GEA Minutes

Feb. 6, 2024

Call to Order: 3:22 pm

Attendance:

Emily App, Mary Grassett, Matt Govoni, Kendra Tisbert, Jenn Beauchmin, Pat Moriarty, Sam Burgess, Darcie Crete, Lauren Merritt, Amanda St. Pierre, Nick Sievers, Derrick Landano

Secretary’s Report: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report: Accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship (Darcie, Sarah-Jane, Derrick):

Raffle for Valentine’s. Made about $200 with about 20 people participating. Most were members. Darcie was able to get gift cards for free from local businesses. Darcie spent about $90 on gift bags, but we cleared almost $200.

Grievance: Nothing in the works, but currently working with Bartlett.

 Negotiations: Nothing at this time.

Elections (Kendra, Matt):

Secretary and VP of Negotiations are up for re-election. Elections for officers should be at the end of March. We should set this up at the next meeting (March 5).

Building reps should be around April vacation so the new ones can come to the June meeting.

Website: (Desrochers, Grassett, Tisbert, Burgess)

Sam has no updates at this time. He suggests a list of building rep and officers for members.

Social: (Merritt, Nadeau)

There needs to be at least 1 business meeting per school year. There are potential changes in the by-laws, which would be a great time to have a social.

There is a suggestion for the new Mexican place “La Vaka” opening in Goffstown. We should look at a private room.

By-Law Committee: (Landano, Dalzell)

Derrick says they’ve been trying to get together to come up with wording for the stipend to add regarding who is going to the NEA meetings. Derrick asks about a nominating committee- Mary says the language does not permit this to occur.

Sick Bank: (Lawes)

Julie is currently working on a maternity leave with a potential sick bank situation.

NEA-NH: (Burgess)

Sam shared that he saw the candidates for NEA. He also wrote up an email to share with the members.

Dues will be going up due to membership going down.

Old Business:

Mary talked to Wendy Kohler about Schoology. Mary shared that the Schoology is difficult to use.

Mary asks that the reps do what they can to let non-members who we are.

The group revisits the idea of a Keurig or another item as a gift for the teachers. There would need to be 1 per building, which would run around $1000.00.

New Business:

There is a question about professional development days and the process to authorize those. Mary shares that it can be appealed and that administration why it was denied. The union can get involved if the answer is not satisfactory.

Mary has created a handbook regarding responsibilities for board members and reps. Mary will have Julie proof it and then Mary will have it available.

A reminder that if anyone joins the union after Oct. 1, the member needs to pay all at once.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:02 pm

Next meeting: March 5, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Tisbert