

OCVTEA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Toms River Center
Wednesday, October 13, 2010

- Call to order:** The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:10 pm.
- Attending:** Colleen M. Gordon, Raymond Walsh, Catherine Ferrara, Pete Radford, Tom Pernal, Howard Polenberg and Tom Vassallo were present.
Committee Members Present: Andy Dennison, Mike Clarke, Eileen Verde and Tom Rolston.
Quorum was met to conduct business.
- Minutes from Prior Meeting:** The minutes from the September Meeting were read. A small typo was noted and corrected. Motion made by Pete Radford to accept the minutes as amended.
Motion to accept: Pete Radford
Second: Tom Pernal
Passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:** Bill Hegerich has resigned. The by-laws state that a vote needs to be held at the next General Meeting to fill the vacancy. Howard will request that Bill e-mail him a current Treasurer's Report.
Motion to accept: None
Second: None
No vote.
- Standing Committees:**
- Membership Committee – Chair: Bill Hegerich**
Bill Hegerich has resigned. Since the Treasurer is the Chair of the Membership Committee, the requirement in the by-laws states that a vote be held at the next General Meeting to fill the vacancy. Howard reported that there are five new members. However, he will request that the Board Office email him the new count due to retirement attrition and vacancies that may not have had re-hires. Howard requested and received a listing of dues being paid by each member from Frank Frazee.
- Legislative – Chair: Colleen Gordon**
No new items to report.

Salary/Guide Extra-Curricular Stipend Committee – Co-Chairs: Tom Lanagan and Andy Dennison

Andy needs to contact Co-Chair Tom Lanagan to set up a date for the meeting. Members have been slow in reporting or not filling out surveys.

Professional Development – Chair: Eileen Verde

Eileen Verde reported that she has members who will be attending NJEA sponsored Professional Development workshops. These are workshops that may be used toward district Professional Development as well.

Parliamentarian – Howard nominated Tom Rolston as Parliamentarian. Duties, and procedures were discussed. A motion will be entertained at the next meeting for Tom’s approval in the position.

Elections Committee Chair – Howard Polenberg discussed that a volunteer is still needed for this position. Release time for Educational Support staff to attend meetings was brought up by Ray Walsh, Custodial Professional Representative. Howard indicated he will talk to Nancy Weber-Loeffert about this.

Constitutional Committee – Co-Chairs: Tom Vassallo and Ray Walsh

Tom Vassallo and Ray Walsh will try to work out a date to get together and begin working on a review of the current by-laws.

Public Relations– Chair: Tom Vassallo

Mike Clarke and Tom Vassallo will meet to discuss procedures for completing the email accounts for the new web site. There is a lot of work involved. Tom Vassallo will be accompanying Howard to the Lakehurst Center to give a demonstration and tour of the new OCVTEA web site to the members there.

Social Graces– Chair: Sharon Clougher

Howard presented an email from Sharon Clougher who was on vacation and unable to attend. The cost and location of the Holiday Party was discussed. Sharon notified Howard that the cost and location will stay the same as last year. The Holiday Party will be held at Hemmingway’s on Friday December 10, 2010. The cost for members is \$30.00. Non-members cost will be \$35.00.

Motion to accept: Cathy Ferrara

Second: Tom Vassallo

Passed unanimously.

Executive Committee

Meeting Calendar: Next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 at 3pm. The meeting will be held at the Toms River Center.

General

Meeting Calendar: Tom Pernal will speak to Joann Price about using his room for our first General Meeting of the school year. If approved, the meeting will be held on November 10th, at the Toms River Center.

New Business:

Howard Polenberg discussed a situation concerning a member and unpaid leave. Howard read a prepared statement to Bill Hoey. There was discussion and amendments to the statement. A motion was discussed to present the statement to Mr. Hoey.

Motion to accept: Tom Vassallo

Second: Ray Walsh

Passed unanimously.

Howard discussed Board Meeting coverage. He also expressed a desire to have all OCVTEA reps and committee members attend a Board Meeting together to demonstrate our commitment to unity and professionalism.

Howard Polenberg and Tom Vassallo will represent the OCVTEA at the Ocean County Council of Education Associations meeting tonight at the Water's Edge in Bayville.

Eight OCVTEA members will attend the NJEA Fall Re-Focus Meeting at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood on October 20.

Howard explained the new "Education Effectiveness Evaluation Committee" (EEEC) action steps for evaluation of teachers of Math and English. There is concern that these guidelines may eventually be used to outline evaluation procedures for all teaching staff.

Howard displayed the new "Member Action Center" to be posted in all centers as a central location to display information from the NJEA. He gave a short explanation of how it is to be used.

Motion to adjourn: Pete Radford

Second: Ray Walsh

Passed unanimously.