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Representative Council Minutes

April 22, 2004

I. Call to Order at 3:50 PM: The following units were represented: # 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, Soehl, McM, LHS, LAST, Field House, Media, and Maintenance .

A. Introduction of Buddies: There were no Buddies present at the meeting..

B. Announcements: The following items were presented to council:

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda – 4/22/04
2. Building distribution list
3. Flyers for Spring Party

All announcements are to be posted.

II. Approval of Minutes: Action not taken at this meeting.

III. Correspondence: Please send all correspondence to Betty Ogureck at Soehl 486-0550 or Email address (bettyo47@yahoo.com) The following cards were received: A thank you note from the family of Sandy Feins. The following cards were sent to LEA members: Pat Jozefyk,(#6), death of mother; Angela Stewart, (#10), birth of grandson; Mary Ann Grieco,(Soehl), death of uncle; Kayronne Zahir,(Soehl), death of father-in-law; Linda LoGuidice,(#6), illness; Michelle Simonini, (#4), engagement; Lisa Van Dam,(#8), birth of son; Ellen Wilder, (LHS), death of mother; Jill Famula,(#10), birth of son; Sandra Hernandez, (#10), birth of son; Marie Adam, (PPS), death of father; Megan Ludwig,(PPS), birth of twins; Marge Martorano,(PPS), death of aunt; Paul Correia,(Soehl), marriage; Miriam Merced,(Soehl), marriage.

IV. Treasurer's Report: *Judy Vacca*

A. Current Balances:

Checking:	\$ 38,504.25	Luncheon:	\$ 554.00
Philanthropic:	\$ 4752.34	Money Market:	\$ 17,188.29

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations: *Guy Peluso*- Teachers/Secretaries/Paras: Upcoming meetings will take place on 4/21/04, 5/4/04 and 5/10/04. Negotiations "Update" flyer will be distributed .

Tom Monaco – Custodian/Maintenance: Team is correlating all information discussed at unit meetings with possible proposals.

B. Membership: *Betty Ogureck(SOEHL)* – Members are reminded to inform Betty with a change of name, address or phone number. Any member that has returned from a LEAVE OF ABSENCE needs to re-apply for membership. NJEA desk calendars are available for members that have not received one. All members are encouraged to use the NJEA website for additional information.

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Nancy Garafola* –NJEA ballots are in the mail, PLEASE cast your vote for Mickie Hamilton.

D. Newsletter: *Chris Hudak* – Check the Newsletter for the **last 4 digits** of your home phone number, **YOU** may have won a prize. The phone number is the one given to the BOARD. Call the office if the number is yours.

E. Grievances: *Cindy Apalinski* –Grievance 3 with regard to docking of pay is on hold until Board action.

F. Philanthropic: *Sally Stevens* – Sally reminded Reps to ask new employees to consider a payroll deduction to the Philanthropic fund when they join the Association. Present members are also encouraged to contribute to the Fund, all building reps have applications.

G. Superintendent's Liaison: *Nancy Gavan* – A reminder to all members to add your NAME and SCHOOL to the items of concern sent to Nancy, this information stays with

her. Without this information the concerns will NOT be added to the agenda. If a problem at the Building level has not been resolved after several meetings then it should be sent to the Superintendent's Liaison.

- H. LEA Luncheon:** *Media/IT/PPS- Marie Adam and Marla Fekete* – The Crown Plaza in Clark has been reserved for the June Luncheon. The proposed date at this time is 6/22/04.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Applications have been distributed to all buildings. Any questions or concerns please contact Margaret at School #4. A committee has been set. The deadline is 4/22/04 and decisions will be made on 4/29/04.
- J. LPDC:** *Joann Bolduc* –Mickie Hamilton gave a report. There are 12 workshops that have been cancelled. Another choice sheet will be distributed to the schools.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens* – Members are encouraged to visit the LEA website .
- L. Spring Party** –Party will be held 5/6/04 at The Stanley Cup, E.Elizabeth Ave. Linden. All are encouraged to attend to show UNITY! The cost is \$10 –members and \$17 – non-members. All monies and Baskets are to be collected by May 3, 2004.
- M. Nominating Committee:** *Bill Simonitis* – Nominations for 2 LPDC positions will be taken at the May Rep Council Meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. No reports given at this time.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Fire Update – The fire at 333 W. St. George Ave. started in the basement not in the office area. At this time we are waiting for the fire report. We are insured for replacement of all office supplies,, equipment and furniture. Information on the hard drives are being placed onto CDs. Mr. Martino has been very helpful . Our thanks to Judy Vacca who has been in contact with the insurance company and the companies of the office equipment.
- B.** New Phone Number – We will try to keep the same number for both the office and the fax machine. The voicemail is still working (908-486-7799). For emergencies only; please call Cindy at School #6.
- C.** New Address – PO Box 3085, 16 East Blancke Street , Suite B and C, Linden, NJ 07036
- D.** LEA/LINCS Walkathon FOOD DRIVE – June 4,2004 – the walkathon will take place at Wilson Park between the hours of 9-6. A can of food or a money donation is appreciated.
- E.** Employee Dependents – Health Insurance Update – **Refer to Newsletter** – Members have 30 days to notify the Board when there is a change due marriage, birth, death or divorce. Also members have 18 months to submit a insurance claim.
- F.** BOE Elections – The Budget was passed! Our endorsed candidates: Susan Hudak, Anthony Orlando, Jr. and Alexis Zack were elected. **Thanks to all who voted.**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck