



## Local 1211 Executive Board Meeting February 13, 2014

### I. Call to Order

J. Braglia called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

#### Present:

J. Braglia; R Carroll; D. Fivelson; S Forpe; B. Gust-Farrell; R. Izzo; R. Jarecki; F. Kernats;  
R Kuechenberg; A. Lee; D. Moravak; D. Osenberg; R. Polly; A. Spizzirri; R. Walser; G. Wilson

#### Absent:

A. Bosslet; M. Castello; M. Dowd; R. Erickson; S. Garcia; E. Jacobsen; P. Krzankowski; S. Lilley;  
M. McIntyre; R. Riggio; W. Scully

### III. Special Order of Business

Senator Mike Noland addressed the Board and thanked the Local for our support. He also gave an update on the current budget crisis in Illinois. The Senator delineated the general priorities of the state in the face of diminishing revenue.

### IV. COPE:

A C.O.P.E. meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

#### A. Upcoming Political Event & Contribution Schedule:

1. President's Day with Jack Franks, Monday, February 17, 5:00 pm, Hubbard Inn Chicago \$150.00 (K. Palmer, J. Spoor and S. Forpe will attend).
2. Harry Truman Dinner, Sunday, February 23, 4:00 p.m., Piper's Banquets, Aurora \$80-Ticket (B. Walser will attend).
3. Laurie Nowak for DuPage County Board, Valentine Re-Election Party, Keep Young Woman in IL Politics. Saturday, February 15, 4:00-7:00 pm, 1 South 500 Taylor Rd., Glen Ellyn. Donations Accepted -- \$50.00 (F. Kernats will attend)
4. Hanover Twp Democrats and Independents Movie Night, Saturday, February 22, 7:00 pm. \$10.00. Info at [www.HanDionline.org](http://www.HanDionline.org)
5. Wheeling TWP Committeeman Rob Nesvacil and Palatine Committeewoman Sue Walton host 7<sup>th</sup> annual Patrick Botterman Breakfast. Speaker Elaine Nekritz, Sunday, February 23, 10:30am. Chevy Chase Golf Club, Wheeling. \$50 per Ticket. (S. Forpe will attend).

Total of \$330 .00

#### B. Community Liaison Reports

**Motion:** F. Kernats moved to approve the expenditures; B. Gust-Farrell seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### Adjournment

**Motion:** S. Forpe moved to adjourn the C.O.P.E. meeting; F. Kernats seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The C.O.P.E. meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

**V. Council Reports**

- A. District 211 Council** -- The Joint Evaluation Committee is meeting weekly to determine how the evaluation process will be implemented.
- B. United Support Staff Council (USSC)** -- We are preparing for negotiations.
- C. Therapists in Education Council (TIE) D-15** - none
- D. Itasca Support Staff Union Council (ISSU) D-10** - none
- E. Retiree's Council** -- none

**VI. Organizing** – S. Forpe

- A. Shirley gave an update in efforts to organize groups currently not represented in an official capacity.

**Officers' Reports**

**A. Secretary's Report** – A. Lee

- 1. Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Executive Board meeting were distributed for review.

**B. Treasurer's Report** – G. Wilson

- 1. Copies of the December and January Treasurer's Report were distributed and reviewed. Clarifications were provided.
- 2. G. Wilson is looking to create a Budget Committee to draft next year's expenses. If interested, please let Gary know.

**B. Vice-President's Report** – D. Fivelson

- 1. Derek presented a proposal received by the Local for a website to improve our services for our members. Derek and John Braglia met with a web designer in Schaumburg to convey our needs and priorities. The web designer's proposal is very thorough and addresses all of the functionalities we need as an organization. After meeting with the firm several times, the proposal, including the cost, was presented to the Board. If approved, this website should be ready for a rollout in April.

**D. President's Report** – J. Braglia

- 1. Communications Initiative: John provided an update.
- 2. Teacher Evaluation in Illinois, hosted by Local 571, Thursday, February 27, 5:00 pm, IFT Robert Healey Conference Center, Westmont: We are looking for interested members to attend. Cost is free. Anita Lee will attend.
- 3. Right to Work Document: We need to be vigilant in protecting the rights of laborers. In every state surrounding Illinois, laws are being passed that severely diminish the rights of unions. We need to be aware of state level decisions, as well as what is being decided at the local level in surrounding districts.
- 4. IFT Constituency Committee Nominees - PSRP (currently Rhonda Polly), Retirees (currently Rick Gerz). We are in search of a Pre-K-12 representative to serve on this committee.
- 5. IFT Committees – Woman's Rights, Nominations, Career, Special Ed, and ULI: These are committees to advise IFT Vice Presidents on the needs of our members. We are looking for members to serve on these committees.
- 6. Legislative Breakfast: Information was provided on the upcoming event on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VII. Unfinished Business** - none

**VIII. New Business**

- 1. **Motion**: S. Forpe moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports; F. Kernats seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. **Motion:** B. Kuechenberg moved to approve the communications proposal for \$11,330.00; R. Jarecki seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. **Motion:** B. Walser moved to approve the minutes; B. Gust- Farrell seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. **Motion:** A. Spizzirri moved to approve the purchase of a laptop for the webmaster; S. Forpe seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. **Open House:** Amy Spizzirri interviewed caterers for an Open House at the Union office on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm – 8 pm.
  - i. **Motion:** A. Spizzirri moved to approve \$2,500.00 to cover the costs of the Open House; S. Forpe seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion:** S. Forpe moved to adjourn the Executive Board meeting; D. Moravel seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned 5:48 p.m.

In Unity,  
Anita Lee