



**Executive Board Meeting**  
**DATE: February 12, 2009**

**I. Call to Order**

S. Forpe called the Executive Board meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** John Hummel (ACad N), Rhonda. Polly (FHS Support Staff), Bobby Walser (HEHS/Secretary), Gary. Wilson (Treasurer/Retiree), Shirley Forpe (President/Retiree), Rick Gerz (Retiree Council President), Frank Kernats (CHS), Barbara Mach (Schaumburg, United Support Staff), Sue Tesnow(FHS Support Staff, Barbara Wesley (Itasca)

**Absent:** Bob Erickson (HEHS), Russ Horvath (Palatine), Dave Martin (Schaumburg), Margo McIntyre(CHS), Debbie. Osenberg (CHS T.A.), Ann Bosslett (Dist 15 TIE), Laura Vitols (Itasca)

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the minutes of the January 7, 2009 Executive Board meeting were distributed for review. One change is noted: H. Gillespie is no longer part of the council.

**Motion:** Rick Gerz moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009 Executive Board meeting; Rhonda Polly seconded; motion passed by Unanimous vote.

**IV. Council Reports**

**A. 211 Council** - No report.

**B. Teacher Assistants** - No report

**C. United Support Staff Council (USSC)**

1. Barb Mach the new president is present tonight.
2. Bob Grimm is willing to work 1 on 1 rather than having grievances.
3. Postings are not being made at FHS.
4. Postings will be done via e-mail.
5. Under the next contract efforts will be made to reclassify.

**D. Therapists in Education Council (TIE) D-15**

1. Have ratified their contract and are awaiting back pay. Good groundwork has been laid for future contracts.

**E. Itasca Support Staff Union Council (ISSU) D-10**

1. All is going well. Meetings are becoming regular and settling into the day to day.
2. Everyone has e-mail.

**F. Retiree's Council**

1. A meeting is scheduled next week.
2. Seeking a new travel agency.

**V. Officers' Reports**

**A. Secretary's Report**

1. "Meetings of the Minds" was a great success.
2. Building reps please post e-mails and news letters on the Union building bulletin board.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

1. Copies of the January 2009 Treasurer's Report were distributed and reviewed. Clarifications were provided.

**Motion:** Sue Tesnow moved to accept the January Treasurer's Report; Rick Gerz seconded; motion passed by Unanimous vote.

2. We have applied for new credit card, one that does not charge interest.
3. Diane Kubitz will become a 51% IFT employee due to insurance restrictions. This will also give her retirement benefits.

**C. Vice-President's Report**

1. Met with building rep and Lisa Small. Lisa offered a monthly meeting with the support staff for better communication.
2. Issue of job postings was discussed. Postings will be made via e-mail and posting the positions on the bulletin boards at FHS.

**D. President's Report**

1. **Legal Matters** - None
2. **Publications** - None
  - a. The Union News is ready for distribution. The article WANTED became outdated when the TIE contract was ratified.
  - b. Children's Advocacy Dinner Dance at Stonegate. \$150 per person February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 This was started by Mike O'Malley.
2. **Organizing**  
TIE and Itasca have contracts and were ratified.
3. **IFT-AFT Update**
  1. Pre K – 20 meeting was held January 23<sup>rd</sup>; two areas of concern are:
    - a. The longitudinal Data System about to be purchased and put into place. This is through the Gates Foundation Tracking program teachers can be evaluated, students will be watched, private information can be revealed/ Hacked into on the web.
    - b. The K – 20 committee to align the standards from high school to college in math and English. (In the past we had a representative attend the Illinois State Board of Education meetings.) Mary Thomas and Terri Busch have been appointed to this committee.
  2. Field Service Intern Program at Metro East region.
  3. School Nurse/ Therapists Conference March 3- 5 New Orleans

**VI. Committees Responsibilities and goals**

- A. **ELECTIONS:** There will be both a Local 1211 and a D211 Teachers Union election soon. An elections committee will meet at 4:30 pm at the Local office on one of the following dates Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. A representative from each council's election council's election committee needs to attend.
- B. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** After receiving information at the PreK-20 meeting the importance of having Sue Walter from the IFT make a presentation to the D211 Council became clearer.
- C. **BY-LAWS:** Rhonda and I completed the by-laws. Each of you should have a copy. Read through the draft and send comments to [SHIRLFORPE@yahoo.com](mailto:SHIRLFORPE@yahoo.com).
- D. Council will overview the amendments before it is put out for a vote.
- E. **COMMUNICATION:** The meeting of the minds was a great open conversation where people shared experiences, helped with problems, and got ideas. The feeling was "We are not alone" Representatives from almost every council were there. I would be proud to call on any of these fine professionals for advice and support.
- F. Forms have been made up for those who are attending events for reminders.

**VII. Unfinished Business - None.**

## VIII. New Business

- A. **Motion:** Gary Wilson moved that the Local purchase \$100 in raffle tickets for the Children's Advocacy; Sue Tesnow seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.
- B. Gary Wilson proposed the spending of \$100 for a program for the updating the Local 1211 web page.  
**Motion:** Rick Gerz moved that the Local purchase the needed software program for the Web site; Rhonda Polly seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

## IX. Adjournment

**Motion:** Gary Wilson moved to adjourn the Executive Board meeting; Sue Tesnow seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Board meeting adjourned 6:08 p.m.

**In Unity,**  
Bobby Walser

## C.O.P.E. Meeting

A C.O.P.E. meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

1. Rodney Craig the mayor of Hanover Park addressed the Local. He is a part of the Progress ticket and is working to reform government in Hanover Park. He has asked the Local for support.
2. **Legislative Breakfast** -  
Speakers: Jesse Jackson Jr., Fred Crespo, Mike Noland, Melissa Bean, Rodney Craig, Paul Froehlich, a representative from Lisa Madigan's office, Rosenblat, Terry Link, Keith Farnham, and Lou Lang. Steve Preckwinkle, IFT Cope Director will be honored for his work in the State legislature.
3. Basket: Local 1211 will have 2 baskets for \$50-75 each and will donate the money for the Itasca and TIE baskets of similar value. D211 Teachers Union and USS will use their own funds for the baskets.
4. The Retirees Council will make a basket.
5. **Motion:** Rick Gerz moved that the Local donate to Rod Craig and Vito Mannola \$500 for his re-election and the Progress ticket; seconded by Sue Tesnow; Passed by unanimous vote.
6. Rod Craig of Hanover Park spoke for support about his platform. He is up for election on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
7. Lobby day will be April 22- 23 in Springfield. IFT adopted our idea for lobby day.
8. Al Prochaska will be going to a group of Chambers dinner.
9. Kane county Truman dinner - Al Prochaska and Shirley Forpe will attend.
10. Shirley Forpe and Frank Kernats attended a political gala recently and discussed labor.
11. Rhonda Polly and Shirley Forpe attended a Democratic women's meeting January 17 to get more females involved in politics. More seminars are to follow.
12. Paul Froehlich was made chair of a couple of committees and Fred Crespo is the assistant chair to the Education committee
13. The new governor is working with the house and Senate unlike for the past may years.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** Barbara Mach moved to adjourn the C.O.P.E. meeting; John Hummel seconded; motion passed by unanimous vote.

The C.O.P.E. meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

**In Unity,**  
Bobby Walser