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REP COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, February 11, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. **Meeting was called to order** at 4:00 pm. by President Linda Tuttle.
- II. **Agenda.** Agenda was approved with the following changes: We only need one Scholarship Report..
- III. **Minutes** . Minutes of January 14, 2010 were approved unanimously.
- IV. **President's Report.** Linda reported she has made many school visits, including seeing Jumprope for the Heart at two schools. She met with Ellyne Bell. They will try to meet more often. There is now a scheduled monthly meeting with the Superintendent. Linda has concerns about how serious issues will be handled. There is a meeting this week on "fiscal strategies". Linda spoke at the January School Board meeting and expressed SCTA's displeasure with the online survey, pitting one group against each other. Reps with perfect attendance were presented with gift cards. Linda will read to a 3rd grade class at Tahoe's "Read Across America" celebration.
- V. **Committee Reports.**

Elections. Nikki Milevsky reported. She announced that no election is needed for the RA since only 11 people filed and we are allowed to send more, so all who filed will go to New Orleans. There will be an election for all officers, except President, four State Council delegates and 3 alternates. Online voting is not yet available.

PIC. Owen Jackman reported City Council recommendations in districts. Ray Trethaway, District 1, Patrick Kennedy, District 5, Darrell Fong, District 7/ No recommendation for District 3. Owen urged reps to look carefully at the State Superintendent race. There are big differences between Torlakson and Romero. More recommendations will be forthcoming.

Organizing. David Fisher reported area captains are now in place in all areas. Organizing events will be taking place in March. Captains will communicate. Concerns were raised about individual members "negotiating" with the Superintendent. Members need to visit schools, keep communication open.

Scholarship. Sandy Olson reported. She thanked everyone who supported and worked on the Crab Feed and encouraged high schools to increase support and offered to

auction off a month membership to Planet Beach. Linda thanked Cris and Nikki for their work on the event and thanks to all who worked and participated.

Human Rights. Stacey Willett and Nichole DeVore reported. Linda thanked all those who took part in the MLK March. Nichole announced the Cesar Chavez March is coming up. Stacey provided info about the MLK Scholarship. Nichole has signed SCTA up for the Komen Race, May 8th. The Resource teacher at C.B. Wire was out for about half the year, but so much leave was donated she only lost about \$100 and is touched and grateful.

VI. **Staff Reports.**

Seth Bramble reported staff development opportunities, and went over the 10 minute meeting agenda. RTTT is not binding at this point. Seth encouraged members to attend. Budget forums - 100-200 layoffs likely, but clear info is not yet available.

Manuel Villarreal reported meeting with other CTA staff - things are bad everywhere in the State. Lodi, e.g., has agreed to non pay days and still faces big layoffs. Other districts also face cuts and layoffs. RIF notices will come out by March 15th. Meetings will be scheduled. Only CTA members will be represented by a CTA attorney. Manuel reminded reps to tell members to carefully check that credential and seniority information is correct. He went over the layoff procedure and answered questions. Hearings will be April 26-28, probably at Serna. May revise will come out about May 10. Final layoff decision by May 15.

Manuel talked about the calendar, reminded that in 2008 we agreed that future calendars will follow the pattern of 1996 calendar, i.e. School begins after Labor Day and Spring break is the week before Easter. There is a possibility of talking about making the entire Thanksgiving week a break. Lori Jablonski suggested that Manuel write something for Direct Line regarding how calendar affects seniority. There was discussion regarding the need to follow the contract to protect the rights of all members. In response to questions regarding SCTA's fiscal plan, Linda said that our plan is to hold our elected school board members accountable. Manuel presented info regarding Sac City salary schedule compared to other districts. He called attention to the Governor's call to cut administrative costs. A list of ideas for closing the funding gap was distributed, e.g. Support for a parcel tax.

VII. **Segment Breakouts.** Breakout sessions began at 5:30. Reps shared concerns. Notes were taken in each session.

VIII. **Other**

Linda said break out the SCTA shirts for solidarity. Next School Board meeting is February 18th. Board of Directors will revisit concerns from each segment.

Carlos Rico urged Reps not to sign initiatives regarding public employee pensions.

X. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Smith, Secretary

