

CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Paul Palomba, President

BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

September 16, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Palomba called the meeting of the Executive Leadership Team and Building Leadership Representative Assembly of the Canton Professional Educators Association to order on September 16, 2024 at 4:27 p.m. Jen Henderson motioned to accept the agenda with flexibility and Dan Woods seconded the motion. Motion approved.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Ruth Allison	Randy Bifulchi	Karen Brank	Jen Eberle	Darren Furno
Amanda Gillespie	Manny Halkias	Jennifer Henderson	Sharen Lindberg	Andrea McSherry
Brian Mishak	Paul Palomba	Geneva Parker	Tina Riley	Sandy Rosetta
Yvonne Scott	Tracey Smith	Lynne Watson	Karen Zutali	

The following ELT members were not in attendance (*Denotes reported excused absence.): Cheryl Bissmeyer, Julieann Doerschuk*, Michael Rossetti, Jen Schott*

- III. CORRESPONDENCE** – Secretary Karen reported out on the following thank yous: Iron Workers Local 550, sponsorship of a hole at their golf outing scholarship fundraiser; Sharen Lindberg family for flower arrangement; Terra Mann, Sue Luther, and Lynda Temic for retirement gifts; Mindy Engler for the nomination for CPEA Educator of the Year; Ariana Coulas, and Andrew Grecol for scholarship money; Gracie Cribbs, and Kenna Loukas for Nathaniel Roberts Scholarships; Allea Graves, for the Ellen Schlabaugh Memorial Scholarship; a thank you for the CPEA sponsorship of the Bulldog games.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Darren Furno reported out on the Treasurer's Report for September 2023-2024. He reviewed the income side and reminded all the yellow is the miscellaneous from the OEA fund. The bond established will come due November 30, 2024. Ellen Schlabaugh scholarship money has all been disbursed. On expense side, expenses are over budget this month due to special projects such as the CPEA shirts, member support for catastrophic events, of members, members sent to Columbus to testify/present at the Ohio 8 meeting, and sponsorship of the the Bulldog games, convention expenses, and the BR training which occurred in August. He referred to a chart that showed the breakdown of the convention expenses (hotels, travel, etc.). Jenn Eberle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report with noted corrections. Randy Bifulchi seconded the motion. Motion passed. Treasurer Darren reviewed the proposed budget income and expenses for the 2024-2025 year. Rita McMillin made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget with the noted corrections. Nicole Kosenski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Joe Cole, CPEA member running for Stark County Commissioner, addressed the BLR and ELT members. Manny Halkias motioned to write a letter to OEA on behalf of Joe Cole and Ruth Allison seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.
2. OEA Delegate sign up: The sign up sheet was passed around for those interested to sign.
3. Night Out Committee work: Paul spoke about setting aside some time each meeting to plan for this event.
4. Legislative Updates: ECOEA Legislative Update Dinner is October 21, 2024. Next, Paul reminded BLRs of the upcoming vote to create a committee comprised of 5 democrats, 5 republicans, and 5 independents who do not hold political office that will redraw Ohio's voting districts.
5. TBTs and Planning Time: Paul spoke about principals taking advantage of the new contract language regarding planning time by scheduling meetings during teachers' personal planning time. District driven meetings are to be during collaborative time. General discussion ensued regarding these topics.
6. ELT: Paul discussed the changes in work assignments worked in favor of ELT membership. There is an opening for a multi-resource position. At the next ELT, there will be a vote for presidential appointments.

VI. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Lynne reported that all should have a paper timesheet to fill out for the afterschool principal meetings at a rate of \$25.00 for the one hour meeting.
2. She spoke about teachers being called in regarding the professional code of conduct (such as calling off when not sick and posting to social media).
3. Sherrod Brown signs are available.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. GRIEVANCE – Lynne reported that there are no Grievances at this time.
2. MEMBERSHIP – Sandy Rosetta reported forms are being turned in and are off to a good start.

3. LEGISLATIVE – no report
4. NEGOTIATIONS – no report
5. SCHOLARSHIP – no report
6. PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE– no report
7. TEACHER WELFARE – Jennifer Henderson reported that a new teacher event will again be held in the spring.
8. CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS – Jenn Eberle reported that at the beginning of October an electronic election will be held to vote for the delegates for the RA. Discussion of approval of the CPEA Constitution revision recently voted upon. Discussion followed regarding meeting with OEA regarding their suggestions for our constitution.
9. PACE – no report
10. LPDC/INSERVICE – no report
11. RETIRED – no report
12. UNISERV – no report
13. BUILDING AND FACILITIES – Paul reported that a new air conditioner will need to be purchased. The basement contents continue to be sorted and organized. Discussion of having picnic facilities built on the lot next door.
14. MAC COMMITTEE – no report
15. AUDIT COMMITTEE – Darren has not been able to reach the accountant to set a date for the committee. He reported on starting a non-profit for the Night Out event.
16. ECOEA –Paul shared info about the Legislative Dinner.
17. GRANTS – no report

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Geneva Parker motioned to reinstitute the Christmas Party for members' children. Jennifer Henderson seconded. Motion passed. Discussion of reinstating the members' children's Christmas party with Sharen Lindberg and Mary Vretas volunteering to help. Discussion of possible ECOEA grants to help with party.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Yvonne Parks shared that the Leila Green 50th Anniversary Gala will be held October 19th J at the Kent State Stark Campus. Judge Jeffery Hopkins will be the speaker.
2. Jenn Eberle discussed the gift card raffle for the Collaborative Fund and the need to carefully schedule it for the benefit of all. Discussion followed.
3. A member shared the democratic party's new office is now located at 29th and Market Ave. North.
4. Jenn Eberle discussed Channel 11 becoming more student friendly by showcasing student work, events, etc. Please contact Jen to schedule covering events.
5. Discussion about wipes for the classrooms.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Jenn Eberle motioned to adjourn. Brian Mishak seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Zutali
CPEA Secretary