

In Attendance: *Paul Marsala - President* *Jerry Kell - Vice President*
Rik Nelson - Secretary
Nicole Weaver - Region Rep

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm

2 People initially in attendance, besides Executive Board.

Additional members came in to make the total of 7 in attendance, besides Executive Board.

3 handouts given:

- 1. Estimated \$\$ balance 2009-10 school year in union checking account : \$8727.*
- 2. Budget proposal for the 2010-11 school year. Our national organization increased our dues to them, so we proposed a .50 increase in the withdrawal from each paycheck, for a total of \$19. This will leave at the end of the 2010-11 school year an estimated surplus in our account of \$6000, which will be used for training, etc, leaving the final balance after all expenses in the \$8000 surplus range.*
- 3. How the \$6000 is spent.*

There was some general confusion as to the amount of the total increase in IEA/NEA dues, since they literally had been changed the day before (again!). Change was so slight the board decided not to increase the dues more than the .50 in the paperwork already passed out. They proposed the budget to the audience.

Then a motion came from the floor to increase dues \$1, not .50, a paycheck. And seconded. There was debate. There was language. There was discussion. In the end, it was thought that the extra funds could be used for strengthening the union with training, picnics, foreign language training for custodians that need it, holiday parties, knitting classes, and pottery. Objections were raised as to it not really needed, and with the Financial climate right now perhaps not a good idea. Extra \$\$ taken out of employees paychecks perhaps not a good idea. It was also mentioned that it might be a good idea to use these extra funds to build up our funds for Arbitration (for example). Debate ended. Vote on increase passed 8 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention.

Board members voted as follows.

YES: JK.

NO: RN PM.

Abstained: RW.

Members in attendance (6) all voted yes.

Since there is no budget on hand taking into account the \$1 increase, it was voted on to table the budget discussion till the Contract meeting, where a complete budget can be voted on.

There was general discussion about upcoming negotiations

Our UnitServe Director introduced herself, and fielded some general questions, none of which I remember.

Meeting adjourned @ 1:15 pm.

Approved

Rik