

OCVTEA

2011 – 2012 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Toms River Center

Tuesday, December 14, 2011

- Call to order:** The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:15 pm.
- Attending:** Building / Unit Representatives Cathy Buckley, Pete Radford, Ray Walsh, Tom Rolston, Gerald Luchs and Sharon Clougher were present. Officers present were President Howard Polenberg, Vice President Tom Vassallo, Treasurer Cheryl Orr, and Acting Secretary Tiffany Seeley.
- Quorum was met to conduct business.
- Minutes:** The minutes from the November 8th meeting were read.
- A motion to accept the minutes was made by Sharon Clougher.
- Second: Pete Radford
- Discussion: No discussion
- Passed unanimously
- Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Cheryl Orr. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Cathy Buckley.
- Second: Ray Walsh
- Discussion: Cheryl Orr is working to correct the account balances.
- Passed unanimously.
- Standing Committees:**
- Membership Committee:** Cheryl Orr gave an updated membership report. 192 members are reported.
- Sunshine Report:** Howard Polenberg read the Sunshine Report. Mary Bernyk is working on guidelines.
- Public Relations:** Tom Vassallo gave a report.

Social Graces Report: Plan to attend Artisan's for January general meeting. Member rights will be the focus. The date is Jan. 25th at 4:00 PM. Headcount needs to be sent ASAP.

Internal Affairs: Ray Walsh reported there is no news.

Legislative Committee: Someone is needed to fill this position, but the constitution needs to be revised first.

Elections Committee Chair: Tiffany Seeley is still acting in the capacity of OCVTEA Secretary. She has been fulfilling all of the duties since September and will be formally nominated at the January 25th general meeting.

Negotiations Committee: Howard Polenberg will forward a copy of the survey information to the Executive Council. A discussion followed as to how the survey should be constructed and the appropriate length.

Constitutional Committee: Tom Vassallo reviewed and submitted suggested revisions to the OCVTEA constitution. He has forwarded the file to Ray Walsh and Sharon Clougher for input. Tom is hopeful the work can be presented and approved at the next Executive Council Meeting. This would allow it to go to the general membership in the Spring.

Grievance Committee: Tom Vassallo reported that there are no current grievances.

Old Business: A proposed OCVTEA / OCVTS Liaison form has been created by Tom Vassallo. It merges both the OCVTEA form and the OCVTS form. Howard will email the file to the Executive Council members for review.

Howard will call Mike McNamara to ask him to communicate with the NJEA attorney regarding the status of the PERC Unfair Labor Practice regarding the 1.5% Deduction for the NJSHB Plan.

Howard suggested that building representatives should begin holding informational meetings on a regular basis, rather than after faculty meetings. Building reps need to alert staff of the OCVTEA meeting schedule. They should be reviewing meeting minutes and asking members to regularly check www.OCVTEA.org to keep current with association news and issues.

New Business:

The Ocean County Council of Education Associations elections will be taking place shortly.

Gerald Luchs reported on the OCCEA December rep council and discussed that teacher evaluations might be changing. He encouraged the other representatives to hold regular building meetings to keep general membership informed.

Howard reported that the PRIDE grant money can be used to help promote OCVTEA at skills open house. Mark Lamb reported on the PRIDE workshop he attended. He has ordered NJEA "PRIDE" banners for each center.

There was a discussion of having a display at the Skills USA Open House in February. A 50/50 drawing was suggested to raise money for the Philanthropic Fund. Sharon Clougher suggested that Angela Castaldo be contacted to find out info about obtaining a New Jersey State 50/50 drawing and raffle license to use at Skills.

All business was tabled for the remainder of the meeting to finalize the proposed budget for 2011 – 2012. This was to ensure that the proposal would be ready to present to the general assembly at the January 25th general meeting. In the new budget, the Executive Council has proposed an increase of \$100.00 for Executive Council member stipends. There would be no dues increase required to fund the increase. This would assist in helping reps and officers defray increased transportation costs to meetings. A discussion followed. The budget proposal will be presented for adoption at the next general meeting on January 25th.

A motion was made by Mark Lamb to accept the OCVTEA budget proposal for 2011-2012.

Motion: Mark Lamb.

Second: Ray Walsh

Passed unanimously

General Assembly**Meeting Calendar:**

The next general meeting will be a dinner meeting and will be held on January 25th at Artisan's in Toms River. There will be a workshop by Joan Szlaga, our NJEA County Representative. She will be in-servicing our members on the topic of "Member Rights". Two other possible future meeting dates were discussed, March 28th and May 23rd.

Executive Council

Meeting Calendar: Tentative dates were set for future Executive Council meeting dates. The dates are December January 11th, February 8th, March 14th, April 11th (to be amended at the next meeting), May 9th and June 13th .

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Rolston.

Second: Cathy Buckley

Meeting was adjourned at 4: 56 pm.