GEA Minutes

Dec. 5, 2023

Call to Order: 3:21 pm

Attendance: Lauren Merritt, Derrick Landano, Sam Burgess, Julie Lawes, Darcie Crete, Amanda St. Pierre, Emily App, Jess Murray, Mary Grassett, Matt Govoni, Pat Moriarty, Kendra Tisbert—nobody from high school is present

Secretary’s Report: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report: Accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship (Darcie, Amanda):

Darcie sent Matt G. the checks. We raised $195 from the raffle for the scholarship. Next up will be the Valentine’s Day.

Grievance:

One thing might come up, but nothing active at this moment.

Negotiations: Nothing at this time.

Elections (Kendra, Matt):

Nothing at this time. Elections will happen in April or March.

Website: (Desrochers, Grassett, Tisbert, Burgess)

Sam has been looking around the website to gather ideas, but needs account details to change anything from his end. Kendra brings up asking Josh to help put an area for the minutes to go in.

Social: (Merritt)

Lauren is looking at Spring social ideas. We will circle back after the holidays.

By-Law Committee: (Landano, Dalzell)

Amanda offers to help if Matt is not able to. Derrick proposes to put into the By-laws for a Nomination Committee. That committee would propose a slate of people to vote for offices. Julie will follow-up with Jason to see if that is something we can do.

Sick Bank: (Lawes)

Nothing new at this time.

NEA-NH: (Burgess)

Sam reports that NH is not funding our schools in a constitutional way. This is the first judge’s say in this, with potential changes happening. Mary will put the presentation on the website when she can. Mary asks Sam to use a write up for the website. Mary will touch base with NEA-NH to get Sam access to the website.

Old Business:

Maternity follow up: Kate McGrath reports 10-14 people out on maternity leave each year. Kendra and Matt bring up that maternity leave for child rearing is different from sick time. The district’s perspective is sick days are only for sick days. This is more of a district discussion compared with a Union discussion. The next negotiations should include a discussion regarding using sick time for maternity leave.

Discussion about traffic at Maple Ave. isn’t going anywhere. It’s a town issue.

The book discussion is still district wide, as it’s a very hot topic.

Mary has created new committees and emailed the board with the committee assignments.

New Business:

Not able to discuss at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:47 pm- unofficially due to loss of internet in schools and unable to continue with Teams meeting.

Next meeting: Jan. 4, 2024 (Thursday)

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Tisbert