

NEA Education Association
Executive Council Minutes
February 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by RaeAnn Loy at the Uniserv Office in Negaunee.

Present were:

RaeAnn Loy, Lori Boase, Mark Churchill, Wendy Beacco, Barb Ellingsen, Marius Grazulis, Pete Ruokola, Kevin Bell, Lisa Bigalk, and Karen Plaisier.

Absent were:

Mary Ganfield, Lori Waters, and Vickie Paupore.

The first order of business was the approval of the agenda. Mark Churchill made the motion with a second from Marius Grazulis. Motion carried.

Next order of business was the approval of the minutes from the September 23rd, 2008, meeting. Kevin Bell motion, Lori Boase seconded. Motion passed for approval.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Lori Boase. She gave a brief summary of the history of past expenditures and money making activities. Mark Churchill motion, Marius Grazulis second. Motion to accept report passed.

A discussion of making a Budget for the organization since the spending now is over the dues collected. Rae Ann had instructed Karen to get a hold of budgets from other units to compare and help with this process. Karen reported on the findings from these units. A budget committee was set up consisting of Barb Ellingsen, Mark Churchill, Lori Boase, and Karen Plaisier. It is noted that Rae Ann Loy will be a member of every committee.

Dealing with the Snow day make up time, a motion was made by Lisa Bigalk and seconded by Barb Ellingsen to table till the next snow day or by March 30th whichever comes first. A letter to the Superintendent to request that we use professional development hours to cover the lost time will be sent.

Other committees were organized:

Communication Committee: Mark Churchill, and Barb Ellingsen.

Barb will work on a web page and they hope to get other members involved.

Public Relations: Pete Ruokola, Kevin Bell, Lori Boase, and Mary Ganfield.

Pete has agreed to head this group and will also recruit members.

Coalition Building: Lisa Bigalk, Kevin Bell, Wendy Beacco, Marius Grazulis.

They will be meeting with other union units in our school district.

Mark Churchill and RaeAnn Loy gave an update on our grievances.

The calendar for the next school year was tabled till the next meeting.

The sign up sheet for the MEA Northern Zone Bargaining & U.P. Leadership Conference was handed out, and Rae Ann feels that the whole PN should be in attendance as well as others that are interested. She will collect the forms to send in.

There was no time for other reports but all committees will meet in the month of March and then another executive meeting will be set.

A special thanks to our Uniserv Director, Stuart Skauge, who provided the group with pizza, pop and dessert.

The motion to adjourn was made by Lori Boase, seconded by Mark Churchill.
The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen Plaisier, Secretary