

Metro board meeting August 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by president Becky Torrens at 5:45pm.

Present: Linda Floro, Becky Torrens, Jane Leadabrand, John Jensen, Walta Sue Dodd, Janis Elliott, Chris Janovec,, Paul Schulte, Chris Prioulx, Maddie Fennell, Brad Wellmann, Marsha Edquist, Bobby Miller, Joshua Hennagir, Glenda Blum, Kathy Kassebaum

Guests: Andy Isaacson, PLEA President, Judy Roach, Brian Mickelsen,

Welcome and introductions:

Fennell moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd Marsha Edquist with addition of SEAN President Jacob Zeiss Carried

Treasurer report: reporting will include to whom checks are written and for what expense.

Hold report until next meeting since some did not receive the email of the treasurer report.

PERB report: Janis Elliott, sits on board appointed by the governor

18% rate of return will come out in November. Issues discussed; People are not really retiring but are returning to work. Some would like us not to return to work. Continue to monitor issue.

Web training September 18, 2014. Invite locals to participate in the training with Christy from NSEA. Bring laptops to meeting. Paul Schulte made a motion we begin at 5:30 with dinner and have Christy talk about options of webpage, facebook, twitter, etc. Marsha Edquist 2nd. Carried

NSEA board report: NSEA board will meet in special session Saturday regarding negotiations with staff. \$12,000+ dollars was raised for Pilger at RA.

NSEA-R: no report

SEAN met in August and are getting dates together. Put together a new poster for campuses. Refocusing on working with faculty advisors.

Art Tandrup: Willie Nelson and Neil Young and Willie Nelson's son will have a concert on his farm against the pipeline.

Chris Proulx: LCCC taking action on Supt. Early childhood plan. Designed for birth to 3rd grade plan. Teachers are not part of the planning process.

Adjourned at 6:36 pm

Brian Mickelsen, Government Relations: Posting pictures of members signing the minimum wage petition. NSEA staff are knocking on doors with members. Platte Institute proposes one school one county. (funded by Pete Ricketts) Minimum wage vote is an area of focus. Other areas of focus with the minimum wage: it impacts child poverty, we are working on voters who feel betrayed by the voting process. Need people to take a sign for Hassebrook. Knock on doors for 30 minutes, 20 voters targeted to vote for candidate. Chuck Hassebrook has been meeting with local associations. Early voting is going to be important. Encouraged to take a yard sign, take a picture of self with sign and post on Facebook.