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Representative Council Minutes

February 20, 2003

I. **Call to Order at 3:50 PM: A Moment of Silence was held in memory of Alexis Jarose.**

The following units were represented:# 1,2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, Soehl, McM, LHS, Academy, Custodial, and Maintenance

A. Introduction of Buddies: There were no buddies in attendance.

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

1. 2/20/03 Rep Council Agenda
2. 1/16/03 Rep Council Minutes
3. NJEA GOOD IDEAS Professional Development Conference flyer
4. LEA Negotiations Committee – Application Form
5. Invitation flyer / Dennis Grieco Retirement dinner
6. Liberty Home Mortgage info package

II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of 1/16/03, with a second by Sue Coren. Motion was passed by Council.

III. **Correspondence:** *Please send all correspondence to Betty Ogureck at Soehl 486-0550 or 486-*

7799. Email address (bettyo47@yahoo.com) the following cards/letters were received. A Thank You from Fran Cino, one of the winners of the “Goodie Basket” from the Valentine Raffle, a Thank You card from Joan Colvin and Family, a Thank You from the DiPaola Family for a donation to the Diabetes Fund, a letter from the Linden Lady Tigers, asking for a donation toward a recent tournament, and a letter from the Linden Democratic Club asking for a pledge for a page advertisement in their Dinner Booklet honoring Mayor Gregorio. A motion was made by Linda Ruppert to purchase a ¼ page ad, seconded by Guy Peluso. Motion was passed by Council. The following cards were sent: Joanne Budnick,(Academy), death of father; Beverly Wilson,(#1), death of father-in-law; Joan Colvin,(#1),death of sister; Tracy Nagy,(#1),birth of daughter; Jen DeTrollo,(#6), death of aunt; Richard Kaplan,(HS), surgery; Lisa Vanderwal,(HS), death of grandmother; Dan Mondelloi,(HS), death of aunt; Kebnar Nacelus, (HS), birth of child; Olga Brozyna, (#6), death of father; Jean Callahan,(#6), death of grandmother; Mary Pat Hooper,(#6), illness; Jackie Bryant,(#5),death of cousin; Debbie Moreau, (#5),death of uncle; Donna Williams,(#2), illness.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report:** *Sally Stevens*

A. Current Balances

Checking: \$ 13,954.10	Luncheon: \$ 765.00
Philanthropic: \$ 4,513.87	Money Market: \$ 7,156.20

B. A letter was received from the NJEA to inform the LEA of the amount of money received for (LAFAP) Local Association Financial Assistance Program. The amount of \$21,289 will be sent to the LEA in two checks, one in February and one in June.

V. **Standing Committees:**

A. Negotiations:

1. *Cindy Apalinski*- Teachers/Secretaries/Paraprofessionals: Committee application forms have been distributed to members. Anyone interested are to return completed forms to Cindy at School #6 by 3/17/03
2. *Tom Monaco* - Custodian/Maintenance: Interested members for the Committee are to send completed forms to Tom at the High School by 3/17/03.

B. Membership: *Betty Ogureck* – Please sign all NEW employees. Please check with building secretary for new additions to the staff. **Members are reminded to inform Membership with a change of name or address.**

C. Legislative/UCEA: *Nancy Garafola* - Notes of latest meeting will be distributed.

D. Newsletter: *Joanne Ferrara* – Please continue to send articles to Joanne who is now at Media (McManus).

- E. Grievances:** *Jo Anne DiPaola* – At this time there are no new grievances.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Virginia Milan* – Philanthropic collected \$638 from the Valentine Raffle. The winners of the raffle are Audrey Miller, (McM), Sue Larmore, (#5) and Fran Cino, (#4).
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** *Nancy Gavan* – Concern forms need to be sent to Nancy by 3/1/03. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/10/03.
- H. LEA Luncheon:** *Academy/LHS* – Diana Affsa – Place has been booked.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* – Scholarship forms are available at the office.
- J. LPDC:** *Joann Bolduc* – The workshop booklet has been finished and will be distributed soon. The day will be divided into 3 sessions. Selections are to be given to building Principals. Many of the presentations are being given by LEA members.
- K. Web Mistress:** *Sally Stevens* – Log onto the website for Read Across America info.
- L. Extracurricular Stipends:** *Jo Anne DiPaola* – Time sheets need to be submitted by Middle School Members even though not being paid at this time.
- M. Nominations:** *Bill Simionitis* – All Executive positions expire as of 6/30/03. Anyone interested in any one of the positions, please contact Bill at the High School. A slate of officers will be presented at the 3/20/03 Rep council Meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** LEA Sponsored Workshop – PIP/Evaluation Rebuttal – The workshop was attended by 10-15 members. All members are encouraged to rebut **all** evaluations.
- B.** Oxford Meetings – The next meeting with Tonya Miller will be 2/25/03 at the High School.
- C.** Party/Dennis Grieco – 3/21/03 – Flyers have been distributed and must be returned to JoAnne at Soehl by 3/14/03.
- D.** Read Across America – 3/3/03 – Any building wanting incentive gifts for their classes are asked to call JoAnne.
- E.** BOE Elections – 4/15/03 – Programs in the buildings are encouraged in order to get the parents out to visit the schools and to VOTE.
- F.** NEA Delegate- New Orleans – Anyone interested in attending the convention, please inform JoAnne.
- G.** UCEA Nevele Workshop Weekend – Interested members are asked to inform JoAnne.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Report from BOE – JoAnne informed Council of new hires and members retiring.
- B.** Voter registration – A letter will go out to all NJEA members that live in Linden encouraging them to vote during the board Elections.
- C.** Prudential disability – Members can now call in their claim to 1-800-842-1718
- D.** Mary Naiman – A motion was made by Betty Ogureck to donate \$100 in the name of Mary Naiman's mother who died in June of 2002. Mary was the Negotiations Chairperson for the LEA. A second was given by Len Sobel and the motion was passed by Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth A. Ogureck