

THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR WLEA MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING & MEA AFFILIATE STAFF
This is a union-members only meeting. We are a friendly forum and require that you get consent before audio and/or video recording someone's conversation.

In attendance: Daryl Szymanski, Jason Pinho, Kim Quinn-Haver, Jared DeWitt, Maureen Horan, Leila Adkins, Scott Lindsey, Kevin LaPlante, Angela Lentz, Michelle Singer, Deb Johnson, Bill Kussy, Kevin Reynolds, Sara Leshok, James Singelyn, Leandra Brandel, Suzanne Storrs, Lois Griffin, Lainie Sacks, Jennifer Curtis, Jennifer Blake, Margaret Haver, Paul Hebert, Kathren O'Brien, Paula Samal, Elisa Kilgren, Barb Winters, Rebecca Reed, Holly Hicks, Kasee Haven, Abby Lewin-Ziegler, Matt Hewitt, Lisa Ellis, Tricia Ziegler, Lorin Haas, Robyn Shapiro, Sonia Vining, Leslie Bielis-Volkers, Amie Smith, Ellen McDonald, Jessica Leslie, Sharrie Chapman, Jennifer Todd, Sarah Kiffner

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Kathren O'Brien moved to accept the agenda as printed. Kevin Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.
- II. OPENING REMARKS:
 1. Project Veritas – Warning from the MEA about people from this group that may be focusing on MEA offices in our area. Daryl reported that signs are now posted stating that recording in this private area is prohibited.
 2. MEA Spring RA Report – Fall RA is eliminated. In the fall there are few items new business. Now MEA B of D will take some of the duties of the RA. Budget was approved. MEA is cutting costs due to fewer members. Proposal for changing MEA staffing was proposed but it did not pass. Unanimous vote of no confidence for Education Secretary deVos. Herbart will publish this officially. Higher Ed delegates expressed displeasure with the MEA agreement with an Ohio college to provide free college to members. Lights out policy for members who have not paid dues was referred to committee. WLEA dues \$95. NEA = \$189 full time or \$106 not full time. MEA – percentage dues with a cap. 1.5% up to \$645 as the cap. This was raised to \$650. NEA is increasing \$2.00. Structural deficit projection for the MEA. Thank you to outgoing delegates Peggy Haver, Matt Hewitt, and Lorena Hawkins for the years of service.
 3. 2018 WLEA Elections – Official Report – This has been approved by the MEA.
 4. Executive Board for 2018-2019 – Daryl is proposing some changes to next year's board. They are listed on the report. This will be voted on in new business. Two additions to the board: Suzanne Storrs is nominated to be an additional middle school representative. Matt Hewitt is being nominated as elementary representative.
 5. PAC Drive Report – printed: 466 members contributed \$19,727, an average of \$42.33.
 6. Reminder about CA-60s at the Elementary Level – no duties this year as per this year's contract.
 7. Wear Red for Public Ed – Polo Shirt Order – In support of public education the MEA is proposing this as an option for a way to show solidarity, especially in support of the teachers in Arizona who walked out today. Daryl will take orders for WLEA polo shirts. The MEA is also proposing a walk IN on at least one Wednesday in May.
- III. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kim Quinn-Haver
Printed minutes from Thursday, February 15, 2018 – Kasee Haven moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Kathren O'Brien's name in attendance. Matt Hewitt seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jared DeWitt
Printed Report from April 1, 2018

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. UNISERV – Cyndi Austin – not in attendance. Daryl Szymanski noted that the state has not settled its budget yet. The three proposals are all very similar.
2. Negotiations – The district is doing a budget video for the first time in a few years.
3. Grievance - none
4. Membership - One teacher just hired at Western. Some new members joined now under the join now pay later incentive.
5. Public Affairs
 - a. PTSA: Kim Quinn-Haver –
The Scarlet’s Smile Foundation did a presentation about their goal to build an inclusive playground at Dodge Park #5 near the Commerce Library. They need to raise one million dollars. They are at \$400,000. The plans include multiple phases. Ground has been broken. They would like to partner with WL Schools to continue to raise funds as this benefits the whole area. Alec Bender spoke about Wixom being a “Cultures of Thinking” school. They host other schools who come to see what Wixom is doing with this project. Mr. Titus reported that the district is looking at the financial picture as it moves into negotiation season. Mrs. Evola says we can expect a budget video this year – she, Mr. Gutman and Mrs. Les are working on it. The schools are getting new water filling stations – the grant for this did not include the high schools but they are using sinking fund money to have the company install them there at cost.
 - b. School Board: Jason Pinho – A parent spoke about getting police into schools. A citizen complained about the CEC closing and being torn down. Daryl talked about member engagement. Awards were given out.
6. Web Page: Jason Pinho – All up to date.
7. New Teacher Club: Lorena Hawkins, Matt Hewitt, and Robyn Shapiro – May 8 – attendees need to RSVP twice – in google and by registering on Kalpa. Epic for dinner. Social media and the law for teachers.
8. Public Relations/Communications: Kathren O’Brien – send correspondence requests to her and Lisa Ellis.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

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VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Sponsorship – Lakes Area Youth Assistance – Lisa Ellis moved to donate \$500 to support LAYA and the Taste of the Lakes Fundraiser in September. Barb Winters seconded. Motion carried.
2. WLEA Executive Board for 2018-2019 – Peggy Haver moved to accept the WLEA executive board for 2018-2019 as printed in the handout. Kasee Haven seconded. Motion carried.
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

IX. OTHER ISSUES:

1. Social media and legal issues for teachers – Maureen Horan suggested Daryl arrange a training on legal issues and social media use.
2. Sheri Chapman suggested that the WLEA notify any groups which will not be supported next year if we make budget cuts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.