# United Support Staff Council

## Minutes

## **September 25, 2013**

## I. Call to Order

G Chiovino called the meeting to order at 4:27p.m

#### II Roll Call:

**Present:** B Gust-Farrell, S Tesnow, R Polly, B Mach, J D'Agata, P Bultinck, G Chiovino, J Cirillo, W Green, L. Hafner, L Jones, D Mauro, D Murphy, D Naumann, M Nedza, J Sellergren, N Nedza-McPeek

## III President Report: B Farrell

- A. First meeting in the new offices of Local 1211
- **B.** Hours of a mailroom clerk (40/50) are being cut down to 25 hours due to the use of more electronic mailings within the district; whereas the web site coordinator will be going full time due to the growth of the school web sites
- C. Support Staff make sure you are only working the hours you are scheduled to work. Leave on time. Comp time should be taken during the same day that you are putting in extra time
- D. Contract negotiations will be starting soon. In the past we have piggy-backed the teacher contract. We will send out a survey to all the members asking them for their input. In the meantime, we should be going over the contract, reviewing the contact language and making notes. A committee will be put together in November to start working on the new contract. This will be a volunteer committee. B Mach mentioned that during the last negotiations, only 77 surveys were returned.
- E. The situation at PHS with a support person not working Prom after being told they would has been resolved. The support person will be paid. Best practice is to keep a paper trail of any communication; send e-mails with a "return receipt/read" tagged to it.
- F. S Tesnow, R Jarecki and R Polly will attend the IFT Convention in Rosemont

## IV Secretary Report: J D'Agata

- **A.** Motion was made to approve the May 22nd minutes. Motion was made by B Mach and seconded by J Cirillo.
- **B.** Motion was made to change the October 23<sup>rd</sup> USSC meeting to November 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by J D'Agata and seconded by G Chiovino

## V Treasurer Report: Barb Mach

- A B Mach presented the tentative budget. The new dues are as follows: Half share will pay \$23.83 per payroll deduction; quarter share will pay \$12.98 per payroll deduction and eighth share will be \$7.42 per payroll deduction. AFT dues increased, IFT dues increased and local dues increased. Our dues stayed the same.
- **B** Motion was made to approve the tentative budget. Motion made by D Naumann and seconded by D Mauro
- C Barb presented the treasurer's report for May, June, July and August with a revised total of \$12,399.62. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion made by W Green and seconded by R Polly.

## VI. Vice President Report: Rhonda Polly

**A.** Nothing to report

## VIII Vice President Report: S Tesnow

**A.** Sue mentioned she has been getting questions about the new insurance rates for our healthcare. Linda Jones mentioned there is information on the website concerning this.

## IX Executive Board Report: R Jarecki (absent)

A. No report at this time

## X New Business:

- **A.** D Mauro talked about how all the work that was done on the school website by the CA2s is not valid due to a change in the company servicing the website. All the work had to be re-done. The new company will not take care of the server work to be done.
- X! Motion to dismiss the meeting at 5:25 p.m. was made by J Sellergren and seconded by G Chiovino.