

**GCEA Rep Council Minutes**  
**April 15, 2008**  
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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:42 by the president, Marie Blistan.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written [Bennett/Behm]

**I. President's Report:**

- Marie gave a summary of the events at Washington Township and Kingsway regarding subcontracting and the lunch ladies.
- A tribute was given to Eileen Shannahan and Attila Matusek for their Media Watch letters to the newspapers.
- Tributes were given to Linda B. (for Cat in the Hat), Doris E. (for Read Across America) and Attila (for printing Gang Awareness booklets).

**II. Executive Committee:** See handouts for various committee reports.

A motion was made to suspend the order of business [Griffin/Furey]. Marie introduced Dr. Ron Butcher, State Board of Education President. A discussion of DOE activities and licensing issues will be on the April 16 agenda. Teacher Standards 11 and 12 will be addressed along with the SRA process and alternate route concerns. Questions from the audience were addressed by Dr. Butcher.

A motion was made to return to the regular business meeting [Behm/Zachowski].

**1<sup>st</sup> V. P.** Mona noted that \$1245.00 was raised from Morey's Piers for scholarships. She stated that applications must be complete before sending to GCEA. Awards will be given out at the Retirement affair on June 8 at Adelphias. Letters have gone out to Superintendents for a list of their retirees.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was distributed and filed for audit with no changes noted. The Philanthropic Fund has \$5357.00. Contributions were added from Moreys Piers tickets and the Gang Awareness 50/50. Sue stated that \$20,000 was transferred into the INGdirect account for summer payments and to cover expenses until October. Marie reminded committee members to see Sue for mileage vouchers.

Sue explained that a lot of preliminary work was done on the budget. She then presented the proposed budget for next year, which includes a dues increase of \$16.00 for full time professional and \$10.00 for full time ESPs. This amounts to \$.80 per pay and \$.50 per pay period for ten month employees respectively. Membership is 6,799 total and 4,411 full time professional members. The budget also reflects LAFAP funding to \$2,250 plus and additional \$600 for internet (once every 4 years). Pride reimbursements are now broken down to reflect the cost of the event. The increment is almost \$77,000 over last year's budget, but this includes a full time office manager.

If approved, dues would be \$45.00 for full time professionals and \$28.00 for full time ESPs. For comparison, Atlantic County dues is \$65.00 for full time and the average county dues in NJ is \$35.00. (See proposed budget and chart for additional information).

**Secretary:** Doris thanked Attila for the budget election ad in the Gloucester County Times. Locals are asked to nominate someone for the Wall of Honor. Kindergarten registration materials from Pride were available as were free Rivershark tickets.

**Members-at-large:** Candy went over future workshops and mentioned that the workshop survey will be on the GCEA website after April 22.

**NJEA Exec:** Bob B. informed us that NJEA is considering the full time county release president issue. There are 21 local full time presidents now, with half the funding from NJEA and half paid by the locals. NEA may also have additional funds for this initiative

**Uniserv:** Margie stated that Elk has a tentative agreement. There are no more carry-overs. 9 locals are bargaining, 4 have tentative agreements, and Harrison and Logan are in mediation. Jane T. noted the Pride workshop has been changed to Wednesday, June 11 at the Uniserv office. The Treasurer's workshop is June 2 at Uniserv.

**III. GCEA/NJEA Committees:** Reports were available.

**LAT – GR:** Griff reminded everyone of the Legislative Banquet on Apr. 30. Local presidents are free. 81 members plus Salem County members are registered now. The next LAT meeting will be an informal talk.

**Pension:** Jeanette from Dr. Stanwood's office distributed sign up forms for the Pension meeting to be held in East Windsor on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We are entitled to 12 delegates and 6 alternates.

**Newsletter:** Attila passed out the newsletter.

**Member Benefits:** Jeannie Long said that there will be food at the NJEA Convention this year.

**IV. Old Business:** None

**V. New Business:** Marie encouraged locals to attend Summer Leadership. There is a GCEA scholarship and an NJEA scholarship for first time attendees.

**Sharing:** Dan F. said Jeannie and Griff will help with fund raising ideas for Marie's candidacy.

**VI. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 6:05. [Long/Zachowski]

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Eith, Secretary