

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Torrens at 5:36pm.

**Attendees:** Becky Torrens, Linda Floro, Michael Fryda, Jane Leadabrand, Marsha Edquist, Erin Shirmang-Ward, Maria Wallace, Janis Elliott, Brad Wellmann, Ginger Rogers, Bobby Miller, Glenda Blum, John Jensen, Sasha Cerevantes, Chris Proulx, Kathy Kassebaum, Alan Bone

**Guests:** Judy Roach, Mandy Peterson, and Carol Hicks, organizational specialists.

Bobby Miller: LCCC candidate interviews. Districts 1,3, and 5 are up for reelection. March 29 for districts 1 and 5, April 5 for district 3.

Welcome everyone> Introductions of Judy Roach, Organizational Specialist for Metro South, Mandy Peterson, Organizational Specialist for Metro West.

**Minutes:** Kathy Kassebaum moved to approve minutes of January meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Wallace as printed. Carried

**Treasurer's report:** Linda Floro reported Brad Wellmann moved to approve treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marsha Edquist, Carried

CD has been cashed in and money has been added to the checking account. Discussion occurred. This money will remain in the checking account for the time being.

Action Items:

Senator gift of Diane Ravitch "Reign of Error".

Janis Elliott made a motion to purchase "Reign of Error" by Diane Ravitch books, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan Bone. Carried

**Old Business:** LCCC interviews. Seek out individuals who may be interested in interviewing candidates.

Discussion occurred regarding the other candidate recommendation's for state and federal positions.

NSEA board: Janis Elliott, NSEA, recommend a democrat and a republican candidate NSEA is going to attend the St. Patrick's day celebration to meet with the candidates for Governor.

State Board of Education: Candidate interviews haven't been established. Two will be appointed and one will be elected. Bob Meyers, Maureen Nichols are running for the state board of education.

NSEA board report was sent out by Maddie Fennell.

**DA Award:** Two will be given out at DA caucus Brad Wellmann has received the information from Neal Clayburn of the winners and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners for membership increases.

**Delegate Assembly** has had baskets to raffle to raise money for the Children's fund. Every district is being asked to donate a basket. Ask DA caucus attendees donate money to purchase gift cards. At delegate assembly registration table needs volunteers to sit at the

Metro will have a table to greet attendees and hand out registration materials. First time delegates will get a different colored lanyard on their nametag.

Elections committee is made up from a member from each governance committee. Metro district will have two members.

Crowd control during election, let Becky know if you want to volunteer. It would help if ballot box was located farther away from the where you pick up your ballot.

District retreat: GRC staff will present. June 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 2pm at OEA/NSEA on 57<sup>th</sup> and F street. Invite GRC chairs from metro locals.

District 10: Write in Glenda Blum, needs 10 write in votes to be elected.

New Business:

Senator's Dinner: Lo Sole Mio for the dinner in November

**Officer Report:** Becky: June retreat, GRC members are to come,

NSEA website isn't updated for Metro board. Information for website, send info to Becky Sherbring at NSEA. Jane will send info to Becky S. to be sent to NSEA for the website.

**Next meeting:** Begin thinking about changing to 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for Metro District meetings or keep it for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Michael Fryda:** DA caucus will be held at Field Club again April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm.

**Linda Floro:** Fill out vouchers for mileage to Metro meeting from school.

**Ginger Rogers:** EMAC, a delegate will attend the Asian conference in Hawaii. Ed Ventura, Great Plains Peace award. Names have been submitted. EMAC will have oaks will be available at DA. A survey was sent out concerning a voice but not a vote. for EMAC. They may try something different at this DA, to have EMAC, SEAN and Retired have a vote. Other states allow these groups to vote.

**PERB:** A new member from the State Patrol. Southwest Public Health district has asked to join the system and were approved to join PERB. LB1042: Thank you Roger Rea for your work with this bill to bring attention to the particulars of the bill and how it will affect plan members. NSEA will continue to talk to Senator Nordquist about LB1042. Parking has been a concern at the office. Make sure you send an email to NPERS staff and fill out a card if you have a concern.

**NSEA retired:** John Jensen: Houston, TX organizing conference March 25-27, John will be attending the Houston Conference.

**Adjourned 6:55pm**