



**Local 1211 Executive Board Meeting
April 3, 2014**

I. Call to Order

J. Braglia called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present:

J. Braglia; R Carroll; M. Dowd; B. Gust-Farrell; R. Izzo; R. Jarecki; R Kuechenberg; A. Lee; M. McIntyre; D. Moravak; R. Polly; W. Scully; A. Spizzirri; G. Wilson

Absent:

A. Bosslet; M. Castello; R. Erickson; D. Fivelson; S. Forpe; S. Garcia; E. Jacobsen; F. Kernats; S. Lilley; D. Osenberg; R. Riggio; R. Walser

III. Special Order of Business - None

IV. COPE:

A C.O.P.E. meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

A. Upcoming Political Event & Contribution Schedule:

- The Local does not have any upcoming events to consider.
- The board is very concerned about the gubernatorial race.
- Lobby Day Attendees: John Braglia, Bill Scully, Frank Kernats, Javier Rivera, Mark Johnson, Matt Dowd, Chris Bays, Kevin Palmer, Bob Carroll, Ron Micheletto, Lynette Sculuca, Jason Spoor will meet with legislators on our behalf next week.

Total of \$0.00

B. Community Liaison Reports

Adjournment

Motion: R. Polly moved to adjourn the C.O.P.E. meeting; M. McIntyre seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The C.O.P.E. meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

V. Council Reports

A. District 211 Council -- Informal contract discussions have been ongoing and are moving in a positive direction.

The PERA committee provided an update today for district chairs plus another chair from each department. We met as a group for two hours and provided guidance as each department prepares for the April Institute day.

B. United Support Staff Council (USSC) -- Contract negotiations have been productive.

C. Therapists in Education Council (TIE) D-15 - none

D. Itasca Support Staff Union Council (ISSU) D-10 - none

E. Retiree's Council – Work is being done to find contact information of more retirees. Another event is being planned.

VI. Organizing – S. Forpe

VII. Officers' Reports

A. Secretary's Report – A. Lee

1. Approval of Minutes
Copies of the minutes of the March 13, 2014 Executive Board meeting were distributed for review.

B. Treasurer's Report – G. Wilson

1. Treasurer Report: The February and March Treasurer's Report was provided and questions were answered.
2. 2014-15 Budget: The proposed budget for next year was presented. Changes in the structure of the Local were explained.
3. Proposal: The Local is looking to provide TIE, Itasca and the USS with an administrative stipend to be used to maintain the website for next year.

C. Vice-President's Report – D. Fivelson

1. Website: The website is nearly complete and will be ready in the next week for a full launch.

D. President's Report - J. Braglia

1. Local Open House: A special thank you to Amy Spizzirri, Diane Kubitz, Ron Izzo, Rich Jarecki and Cathyann Smith for planning an amazing event.
2. Proposals
 - a. Mission Statement: "The mission of the Northwest Suburban Teachers' Union Local 1211 is to improve the opportunities provided to children, education, and the teaching profession by maintaining a strong organization that is grounded in direct, efficient, and effective communication among its members and those served" was proposed to the Local Board to accept. This mission statement embraces our activities and will guide the future direction of our community involvement.
 - b. Organization Structure: A proposed change in the organization structure was provided to the board. This will allow the Local to better serve its members.
 - c. Political Liaison: A proposal to re-define the position of political liaison was presented to the board. It is proposed to create four political spheres in which four different people will attend political events.
 - d. AFT Convention: The convention is in Los Angeles July 10th -14th. We are going to need people who are interested in attending.

VIII. Unfinished Business - none

IX. New Business

1. **Motion:** R. Polly moved to accept the minutes of the March 13th Executive Board meeting; B. Gust-Farrell seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. **Motion:** A. Spizzirri moved to approve the February and March Treasurer's Reports; B. Scully seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. **Motion:** R. Jarecki moved to approve the proposed 2014-2015 Local Budget; R. Kuechenberg seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Motion:** M. McIntyre moved to approve the Mission Statement as proposed; R. Polly seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. **Motion:** B. Scully moved to approve the stipends to the councils to help maintain the website; M. McIntyre seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

X. Adjournment

- Motion:** B. Scully moved to adjourn the Executive Board meeting; R. Polly seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned 5:11 p.m.

In Unity,
Anita Lee