

October 24, 2013

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2013 AFT-WI RETIREE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The executive board meeting of the AFT-WI Retirees was called to order at 3:08pm in the Paper Valley-Radisson in Appleton, Wisconsin by President Kathy Monaghan. Members present were Ed Gallagher, Bob Beglinger, Marilyn Bunnell, Joy Bashara, Kathy Monaghan, Bonnie Greasby, Elaine Schwoerer, Judy Hack, Wanda Gerard and Buzz Davis. There were three guests. There were a total of 13 participants.

Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last executive board meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Gallagher reported that our total assets are \$14,814.32 as of September 30, 2013. There are no liabilities and so the total equity is \$14,814.32. A motion was made and passed to approve the 2014 budget as prepared by the treasurer and president. President Monaghan mentioned that the budget had to be scaled down as the income has been reduced. It is not expected that we will receive the amount previous given by the AFT-WI and AFT National.

Possible dues changes, if the merger takes place, were discussed. Presently you can be a lifetime member of AFT-WI with a onetime payment of \$200.00. This would be a payment for lifetime membership in the merged organization if made before the April 26, 2013 meeting in Green Bay where WEAC and AFT-WI will meet. The dues for NEA are above and not included. The dues after the possible merger will be higher. For example, a yearly membership will go from \$20.00 per year to \$70.00 per year.

New Business

Bonnie Greasby reported that the ARA Power Luncheon was extremely well received. People liked the venue as well as the food. It took place at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee.

Kathy Monaghan reported on the AFT Grant Request. Kathy stated that there were situational changes with both policies and individuals. She stated that she had requested a smaller amount and that she hadn't heard as of our meeting date whether it would be forthcoming.

The report on the Unity/Merger Committee was delivered by our member on this committee, Bob Beglinger. A very lengthy discussion ensued. The background on the committee is that there are about 20 members who have met 13 times over the past month. The numbers of people on the committee are representational, so that AFT-WI has fewer members. How this will work to make a merged organization fair to all is not clear. Bob then answered questions: Will the AFL/CIO affiliation continue? Yes Will the vote on merger be affected by the present proposals? Yes Can we do anything about it? Yes, vote to keep the VPs and vote against having the secretary and treasurer combined.

New Business

The review of the constitutional amendments included Amendments 10 and 16. . The position suggested on the two amendments was to keep secretary and treasurer separate positions, and to maintain the number of vice presidents. Buzz Davis made a motion that the vote should be of all members with a full written disclosure after a referendum.

Membership renewals will be sent in November for the January 1, 2014 deadline.

The general meeting will be tomorrow at 9:45am.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Bashara, Secretary