

Victor Elementary Teachers' Association
Representative Council and General Meeting
March 13, 2007
Nisqualli Building
(Pending Approval 4/10/07)

The Rep. Council meeting was called to order by President Nancée Fine at 4:24

Reports

- Penny Edmiston submitted Minutes for February, 2007 meeting. Bill Meador moved to accept, Penny D. Smith seconded, and the Minutes were approved.

Site Reports

- Academy, Irwin, Challenger and Mojave Vista were not represented; therefore these sites gave no reports. All other sites were represented and gave reports.

The Rep. Council meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM. The motion was made by Penny D. Smith and seconded by Bill Meador.

The General Meeting was called to order by President Nancée Fine at 4:35

- Nancée Fine submitted President's Report.
- Elsbeth Roach submitted Treasurer's Report.
- Penny D. Smith submitted Negotiation's Team Report and Survey Results.
- Carmen Dávila submitted reports for the January, February and March Chamber of Commerce Insight Breakfasts.

Committee Reports

- **Scholarship Report** – Elsbeth reminded members that the deadline to apply for the VETA sponsored scholarship is April 30th. Jeff Bragg has posted this application on our website, www.vetaonline.org for members to access.
- **Standing Committees** - Nancée again asked for volunteers for committee work. We especially need members on the Hospitality Committee, Elections Committee and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Old Business

- **Good Teaching Conference, March 9 - 11** – Elsbeth gave a report that the conference was successful. Elsbeth and Shelley held a reception for VETA members and it was well attended. Although many sessions were closed, the participants enjoyed the sessions that were available.
- **AB 1133** – This grant is available to schools in “Program Improvement” status (we have 3 schools from previous performance data that qualify). Significant money is available (\$500 per student in grades K – 3; \$900 per student in grades 4 – 6), although there are strict requirements. The eligible schools are discussing participating in this program and will report to the next VESD School Board their plan.
- **Audit** – Our chapter recently participated in a random audit by CTA. All of the paperwork was in order and money has been spent appropriately, although there is a matter of member reimbursement. Our chapter must ensure that when money is paid up front to attend a conference, all receipts must be submitted in a timely manner. Otherwise, conference expenses will need to be paid by the member, and then reimbursed by the chapter. The official findings of the audit will be kept with the secretary, Penny Edmiston.
- **State of Education** – The Victorville Chamber of Commerce hosted Dr. Herb Fischer to speak about the State of Education in San Bernardino County. This presentation was held at the Ambassador Hotel on February 27th at 6:00 PM. Several members who attended gave a report about this event. Major themes: it is important to prepare our students to meet the needs of a global economy and equip them with “Soft Skills”.
- **Negotiation Survey** – Survey results were shared with the Rep. Council. Teachers On Assignment Mark Staggs and Tonya Almeida discussed the scope of their positions and clarified issues on the recent survey that dealt with TOA positions. The Negotiation Team and Executive Board will use the data from these surveys, as well as the input from the TOA’s, during the Negotiation process.
- **End of the Year Member Celebration** – Bill Meador moved and Barbara Dew seconded to approve funds for the End of the Year Celebration to be held once again at Scandia, June 9th. An alternate date of June 2 will be used if the 9th is unavailable. As in the past, VETA will pay for the Representatives to attend and provide items for the ice cream social. Representatives should get a rough estimation of attendance from their sites so Shelley can negotiate the best deal from Scandia. Family and friends are welcome to attend. E-mail this information to Shelley Wong at Swong@vesd.net as soon as possible.
- **Elections** – Beth Fehrs, Elections Chairperson, announced that elections for the VETA offices (Vice President, Treasurer and At-Large Director) as well as NEA-RA and State Council Representative would be held April 10th. Declaration of Candidacy, timelines and other information are posted to our web site. Declarations of Candidacy must be submitted to Beth by 8:00 PM tonight. Additional members will be needed to assist in elections. Penny Edmiston, Kim Adams, Jeff Bragg, Trish Ford and Karen Bossi volunteered.

New Business

- **Melissa Timko-Miller** was congratulated on being asked to work on curriculum at the state level.
- **Field Trip Information** - Nancée would like Representatives to give her information about how field trips are planned and funded at each site.
- **General Meeting** – The next General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the End of the Year Celebration. Members do not need to pay attendance to Scandia to attend the General Meeting (and ice cream social). The Executive Board will investigate additional ways to hold General Meetings that will meet the needs of our members.

10-Minute Meeting Items:

1. VETA Scholarships are available online. Applications are also available from Site Reps. The deadline for submission is April 30.
2. Please ask members to give you information about how many people will attend the June Scandia event.
3. VETA elections will be held April 10th at the Nisqualli Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM. The motion was made by Trish Ford and seconded by Bill Meador.