

Lewiston- Altura Education Association Meeting

March 25, 2011

Secretary's Report:

- A motion was made by Sara Brechtl and seconded by Erin Spencer to accept secretaries report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- We had an income of \$16,005.21. Our expenses were \$8,665.67 which leaves us a balance of \$7,339.54. A motion was made by Julie Schneider and seconded by Tori Todd to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Rep. Convention/Political Updates

- There will be no raise in state dues next year.
- Talk of a bill being introduced in MN to strip bargaining powers.
 - Rally in Rochester this week. Not an attach rally but rather a "Support Middle Class" rally. A "Turn Things Around" rally. Matthew will be attending Lobby Day. Steve Draskowski declined a request to meet.

Update on PIEP:

- Bids are in after complications with Health Partners. We will have a meeting on April 11 to vote to continue or not. By April 18 we have to say if we are out. In May we make a final decision. Bids for Duluth with Peip show an average decrease of 8% and Moose Lake 23%.

Officer Nominations for next year:

- V. President...Kim Moe was nominated but declined.
- Secretary....Deb Heftman was nominated by Carol Koetter and seconded by Karen Anderson. Deb accepted the nomination.

Negotiations Seminar:

- a. LCAT (Local Contract Action Team)
 - Building bridges in negotiating a contract.
 - Create a goal for the union. (What do we want?)
 - Create a slogan.
 - Campaign methods
 - Ex. Be in Lewiston Day parade.
 - Get out into the community.
 - Motion made by Tori Todd and seconded by Kimberly Moe to create an LCAT team. Ed. Mn will train 6 people to use for public relations. We are to get \$430 stipend.
 - Team Volunteers: Kimberly Moe, Barb Daley, Amanda Nicolotte, Sara Brecktal, and Tori Todd
 - Break-out brainstorming time
 - Find out our needs
 - What to do to strengthen our image.
 - What are our weaknesses.
 - Lay it all out so everyone knows what is going on.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Carol Koetter