

EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED MTG 2/13/17 10-3 PM

A quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Vice President Julie Jagusch.

Jagusch items to be added to the agenda:

Under Special Committees #3 Grant Committee

Adoption of the February 13, 2017 agenda: Motion by Warren Misiewicz, seconded by Jan Cummings to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.

Approval of the November 14, 2016 minutes: Motion by Myrna Doran, seconded by Walt Munsterman to approve minutes as presented with corrections. Correction to Old Business # 1, bullet #3, needed to be approved, moved by Lois Wendt and seconded by Walt Munsterman to approve Rutgers for fall conference. Motion approved. Original motion then approved.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Lynette Wayne (see green sheet in folder). Motion to receive and file was made by We Hanna and seconded by Cathy Stringfield. Motion passed.

Officer Reports:

President: Larry Koenck attended Ed MN's President's Weekend in community outreach

Vice President: Julie Jagusch reported on:

- Has attended many retired committee meeting in preparation for her presidency
- Attended Ed MN Governing Continuous Membership meetings with reports on our progress in Local Chapters work for continuous membership
- Attended two Legislative Pension Commission meetings thus far, with more to come.
- Personed the retired table at the Ed MN President's Weekend
- Attended the REAM/Ed MN Retired legislative conference

Treasurer Report: Lynette Wayne gave Financial Report earlier

Secretary: none

Education Minnesota Staff Liaison: Christine Thornborrow

- Retired Postcard going out everywhere to all field staff, membership chairs, local presidents
- Still reaching out to members who have retired but have not registered for Ed MN Retired

TRA: Marti Zins – See attached report – also handed out letter from State of Minnesota, pension plans documents, list of members of Legislative Pensions Commission. Walt Munsterman added a note about a group of 40 public pensions people who will be meeting at Ed MN to coordinate lobbying about pensions this year.

Old Business:

- Political Conference recap: over 40 attendees, speaker from NRTA, Tom Nicholls, gave very interesting information, Paul Thissen, member of Pensions Commission, also spoke of the importance of our pensions to economy of MN

New Business:

1. NEA Retired Conference (March 22-23, Dallas, Texas) – Larry Koenck fully funded. Two motions: **Motion** made by Judy Rohde and seconded by Bobbie Margo to fund expenses for Julie Jagusch as president-elect and Myran Doran as emerging leader. Motion passed. Motion made by Sharon Kjellberg and seconded by Cathy Stringfield to pay the registration costs (\$90 each) for the other people going: Judy Rohde, Bobbie Margo, Walt Munsterman. **Motion** passed.
2. NEA State Affiliate Meeting – Christine Thornborrow – meeting of state retired staff liaisons and Christine found some great ideas to share.
 - a. Possible more resources from NEA to help with diversity issues
 - b. Discussed the latest buzzwords to cuts in medicare
 - c. Set goals: to increase new retired membership to 1000 by 2018, use retired phone bankers to reach retirees, reach 100 new members with streaming, podcasts, and an app called Remind
3. Dates for upcoming board meeting: Motion by Chuck Helle and seconded by Myrna Doran to approve the following dates for 2017-18: Aug 21, Nov 6, Feb 12, May 21. Motion passed.
4. Retired election results – Boy Toy, Betty Toy – Motion by Walt Munsterman and seconded by Lynette Wayne to accept all election results and recommend to the annual meeting for approval. Motion passed
 - a. Committee of 11 counted ballots for At Large, Ed MN RC, NEA RA and Annual mtg
 - b. At Large Board of Directors – Lori Nord
 - c. Ed MN RC – Walt Munsterman, Julie Jagusch, Lynette Wayne
 - d. NEA retired annual mtg /NEA RA – Judy Rohde, Walt Munsterman, Jukie Jagusch, Bobbie Margo, Lynette Wayne, Sharon Kjellberg, Larry Koenck
 - e. President – Julie Jagusch – not contested
 - f. Vice President – Walt Munsterman – not contested
 - g. District 2 Directors – Wes Hanna, Jerry Klebs – not contested
 - h. District 4 Directors – Sharon Kjellberg, Judy Rohde – not contested
 - i. District 6 Directors – Joan Beaver – not contested
 - j. District 8 Directors – Bobbie Margo, Jan Cummings – not contested
 - k. Will be putting a notice of vacancy for District 6 Director in the upcoming newsletter, announce the vacancy at the Annual Meeting and put the announcement on the web site. Applications due May 12.
5. TRA update – done earlier
6. Value of Belonging – Christine Thornborrow
 - a. See powerpoint presentation
 - b. Where do retired fit in? help with listening and one on one conversations – tell us what you need
 - c. Rodney Rowe – update on national issues re: membership
7. Membership – done
8. Volunteers solicited for ESI workshops coming up

Congressional District Reports

District 1 – None

District 2 – none

District 3 – Walt Munsterman (not in district 3) reported that in Brooklyn Center many minorities are becoming very active

District 4 – Judy Rohde attended Betty McCollum’s town hall meeting, very well attended, Sharon Kjellberg reported there are two town hall meetings coming up with Sandy Pappas and Rena Moran and the other Sandy Pappas and Carlos Mariani

District 5 – Lois Wendt, Myrna Doran reported lots of communication from members of the house and senate

District 6 – Joan Beaver, Warren Misiewicz – election on 2/14 in Chisago County/District 6, groups planning ways to unite to attend congressional town meetings, has seen ads re: Medicare and ACA, need to call congressional reps

District 7 – Chuck Helle – Reported on REAM Political Conference

District 8 – Bobbie Margo, Jan Cummings – Julie Sandsted won in 6a

Standing Committees

1. Membership: Judy Rohde – See attached report - Motion moved and seconded by Membership Committee: All District Directors should be responsible to contact 20- 25 local presidents to communicate that any potential retirees in their local should be aware of continuous membership and register before the end of the school year – to be completed in April and report back to the Board at the May meeting; in addition District Directors should represent retirees at least at one of the ESI exhibits throughout the year. Motion passed
2. Program: Lois Wendt –
 - a. Annual meeting April 21 – agenda ready , a \$10 gift card will be given to those who register by deadline and pay the fee of \$20
 - b. There will be a Congressional District 7 Morehead Regional meeting for sometime during the week of May 22-26. North Dakota retired will also be invited. Mileage will be available for Retired Board members who attend and lunch will be provided for all.
 - c. February 27 committee meets again to plan for the fall conference at Rutgers
3. Communications: Myrna Doran –
 - a. Next newsletter out the end of February
 - b. Email service ready, the email will appear as one from Christine Thornborrow
 - c. Facebook “boost” is available to boost distribution of a post to more people, Motion moved and seconded by committee for up to \$100 to try the boost. Motion passed.
4. Resolutions/Statements of Principle: Sharon Kjellberg – no report
5. Bylaws and Constitution: Walt Munsterman –
 - a. Committee went through Constitution and Bylaws proposed changes See attached draft)

- b. Motion by Chuck Helle and seconded by Joan Beaver to approve the proposed draft to be presented to the Annual Meeting for adoption. Motion passed. All members of the Retired Governing Board will receive the draft for perusal and if necessary there will be a meeting or conference call to clarify the proposed changes sometime before the Annual Meeting
- 6. Nominations and Elections: Boy Toy, Betty Toy – done earlier
- 7. Government Relations: Joan Beaver –
 - a. Met with Senator Pratt (chair of Legislative Committee) and Senator Davnie
 - b. Retired TRA election – will be an email message sent to retirees about the election and the Board’s recommended candidate
 - c. Pension Commission hearings Tuesday evenings at the SOB
 - d. Lobby day will be set up soon, mileage will be paid, also planning some mini lobby sessions with leadership
- 8. Professional Advocacy: Judy Rohde – no report

Special Committees

- 1. Bylaws – Walt Munsterman – done earlier
- 2. Local Chapters and Grant Committee: Chuck Helle and Julie Jagusch – joint meeting of the two committees moved and seconded the following motions: 3 Motions passed by the Board
 - 1) **Motion:** Local chapters may apply for up to \$500 for start-up grants and up to \$2000 for grants for established locals. Locals can reapply for additional start-up chapter grants and may be approved based on evaluation of use of previous grant money. Motion passed the combined committees.
 - 2) **Motion:** Grant applications will be reviewed by the Local Chapters Committee, and recommendations will be sent to the Finance Committee for approval and reported at the next EM Retired Governing Board meeting. Motion passed the combined committees.
 - 3) **Motion:** Grant deadlines will be November 1, February 1, May 1, and August 1. Grant money will be divided into 4 sections to be allotted in 4 quarters. Any unspent money will be added to the next quarter’s allotment. Motion passed the combined committees.

Myrna Doran moved and Jerry Klebs seconded another motion to approve the cover letter and revised forms for Local Chapter Grants. **Motion passed.** See letter and forms attached

3. Definition of an “established retired local” - Constitution and By-Laws are written and submitted to Education Minnesota and dues are being collected. 5 members must be Education Minnesota Retired members.

4. The Finance Committee approved the allocation of start-up grants of \$500 each to the Burnsville Retired EA and the Northfield retired EA

Adjournment:

Walt Munsterman moved and Bobbie Margo seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Future meeting dates: April 21 – Annual mtg, May 15 – Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Kjellberg, acting secretary