

WCCC Federation of Teachers-AFT Local 2000

General Membership Meeting

Friday, March 27, 2015

3:00pm Venue: IBEW Local 58 on Abbot

Present: Bruce Ewen, David Sole, Barbara Radecki, Patrick Kelly, Wallace Peace, David Caddy, Deborah Robinson, Daphne McNeary, Willaim Nichols, Tom Jovarnis, Adell Austin Anderson, Charles Jones, Mary Pequinot, Mary Mahony, Joanne Wittbrodt, Steve Walker, Ray Waller, Derrick Glass, Pete Sutliff, Mike Wright, Beatrice Talpos, James Jackson, Tiana Myers, Wm Matthews, Michael Mardogan, Lydia Watkins, Patrick Anyanetu, Ella Davis, Roger Short

Office Staff: Dessine Mack, Janice Washington

Call to Order

Dr. Peace called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Motion (Roger Short; Michael Wright) to accept the minutes carried. Alida Quick suggested that information from the national office be put on the local's website. There was agreement.

President's Report

Dr. Wallace Peace thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and addressed the following: the union has won the nursing grievance; college's decision regarding the online class selection; the need for a re-selectin of the summer class selection; commended Dr. Adell Anderson on the presentation that she made at the recent Board of Trustees meeting; found out that the college keeps two set of files on employees; made it clear to the Board the difference between full-time and part-time faculty; the issue of Dr. Curtis Greene's suspension; taking some cases to arbitration to get files removed; college is refusing to remove disruptive students. The report was received.

Finance Report

Treasurer Roger Short distributed the Income Statement-Eight Months Ending February 28, 2015. He addressed concerns and answered questions regarding the report. Motion (Charles Jones; Michael Wright) to accept the finance report carried.

Negotiations

Chief Negotiator David Caddy said that he is preparing for negotiations, and he has notified Dr. Ivery of the need to start the process. However, Caddy went on to say that Derek Johnson said that it was too early to begin negotiations. Caddy also stated that he has the information that he needs for the FOIA. The report was received.

FOIA

Chief Negotiator David Caddy and Treasurer Roger Short distributed a statement about the FOIA. They recommended that the local allocate \$25,000 to retain Attorney Mark Cousens to assist the Local in obtaining the information based on the Freedom of Information Act. Motion (Patrick Kelly; Michael Wright) that we move forward with the recommendation. Motion carried.

Grievance Report

Dr. Peace said that 1st Vice-President Christian Nwamba is attending a conference. However, he sent a written report detailing the status of grievances. The report was distributed to all members.

Election Committee

Elections Committee Chair Patrick Kelly stated that the committee is charged with getting the elections going, Kelly stated that petitions have been distributed; tried to reach all members; 1500 names were on the list; has set a date for the return of the petitions; will get the proper list from the union office. Kelly explained the election process and answered questions. He introduced other members of the committee. The report was received. Professor Charles Jones asked about objections to the elections. Professor Kelly responded by stating that there will be an observer from the national office to observe the election process. The report was received.

Recent Board of Trustees Meeting

Assistant to the President Joanne Wittbrodt gave a brief report of the Board of Trustees meeting that she, along with four other members addressed. She stated that Dr. Ivery received a 5% increase.

Other concerns/issues

Professor Pete Sutliff asked about a petition that he generated with 50 signatures requesting an additional representative for part-time faculty; one instructor asked about additional classes. Dr. Peace said that there is a need for more faculty to file complaints or grievances. Professor Rayfield Waller talked about his dilemma concerning class selection. It was suggested that faculty check Webgate regularly and inform the union if they see added sections. Professor Bruce Ewen spoke about evaluations. Professor Adell Anderson spoke about the problem of stationary. Dr. Peace said that faculty members should not perform college work without a contract and they should not begin work until they have signed an agreement. Dr. Peace reiterated that the vote of no confidence against Dr. Bulger is still standing, He also said that we have got to be more active.

No further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully and in solidarity,

Ella Davis

Secretary

