

CSEA
Para Chapter #759
(Unofficial)
Meeting of December 10, 2008

Called to order @ 4:45 p.m. in the Kearny High School Cafeteria. Quorum was established.

Executive Board Members Present: Jane Bausa, Pres.; Kala Williams, 1st Vice Pres.; Patricia Donahoe, Treasurer; Robert Spriggs, PAC; Josie Alves, acting 2nd Vice Pres. (Gustavo Padilla on leave to do CSEA business).

Chief Job Steward – Jochen Merscheid

RR – Keith Hildreth

Guests – John Steccato and Brett Pernicano, Vice Presidents of AXA Financial Advisors

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kala Williams.

Approval of minutes – a motion was made by Joan O'Hara and seconded by Pandra Selivanov to approve the November minutes with corrections. The motion was carried.

President's Report – If no state budget is approved by February then California will be in default and face bankruptcy. Education is looking at a minimum of 3 ½ billion dollar cut if there is no budget. By March San Diego Unified School District will be out of money. Now with a new school board negotiations will be starting up. The Para's are meeting with Special Ed department and will be notified of dates.

Kala Williams asked for a motion to suspend the order of business to accommodate the guest speakers. Pandra Selivanov made the motion to suspend the order of business and Jochen Merscheid seconded. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers: John Steccato and Brett Pernicano are financial advisors who presented a program on retirement planning; what a 403(b) plan is; and how it is sponsored by our employer. Anyone needing more information may contact AXA Advisor at (619) 557-8225.

Treasurer Report – Beginning balance for November was \$19,504.98. There was no income for November and a disbursement of \$1,597.82, leaving an ending balance of \$17,907.16. The Treasurer gave the second reading of the proposed budget for 2009. It was amended to change the Emergency Savings Account to \$26,312.16 of which \$10,000 is in a CD account instead of an IRA account as written. Kala Williams made the motion to accept the propose budget for 2009 with Joyce Christian seconding the motion. Discussion followed on the budget for café committee. There was an amendment to the original motion to up the budgeted amount to the café committee from \$75 to \$100 a month making line 7.3 - Chapter Meetings budget \$3750 while taking away from the following: 16.3, perfect attendance - \$50; 17.1A, contribution to community - \$50; 17.1C, contribution to Dorothy Bjork Disaster Relief Fund - \$50; 17.1D, contribution to CSEA Humanitarian Fund - \$50; 17.1E, contribution to the United Way - \$50. Making the total budget for #16 Member-Only Benefits \$2,275 and #17 Community Involvement \$2,700 with 17.1 budgeted at \$1,700. Motion carried.

RR Report – New taxes will be on the rise. Loss of jobs equals lower income to California's taxes. Better to cut hours and keep benefits. The state does have some income. The cuts in education can be very bad. Email and write your representatives to care for the classified employees and others in education.

Executive Board Report – 1st VP, 2nd VP passed on giving their report due to limited amount of time.

Chief Job Steward Report – passed on giving his report due to limited amount of time.

Announcements –It was reported that the 3 days of no pay in November will be taken out in Decembers pay for year round employees, as well as the days off in December if you have no vacation time to cover it. People getting “blue” paycheck will have to look on line in people soft to view their pay stub after January 30, 2009 to see their deposited check.

In January, first nomination for delegates to attend the Para Conference will be taken.

The application was sent in for the MLK Parade. A driver is needed to drive the float. Speak to Nancy Kelleher, parade chairperson, if anyone is interested.

The Chapter has vouchers from the United Way for food baskets and toys for members that may be experiencing any hardship. Members receiving the vouchers must be present to receive the items on Monday, December 22 from 8:30 AM – 11 AM.

Prizes: \$50~ Nancy Kelleher
\$25~ Joseph Griffin
\$25~ Diane Williams-White

House of Blues tickets were also used in the drawing. Recipients were Deborah Thompson-Sias, Jochen Merscheid, and to Joan O’Hara. Other gift baskets from the Executive Board were given out in the drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes were taken by Joan O’Hara.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

Vote _____ Date _____

Jane Bausa, President

Erika Culley, Secretary