

Orono Education Association
General membership meeting Minutes August 29, 2011
11 a.m. high school cafeteria

President's report:

legislative update--Mary reported on changes to the teacher evaluation program, but there are many changes. We have a document from Education Minnesota that discusses these changes and we will link it to the web page.

health insurance update- Mary has had a few meetings with Tom Stringer. She and he are very interested in reconsidering how insurance is selected and administered. The insurance committee will meet at least 4 times this year to be ready for next year.

bylaws amendments review and later vote in week--there are things we do as the OEA that aren't written anywhere. In order to be clear about our actions, it is necessary to amend the by laws. The vote will take place on September 9. The by laws will be available in the days beforehand, and the ballot will include complete amendment language; each amendment will take a yes or no vote.

Dues difference to scholarship fund--Uniserv dues are going down from \$8 to \$6. We would like to keep the extra \$2 for the scholarship funds. A show of hands vote was taken. \$2 from each member will be set aside in a special account labeled 'scholarship fund'.

tech levy--our district will go out to voters this fall, requesting a renewal of the tech levy. Mary has pledged the teachers' support, and will meet with Dr. Orcutt to talk about what role we may play.

Secretary's report:

School board meeting representatives--Mary asked that those interested contact Michelle Swenson so they may be assigned a meeting date.

Treasurer's report:

OEA budget for year--We could not view the budget and pie charts on the screen because of the bright light. We do not need to raise dues; we collect more than we spend. The executive board will spend time this year, looking at what our needs are: what we spend, what we collect.

Negotiations update:

Kelly Leibfried spoke about the priorities of contractual language. We haven't met with the district yet, but are looking at increases over the last year, and developing a plan.

Adjournment: 12:10