# EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Education Minnesota Headquarters, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul (Meeting in Conference Room I)

DATE: Monday, August 22, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Present:** President Larry Koenck, Vice President Julie Jagusch, Past President Walt Munsterman, , Secretary Lowell Ueland, Ed Mikulich - 1, Cathy Stringfield – 1, Jerry Klebs – 2, Jean Scheu – 3, Sharon Kjellberg - 4, Judy Rohde – 4 Myrna Doran - 5, Lois Wendt - 5, Warren Misiewicz - 6, Joan Beaver – 6, Charles Hellie - 7, John Lipke - 7, , Jan Cummings - 8, Sandy Skaar – At Large, Lori Nord At Large, Boy Toy

**Other:** Betty Toy (Cmte Mbr), Matt Blewett (Retired Staff Liaison), Marty Zins (TRA Rep), Christine Thornborrow

**Not Present:**, Treasurer Lynette Wayne, Wes Hanna - 2, Bonnie Herman – 3, Bobby Margo – 8, Rodney Rowe (EdMN Secretary-Treasurer)

#### A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Larry Koenck

**Items to be added to the Agenda:** 4. Organizing Form, 5. MN AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention.

Adoption of the August 22, 2016 Agenda: *Motion by Jerry Klebs, second by, Walt Munsterman to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.* 

Approval of the May 16, 2016 Minutes: Motion by Charles Hellie, second by Myrna Doran to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Motion approved.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented by Sharon Kjellberg filling for Treasurer Lynette Wayne, with much discussion on report, membership, etc. (See Green Sheet in Folder) *Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Jerry Klebs to receive and file the Financial Report.*Motion passed.

# **Officer Reports:**

**President**: **President Larry Koenck** reported on: His Health Issue at NEA National Conference, Not much activity since NEA National Conference.

**Vice President**: **Julie Jagusch** reported on: Her work with NEA-MN, Attendance at NEA National Conference, AFT Convention, Attendance at the St. Ben's Conference attending the EDMN-R booth, Attendance at the Grant Committee meeting, Reported on Myrna Dorn and Lois Wendt receiving plaques for their service at AFT Conf.

**Treasurer**: Lynette Wayne, absent - Financial report was given earlier in the agenda by Sharon Kjellberg

**Secretary**: **Lowell Ueland** – Reported that minutes will be out in 2-3 weeks. Please review and get back to me with corrections. Thanks.

TRA: Marti Zins – (See report in your folder) - Education Minnesota Retired, Martha Lee (Marti) Zins TRA Board. There was much discussion on retirement issues.

#### **Old Business:**

1. None

#### **New Business**

- Approval of the Budget: (See blue sheet in packet). Sharon Kjellberg filling for
  Treasurer Lynette Wayne, reported on the budget. There was discussion. Motion by
  Myrna Doran to approve the \$157,000 budget as presented. Second by Charles Hellie.
  Motion passed.
- 2. **Exhibit Volunteers**: There is a need for volunteers to attend the financial Workshops to help in the recruitment of retired teachers
- 3. **AFL**-CIO Annual Meeting: There was discussion on EdMN-R members attending. The following is a list of those wanting to attend:
  - Lois Wendt
  - Walt Munsterman
  - Mvrna Dorn
  - Dan Michealson
  - Jim Smolf
  - Dick Mans
  - Larry Koenck
  - Julie Jagusch
  - Judy Rohde
  - Cathy Stringfield

- Sharon Kjellberg
- Jean Scheu
- Betty Toy
- Boy Toy
- Joan Beaver

Julie Jagusch moved to fund the registration for the listed 15 \$25.00, second by Walt Munsterman. Motion passed.

- 4. **Minnesota AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention:** The issue of the convention is to raise dues for political use. We have 12 delegates to the AFL-CIO Convention. Convention is the Monday-Tuesday after the AFL-CIO retired meeting. Judy Rohde moved to fund ½ room cost, registration and food (up to \$2000.00 Total for the 5) for the following: Lois Wendt, Myrna Dorn, Walt Munsterman, Joan Beaver and Jean Scheu. Second by Jan Cummngs. Motion passed.
- 5. Organizing Grant Form: Moved by Lowell Ueland to approve the grant application process for 2016-17 and a maximum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$500.00 for each grant and a June 1, 2017 deadline for grant application submissions. Second by Sharon Kjellberg. Motion passed.

**Rick Winters Report:** 20 people have worked through Retired Program for EdMN endorsed candidates. Volunteers are needed for the rest of the campaign year.

## **Congressional District Reports:**

**District 1:** Ed Mikulich – Reported on CD 1 political issues

**District 1**: Kathy Stringfield – Reported on CD 1 political issues

**District 2**: Wes Hanna – No Report

**District 2**: Jerry Klebs – Reported on CD 2 political issues – Looks good for DFL

**District 3**: Bonnie Herman – No Report

**District 3:** Jean Scheu – Reported on CD 3 political issues – Paulson-Bonoff Campaign very

tight

**District 4:** Sharon Kjellberg – Reported on CD 4 political issues

**District 4:** Judy Rohde – Reported on CD 4 political issues - Fundraisers

**District 5:** Myrna Doran – Reported on CD 5 political issues

**District 5:** Lois Wendt - Reported on CD 5 political issues – Kahn loss

**District 6:** Joan Beaver – Reported on CD 6 political issues - Emmer supports Trump

**District 6:** Warren Misiewicz – No Report

**District 7:** Charles Hellie – Reported on CD 7 political issues

**District 7:** John Lipke – Reported on CD 7 political issues – High cost of campaigns

**District 8:** Roberta Margo – No Report

**District 8:** Jan Cummings Reported on CD 8 political issues

At Large: Sandy Skaar – No Report

At Large: Lori Nord – No Report

### **Standing Committees Reports:**

**Finance:** Lynette Wayne – No report

**Membership:** Judy Rohde – Reported that we 6,866 members, 25 continuing members, 203 pending members (after Aug 1) – There is work to do – The committee will meet before the next board meeting to work on a new retired brochure. Christine Thornborrow reported on new retired members.

**Program:** Joan Clark, Lois Wendt – Reported on Fall Conference (September 9 thru 14) agenda and program – Fall Breakfast.

Communications: Myrna Doran – Reported on Newsletter (12 Pages in September) – New members will not be getting hard copies, emails only (can request hard copies) – moved to use email service (Email Chimp) – *Motion by Committee and seconded by committee to start up email service. Motion passed* 

**Resolutions:** Sharon Kjellberg - Reported that the committee will meet before November board meeting.

**Nominations and Elections:** Betty and Boy Toy – President and Vice President and even Congressional Districts plus 1 At Large positions are up for re-election – Forms will be in the newsletter prior to October 4<sup>th</sup> – Nominations to be returned by November 1<sup>st</sup> – Ballots will out by November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ballots to be returned by December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be counted on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Governmental Relations:** Joan Beaver – Reported that this is an interesting election year – Governors veto that affected TRA

**Professional Advocacy:** Judy Rhode – No report

#### **Special Committees Reports:**

**Local Chapters:** Chuck Hellie –Reported that he is organizing s Northfield Retired local chapter.

By-laws Committee: Walt Munstermann – Reported on committee activities

**Grant Committee:** Larry Koenck – Reported on committee activities

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion by Ed Mikulich, second by Jerry Klebs to adjourn. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

# **Announcements:** None

# **Future Board Meeting Dates:**

- November 14, 2016 Board Meeting
- February 13, 2017 Board Meeting
- April 21, 2017 Annual Meeting
- May 15, 2017 Board Meeting

Respectfully Submitted, Lowell Ueland, Secretary