

FEA Executive Board Meeting

January 5, 2009, 4:10 pm

Eastern Office

- I. Call to order
- II. Agenda-addition by Laura C. under New Business-Chamber of Commerce
- III. Minutes—add Sherry Seefeld to those in attendance, and correct spelling errors in names
Minutes approved by Brent A and second by Sharon C
- V. Old Business
 - a. FEA buttons – please encourage members to wear their buttons especially on Fridays to show solidarity
 - b. Other – A new computer will be ordered shortly. Middle Schools will have PLCs in the p.m. second semester. There is to be no coaching on Wednesday s due to the new PLC schedule. Some concerns still in regards to travel time, giving up time w/o compensation, meeting past scheduled time to make up for time lost due to travel.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Ambassador’s week-end in Bismarck Jan. 23rd and 24th need to get registration in by January 7th.
 - b. Article in the Forum- Ellen Dunn has submitted positive educational articles to the paper and none have been printed.
 - c. Teacher retirement celebration and silent auction- There will no longer be a monetary gift to retirees, but want to recognize those members. TAC Council will try to meet in regards to the celebration and ceremony.
 - d. FM Chamber of Commerce- the Chamber will lobby against The Employee Free Choice Act which give employees the right to organize. In the past the FM and National Chamber has voted against fair pay practices. Should FEA drop it’s Chamber membership?
- VII. Committee Report
 - a. Membership- 809 members- 29 ESP
 - b. PR – Merit Care phonathon- need people to call on January 6, 2009
 - c. HIC- no December meeting
 - d. Negotiations- The team and support personnel will meet January 7, they will be sending an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to the School Board in regards to the first negotiations meeting January 15th(would like to begin official negotiations after the training) . The School Board and Teacher Negotiators will be attending a bargaining/ training session January 30th and 31st. After this training and all members meeting will be called. The Negotiations team is studying:” The Teaching Penalty: Teacher Pay Loosing Ground”
 - e. ESP-no report
 - f. GR - tentative Lobby Day set for Feb. 10 in Bismarck
 - g. Other- beginning Friday, January 9th, legislative updates will be available. Look for future info on signing up for cyberline to view legislative updates

VIII. Adjourn- moved to approve Laura C and second by Deb V

In attendance: Ellen Dunn, Josh Dunnell, Brent Aasby, Jenifer Mastrud, Laura Christansen, Steve Saville, Paul Kolesar, Jane Rupprecht, Bonnie Nelson, Erin Mowers, Sharon Callaghan, Sherry Seefeld, Deb Voss, Jeannine McCann