

Washington Teachers Association

Representative Council Meeting

November 15, 2011

Members Present: President Reggie Jarrott-Briggs, Vice-President Mike Beus, Secretary Marci Schrader, Treasurer Don Stauffer, Rep Council members, Carol Ferre, Jerry O'Connor, Shannon Woods, Willow Daykyn, Pam Jewell, Nancy Erickson, Naqiba Gregory, Tim O'Donnell, Sue Parfitt, Michelle Pile, David Ionescu, Tammy Moulton, Laura Ingram, Penny Schatzel, Catherine Grisaffi, Nancy Abplanalp, Mike Lugo, Paul Winckel, Kathy Ladd, Susan Smith, Amy Goldman.

I. Welcome. The meeting was called to order at 3:55 by President Reggie Jarrott-Briggs.

II. Minutes for Oct. 11, 2011 were approved with corrections.

III. Treasurer's Report was approved.

IV. Association Issues.

A. Budget has not gone to the auditor yet.

B. Membership. Reggie reported that we still need more phone trees.

C. Scholarship. Reggie is working on biographies for student recipients.

D. Negotiations Update. They will meet on 11/17. There are concerns that the DO wants to negotiate in a more aggressive style.

E. Grievance. The RC grievance is solved. Mike is concerned that members are afraid to grieve issues. He hopes more members will be trained and will talk to each other about grievances.

F. Benefits. The wellness incentive is in process. Tammy asked about how to compete as she is receiving Health Club memberships from members.

G. History Committee is a work in progress.

V. CTA.

A. Diane Ravich is a former Bush employee who realized the problems of NCLB. She will be speaking on Jan. 21. Reggie has 100 tickets. After Rep Council members have theirs, there will still be enough for about 50 members.

B. STRS board of directors vote. Members are encouraged to vote for Harry Kelly and Dana Dillon. They have CTA endorsements. Dana Dillon will be at our meeting in December.

C. The Grievance training on November 2 was good.

D. Future training on being a Site Rep will take place, possibility here.

E. CTA State Council informs us that there will be no new CTA dues next year and the following year they could go down.

F. CTA is looking for chapter members to be on a committee for the election of legislatures. This will start on Dec. 14 at the Natomas CTA offices.

G. CTA CalCasualty is offering \$7500 for Staff Lounge makeover. See their website, [www.schoolounge makeover.com](http://www.schoolounge makeover.com). This will appear on our Web site.

H. CTA's opinion on the "Occupy Movement". They have called for members to join the National Day of Action on Thurs. Nov. 17 and occupy Hwy 99.

#### VI. Inclusions.

A. State of the District. About 125 people attended. In response to members' inquiry about the cost, Reggie passed on the district's response that by law the district could not pick up the tab.

B. PAC straw poll. Members received a flyer of information for talking points. Reggie wants answers for the next meeting.

C. Safety Survey results. Reggie read this aloud. There are concerns about the supervision of students and parent involvement.

D. Reggie reminded members that they need to have WTA time at their sites.

E. We now have a Facebook Account at <http://www.facebook.com/wtateachers>.

#### VII. Site Concerns were submitted in writing.

#### VIII. Talking points: Diane Ravich, Jan. 21, tickets available.

Grievances must start at site level.

PAC straw poll

Union Code of Ethics. Copies were passed out.

CTA Evaluation Survey on <http://www.WTAtachers.org>

#### IX. Adjournment was at 5:00. Next month's meeting has been moved to Nov. 15th due to parent conferences.