

Metro Board Meeting
OEA Office
February 18, 2016

Call to order at 5:43pm

Guests: Andy Isaacson, Matt Pittman, Carol Hicks, Judy Roach

Approval of Jan Minutes—Motion by Chris P, seconded by Chris J, minutes approved

Approval of Treasurer's Report—Motion by Maria, seconded by Bridgette, treasurer's report approved

Reports

President—district presidents met to discuss the recommended donations for the Children's Fund, to raise it from \$5 to \$10 per delegate at DA. They also discussed ways to increasing DA attendance. The Metro District had nominations for Rookie, Teacher of the Year, and ESP of the year.

VP—Field Club is available for DA Caucus, can hold up to 100 people. Need to check about the budget for dinner. Reached out to the Ralston Arena and the Scott Center, but both were over our budget. In Washington, the state DA takes two days. Chris would like to investigate if there's an interest to gather the Metro leaders to write NBI's. The board discussed the need to make sure that the NBI's are meaningful and not frivolous.

Secretary—absent

Treasurer--absent

NSEA Report—was sent to everyone by Maddie

NSEA-R—Lobby Day on Feb 2nd. Speaker Galen Hadley spoke at the lunch, reflecting on his experience in the legislature. NEA PAC Council met and Lily appreciated the support of NEA-Retired in Iowa and New Hampshire. John goes to Dallas next week for the NEA Summit.

SEAN—DA and Spring Conference in Hastings on Feb 26-27, 2016

EMAC—Tracy Hartman-Bradley was in DC representing Native American Teachers at the Dept of Education Tea with Teachers. Thanks to Carol for helping facilitate a meeting looking at bylaws and constitutional amendments recommendations. A number of EMAC members just got back from San Francisco, where they attended the Minority Leadership Conference. EMAC will be meeting this week in Kearney.

Old Business

Motion by Maddie, seconded by Marsha to go to the Field club for DA Caucus with the meal to be determined. Passed.

LCCC Metro Committee Recommendation—look at possibly discussing support/opposition to LCCC bills in the future.

Metro Social Justice Retreat—We are in the planning stages, finalizing the location, determining the trainers that will be presenting, the budget expectations, and tshirt design by March 18th. Andy will be contacting the local presidents to discuss what each local can contribute to the budget. The goal is to have around 100-120 members. Consider inviting someone from the NEA exec committee.

Books from the Senators Dinner are still available for sale, please contact Bobby if interested.

Action Items—None

New Business

- a. Ideas for gifts for metro members attending DA—ideas for \$5 gift cards, raffle prizes for just metro members to get a raffle
- b. work on creating a poster of all the Metro Board Members
- c. NSEA-Retired Workshops—letters should have been sent to local presidents to schedule workshops in the districts

NSEA Board reminder—Bobby will visit with district presidents about trying to make the NSEA website more user friendly.

EFT Conversion will happen for Omaha, Lincoln, and Millard in 2017. NSEA and the three local presidents are in the process of developing a time table and approach on how the process will happen. All other Nebraska locals will be flipped by the end of this year.

March 17th meeting has been cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm

Next meeting is April 7th with the DA Caucus.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schulte
(Substitute) Secretary