

**CSEA**  
**Para Chapter #759**  
(Unofficial)  
Meeting of September 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, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Gustavo Padilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Patricia Donahoe, Treasurer; Erika Culley, Secretary; Robert Spriggs, PAC arrived at end of meeting.

**LRR** – Judy Fohr

**Visitors:** Guest Speaker from VEBA Health and Fitness Challenge.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was lead by Kala Williams.

**Approval of minutes** – a motion was made by Kala Williams and seconded by Josie Alves to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

**Motions to suspend agenda to hear the guest speaker from VEBA discuss the Health and Fitness Challenge made by Kala Williams and seconded by Beverly Durcan. Motion carried.**

**Guest Speaker:** VEBA is challenging its entire members to a Health and Fitness walk. Flyers were passed out and discussion followed.

**Announcements:** There are flyers in support of Marty Block for State Assembly. Volunteers are needed for the Village of Promises Fall Festival on October 18, 2008. Buddy Walk will be on October 18 and volunteers are needed to help. Next month there will be nominations for the three seats on the Executive Board whose terms are up: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Chapter's Public Relation Officer (CPRO).

**President Report:** This will not be an easy year for Special Education and Para's due to all the changes, lay-offs, and bumping. This year we are using Kearny High School as a new meeting place. All the new faces were welcomed as well as our regular attendees. There is a Pre-Retirement Seminar on October 20, 2008.

**LRR Report:** Special Ed has been the biggest mess since lay-offs; over 100 vacancies. People with seniority are being placed where they don't want to be and people with less seniority are getting more hours. Will be meeting the head of Special of Education and the District to try and straighten out some of the mess. Thanked the Chief Job Steward, Jochen Merscheid for putting in extra hours on complaints. There was a question and answer period. The Labor Rep discussed issues about the new superintendent and his past policies from the state he is from, how he is able to over ride the school board, and what he means by 'District Values'.

**Officer Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP ~ gave a report on the Annual Conference that was held in August. Welcomed back Gustavo Padilla that was on release to CSEA for field work that he was performing. It was announced that it was National library card sign up month. Anyone who had a library card could get a free meal at Chipotle Restaurants on September 16 as a reading reward. Volunteers are needed to sign up for Chapter committees. The MLK parade committee needs to start planning for the parade that will be held in January. Next month (October) the Para Convention Committee will be meeting to plan the next Para Conference. Anyone may submit suggestions to the 1<sup>st</sup> VP. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP ~ welcomed everyone to a new school year. It was announced that there will be a Site Rep training to be held on September 22 at Mt. Everest Academy's cafeteria from 5 - 8. Anyone interested contact Kevin Nash at 858-202-2618. Sec ~ Introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Anyone who attends the Chapter Meetings needs to please write legibly so as to collect the correct information for the attendance record. Treas ~

Welcomed everyone and introduced her self. Gave the financial report as follows: Beginning balance: \$26,776.80 with expenditures of \$10,090.24 and income from dues at \$1873.50 leaving us with a balance of \$18,560.00. **CPAC** ~ James Harris is reporting for Robert Spriggs. There will be phone banking on September 17 at the field office. There will also be phone banking at the Harriet Tubman Center on October 2 for the school board candidates. It was determined that CSEA will back the following candidates for School Board: Dr. John L. Evans from District A, Richard Barrera from District D, and incumbent Sheila Jackson from District E. On September 22, there will also be phone banking at the Local Labor Council for Marty Emerald who is running for a seat on the Sweetwater City Council and for Marty Block from District 78 for State Assembly. There was a question and answering period on phone banking and the endorsements.

**Chief Job Steward Report:** is dealing with 4 – 5 phone calls a day dealing with the layoffs and reassignment issues.

**Pre-Retirement Chairperson:** Brought brochures on the Retiree Unit if anyone is interested. There will be a preretirement seminar on October 20 in Escondido. On January 31, 2009 there will also be another meeting at the SDCOE in rooms 401 and 402.

**A motion was made by Brenda Lucas to extend the meeting 5 minutes in order to complete business. Joan O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Good of the Order:** CSEA announced at the Annual Conference that they will be endorsing Barack Obama for President of the United States. Senate Bill 840 (universal health care in Calif.) has passed both houses and is now sitting on the Governor's desk. Please call Sacramento and encourage the Governor to please sign this important bill.

Welcome to first time attendees: Laura Lynne of La Jolla High School, Carrie Morgan of Lindbergh Schweitzer, Lucie Thomas of Adams Elementary, Sunshine Johnson of Kumeyaay Elementary, Laura Perez of Lindbergh Schweitzer, Reyna Macias of Morse High School, and Stephen La Palme of TRACE 47<sup>th</sup>.

**Prizes:** \$50~ Joan O'Hara  
\$25~ Richard Palomarez  
\$25~ Lucy Thomas

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

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

Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Jane Bausa, President

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Erika Culley, Secretary