

EMLA General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 3rd, 2013

8:30 in High School Choir Room

1. Recognition: Matthew recognized the Teachers of the Year: Elementary, Marcia O'Duggan High School: Joel Ellinghuysen, the Scholarship Recipients: Matt Burfeind and Hunter Moe, Retirees: Jane Brinkman, Joan Mayer and Bob Pomeroy and those leaving us: Timothy Allen and Erikka Voelz.

2. Secretary's report: Minutes from the March 28, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Emily H. made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Erin S. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's report: Karen reported an ending balance of \$4,081.66. She has closed the savings account. Discussion about putting \$5.00/member into savings for retirement. Matthew stated that had been a discussion item in the past but a motion had never been made on it. Scott S. made a motion to accept the report. Motion seconded by Wayne B. Report accepted.

4. President's report: Change in dues collection starting 2013-2014 school year. Matthew emailed Brenda and everything is ready to go. Representative Convention: Election were held. Officers will begin July 1: Denise Specht – President, Paul Mueller – Vice President, Rodney Rowe – Secretary/Treasurer. HVTU is planning for another overnighter next January. Matthew has been appointed Vice President of HVTU until the upcoming election. Summer Seminar will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 6th–8th at the College of St. Benedict in Collegeville, MN.

5. Next year's officers: *President – Matthew Wilmes, Lieutenant President – Kimberly Moe, Vice President – Megan Kittleson, Secretary – Deb Heftman, Treasurer – Ginny Reszka, Member Rights – Brian Menk, Elementary Building Representative – Andrea Murphy, Intermediate Building Representative – Pat Burfeind, High School Building Representative – Erin Spencer*

6. Departing officers: Matthew thanked Karen Anderson for her three years as treasurer and Bonnie Kalmes for her lotsa years as Elementary building rep.

7. Donation: At the end of our fiscal year in August, we need to donate the rest of our fair-share monies. \$266.58 is going to the PLAY Group, voted on at August GM Meeting. Need to donate \$300.44 Executive Committee recommends donating it to Fools Five in honor of Theresa Ellinghuysen's battle with cancer. Bonnie K. made a motion to donate the \$300.44 to fool's Five. Wayne B. seconded the motion. Motion approved.

8. Health Insurance: Supt Apse would like to see a motion passed from the union for the district to actively seek Health Insurance Bids. PEIP Contract is up on December 31, 2013. If we renew with PEIP, it's another 2-year contract. Claims history and renewal rates

from PEIP will be available in Sept. It is still our option to change plans. If the district finds other options for health insurance, we are not bound to go with the district. If we choose to make a change in Health Insurance, we need to hold a contract-ratification style vote to do so just like we did when we went to PEIP. Amanda I. made a motion to have the district explore other health insurance options. Motion seconded by Dick M. Motion carried.

9. Committee reports:

Staff development- reminder to turn in blue sheet for curriculum work or extra pay in a timely fashion to help with maintaining budget amounts. A staff development website is constructed, can be found on Lewalt website under District tab.

Policy review- if needed use of a building check the changes in the building use policy.

Continuing Education- Connie Sikkink and Barb Daley volunteered to be on the committee. Scott S. made a motion to accept the volunteers. Motion seconded by Kimberly M.

Social committee- Scott reported the Spring social will alternate each year between Lewiston and Rushford.

Negotiations Committee- Dick M. needed feedback from members to proceed the start of negotiations with a continuance of steps and lanes or freeze of our salaries at the end of our contract until the new contract is ratified. A show of hands by the members was in favor of the continuance of steps and lanes.

Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12 at 10:30 at the Lewiston Golf course to set the agenda for the first meeting and to set the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.