

CSEA Chapter 359

Unapproved

Minutes September 23, 2011

Officers Present: Dana Baker, Connie Martinez, Sarah Foster, Kristine Huerta, Mike Kilgore

Excused: Debora Hernandez

Guest: Carol Black our Labor Rep and Frank Negron from HUD

CALL TO ORDER

Dana Baker called the meeting to order at 12:30. 24 members signed in.
Mike Kilgore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS – Sarah Foster and Michael Kilgore

Mike Kilgore reported that our CSEA chapter officially has a Facebook page, a Youtube page, and a Twitter page. Mike explained that this was done to keep members who could not make the meetings informed. Mike also explained that Google+ has yet to allow any group pages. Mike Kilgore informed members that there is phone banking at the Northern Valley Labor Office and precinct walk on October 11, 2011 for Modesto Jr. College who are fighting for their retirement plans. Mike also informed members that President Obama addressed the nation on Sept. 8th. The topic the President spoke on was jobs and supporting education. Mike explained that since President Obama didn't mention the Classified employees, the President of CSEA called and spoke to Vice President Biden. CSEA President Allan Clark asked Vice President Biden about the Classified employees. VP Biden reassured President Clark that yes, the Classified employees will get money as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Sarah Foster for Debora Hernandez

On behalf of Debora Hernandez, Sarah Foster reported that as of today the chapter has a balance of \$347.74.

No new members.

CHIEF STEWARD'S REPORT – Kristine Huerta

Kris Huerta reported that there is a 3rd level grievance for the 45 day layoff issue. Kris also reported that there is also a level 1 grievance regarding a conflict/retaliation of the E-Board.

EXECUTIVE BOARD - Dana Baker

Dana Baker reported to members that there are elections for the chapter Executive Board coming up and asked members to think of who they would like to run for which offices so they can nominate them the next two meetings. Nicki George asked what the requirements were for someone to qualify for office. Dana Baker explained that the requirements are that the member is in good standing, meaning they are up to date on chapter dues and have attended at least 5 meeting within that year. Sabrina Rodriguez asked if all the positions were open. Dana replied...yes, we have new elections every year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Connie Martinez

Presidents Council – Dana Baker reported that Dr. Marsee wants the Classified to give reports every 3 months on what is going on in their individual areas. Dana explained that it's his way of finding out about what projects are getting done and issues in each department. Staci Miller stated that this is his way of communicating with the employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Dana Baker reported to members that the CSEA, CTA, POA, Classified and Academic Senates are meeting together on Fridays to make sure we are all on the same page.

Manuel Payan asked Dana Baker to tell members about the discussion she had with Dr. Marsee. Dana Baker reported to members that she asked Dr. Marsee about the reorg and he said that the managers wanted more time to work on the reorg. He said even though there were more vacancies, that there wasn't as many general fund vacancies as he thought. Ricardo Cobian asked Dana if she knew why they weren't using the reserve. Dana responded that they wanted to continue with the 3 year budget reduction approach. Many members stated that we needed to organize. Carol Black stated to members that they need to start organizing within their individual work areas. Carol went on to state that if each of us talk to 10 people, you have almost ½ of the members.

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Frank Negron from HUD gave a presentation on affordable rent to own housing.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.

******Negotiations Team** – Dana Baker, Jeff Kay, Jeff Regalia, Manuel Payan, Terry Ogata, Connie Martinez

******Job Stewards** – Connie Martinez, Manuel Payan, Terry Ogata, Tony Lawson, Robert Flores, Dana Baker, Sara Rosenkilde, John Clark, Kristine Huerta

Sarah Foster, Chapter Secretary

Dana Baker, Chapter President