance:

Kyla Relaford
Kim Hartshorn
Karen Volkman
Wendy Gordon
Dan Gordon
Al Mihalek
Tom Morrissey

Gina Doty
David Curry
Bethanne DelGaudio
Don Maier
Gerianne Wright
Kevin Mundy
Kathy Falcetta

1. The meeting was called to order by David C. at 12:05pm and Tom M. made a motion to accept the agenda and 2nd by Karen V. and all approved.
2. Accept the April 17, 2012 Large Executive Board meeting minutes: A motion made by Gerianne W. and 2nd by Wendy G., and all approved.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Al M. gave the report as of today we have \$14,746.13 in the regular account and \$1697.80 in our Good and Welfare account.
 - There is an audit in UUP statewide ongoing at this time and Melanie O'Connell our chapter book keeper and Al M. work together to send our reports to the treasurer in Albany. If an item does not apply to the terms and conditions of employment, an agency fee person can get that part of their dues returned to them. This does not happen often, but a member can initiate this action at state level.
 - Bethanne D. requested \$500 for fall 2012 professional workshops on the topics of: the Professional Obligation, the Evaluation system, and Comp time. Al M. made the motion to approve and Kyla R. 2nd and all approved.
 - Kim H. is having an Academic Evaluation workshop on October 19th at 3:00pm. Gina made the motion that \$300 is used for refreshments for this workshop that may be given more than once this fall semester. The motion was 2nd by Karen V. and all approved. The question was asked if there is a "good files" example to cover the basics of this topic.
 - A motion was made by Wendy G. and 2nd by Bethanne D. for up to \$100.00 to be used out of Good & Welfare "if" the Northeast Regional Council of Teachers Association (NERCTA) annual dues were not paid out of Vote Cope. David C. plans to find out if Vote Cope can pay for this annual membership first. See #5 for details.
 - A motion was made by Gina D. to approve the report and 2nd by Bethanne D. and all approved.
4. **Membership Drive:** Wendy G. volunteered to help Al M. with a future membership drive to ensure our members are card signers. We will have a new contract to vote on at some point and only card carrying members can vote.
5. **Northeast Regional Council of Teachers Association (NERCTA):** David C. discussed this organization and the history of our involvement and why we should stay

active in it. We inherited this from Patty Bentley and our dues were being paid by NYSUT since Patty was a board member. Our campus has a teacher education program and the schools that take our student interns to work in are associated with this organization. For some time, Associate Professor in Education Mark Beatham, goes to most of the ten meetings held per year. Gina D. requested that we receive meeting notes whenever Mark B. attends a meeting so that we could put them on our UUP chapter web page to share. David C. said he'd speak to Mark B. about obtaining notes at future meetings.

6. **President's Report:** No update on the negotiations process.
 - a. The upcoming Delegate Assembly October 12-13 is in Buffalo. Ed Quinn resigned in August as the Membership chair and this position will be up for an election. So far Bob Reese and Edison Bond are in the running. This elected seat ends spring 2013, and another election will occur.
 - b. Currently there are four delegates from our campus attending this DA: Kim Hartshorn, Richard Aberle, Karen Volkman and Patty Bentley.
 - c. Downstate Medical Center, a SUNY hospital, has 400 members that will soon receive their nonrenewal letters. This situation of this hospital is paramount and our members are losing their jobs. Go to the UUP web site and take action on the link on the front page which is a letter to Governor Cuomo.
 - d. Labor Management ongoing issues: A small group has been meeting since April discussing a possible summer 2013 compressed work week. Right now UUP professional members do not have downtime with so many yearlong sessions (winter and summer). Clinton Community College on Friday afternoons closes their campus as did our branch campus at ACC for a few years. There are other SUNY campuses that close on Friday's all day or in the afternoons.
7. **Stepping Down December 31, 2012:** Bethanne D. is our VP for Professionals and must step down due to her higher priority obligations involving the NY Teacher Education changes that are forthcoming fast. We need for someone to finish her term which ends June 2013. Bethanne has done a superb job for the past 18 months in her role as our VP. Thanks Bethanne for all your hard work! She is willing to assist the new person in their new role so they can learn what to do.
8. **Slate of New Officers due to statewide UUP offices in January 2013.** If you are curious about becoming more involved in an officer role, please contact David C. or anyone on the executive board. They are more than willing to talk with you.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm as the fire alarm rang!

Our next Large Executive meeting is Wednesday, November 14 at Noon in the Cardinal Lounge in ACC.

Meeting minutes taken by:

Gina Doty, Chapter Secretary

Edits Welcome