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REP COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, September 9, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. **Meeting was called to order** at 4:06 pm. by President Linda Tuttle.
- II. **Agenda.** Agenda was approved as presented..
- III. **Minutes** . Minutes of June 10, 2010 were approved unanimously.
- IV. **President's Report.** Linda began by welcoming everyone back. She told everyone school board candidates have been invited to Rep Council and will likely show up between 4-6. She noted that SCTA has applied for CTA money to help with the fall campaign for School Board, Assembly, House, Senate and Governor's races. Linda explained the vetting process for choosing the school board candidates to support. Linda discussed political help for our city council races and asked for volunteers for precinct walking this Saturday. Linda introduced Susan Savage and Toby Boyd from CTA. Toby spoke briefly about the upcoming races and the need for a new governor. He was asked about an additional staff person for SCTA. He said he isn't involved with the process. Patrick Kennedy arrived and was introduced. He reviewed what he's done on the board, discussed his opponent, Jay Schneier, and asked for volunteers to help him be elected to a City Council seat. Patrick answered some very pointed questions about his dealings on the school board. He is an SCTA supported candidate.

Once Patrick thanked everyone and left, Linda returned to her report and stated she visited Hiram Johnson just before school opened. She was surprised at the challenging environment she saw there. Patrick Kennedy came back in to listen to a teacher from Hiram Johnson. He noted he has already heard many reports about problems and has called the Superintendent to task.

Linda visited Parkway because of rumors of coercion at the school. American Legion was visited because of a rumor that students from Hiram Johnson were told not to come back to the school and to go to American Legion instead. Many more students showed up at American Legion on the first day of school than normal. Linda stated SCTA will keep a close eye on the situation.

Darryl Woo arrived later in the meeting, thanked SCTA for supporting him, talked briefly about the City School Board race and asked for volunteers. Jeff Cuneo also spoke and thanked members for our endorsements and help.

- V. **Treasurer's Report.** Bob Nosler presented the final budget for 2010-2011 and motioned for approval. Eric Knudson seconded. *Motion approved.*
- VI. **Staff Report.** Manuel Villarreal opened some charts that were folded on the wall and jumped right into the current CASA hearings in Federal court, and did a quick overview to bring the Reps up to date. He launched afterward into an expanded explanation of Common Planning Time. He reiterated that there is still only 18 hrs required. He reminded everyone that the CPT meetings should revolve around the School Site Plan.
- VII. **Campaign 2010.** Susan Savage, CTA, began by discussing retirement pensions and how important it will be to elect someone who will protect the pensions we have now. For Susan, the Governor's race, State Superintendent of Education, and the US Senate race are the most important in the upcoming 2010 elections. She discussed the reverse phone trees (info cards) to save CTA time phone banking. Susan fielded questions about the cards and publication of the results. She noted it is not a poll and will not be published.
- VIII. **Rep Concerns**
- A member asked about a tax donation number for the deductions that occurred in place of Furloughs. Several tax lawyers have stated it's not lawful as suggested so far.
- The 18/20 hrs was discussed again and clarified. (still 18!) The deduction of 15.00 for health retiree benefits is tax deductible, so will be less. The 95.00 to 'help' the district and bring back teachers is thus far non-deductible. Each will come out of your paycheck separately.
- A member asked if the contract will be opened again even though it's not due to open until June 2012.
- Lay-off teachers as subs was discussed and their rights to first hire for a job.
- Another member asked about the 18 hrs because they did not have any before school began. Linda promised a resolution as speedily as possible.
- A member asked about whether the website could be updated, since it's last entry is June, 2010. Linda assured the member the website was being worked on.
- IX. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Smith, Secretary