

SVFT Executive Council Meeting
December 7, 2011
Minutes

President Jan Hochadel called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Reminder of attendance form and Good & Welfare sheets are in representative's packets and can be handed in at the end of the night

M/S/V to accept the minutes of the 11/09/2011 Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Greg Beyer

- Greg reviewed the **Income & Expense** report by outstanding line items: 6005 (Vice President Pay for Jan as approved at Nov. council meeting), 6070 (Fall mileage reimbursements for building reps and committee members), 6173 (Reps holiday gifts), 6250 (Network quarterly payment and service block time)
- *m/s/v* to accept Treasurer's Report subject to audit: Motion passes unanimously.

Executive Union Rep's Report: Ed Leavy

- School updates: We have two members currently on administrative leave
- Grievance and Arbitration updates: We have nine grievances to date. Two grievances – one on public discipline, one on paying for prep times used to develop a remediation plan – were heard this week and are awaiting a finding. Two more – a grievance on the decision to unilaterally push back the school calendar one day, and another on putting members on Supervisory Assistance without a negotiated plan in place – are still to be scheduled. Finally, a fifth grievance was settled by stipulated agreement when the State agreed to pay the acting DH the money he was owed.
- Final new building rep training will take place on Saturday, January 7th at the SVFT office. Any rep that would like to attend may do so.

President's Report: Jan Hochadel

- Jan discussed her meeting with Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman and Assistant Director of OPM Mark Ojakian on Tuesday, December 6th. The focus of this meeting was to discuss items that were not included in the Vo-Tech Task Force meetings. For example; the need to positively advertise our system, address the issue of the state magnet school money to fund the building of technical high schools that would compete with our system, the need to release bonded money for renovations, and other important issues.
 - On Tuesday, December 13th there is a public hearing at the Legislative Office Building at 5:00 – 8:00 pm. A notice is in your rep package. We are looking for a few members that would be willing to speak at this hearing on issues we feel should be included in the final report.
- The first General Membership Meeting of the year took place on November 1^{7th} at Wilcox. There was a quorum to conduct the meeting and vote on twenty-four of the twenty-five Constitution and By-Laws proposals, but there were not enough members present to vote on reducing the dues. A copy of the new Constitution and By-Laws will be available at our website.
- Jan pointed out a newsletter article regarding SVFT delegates. In the rep packets is the formula used by AFT-CT to determine the number of delegates allowed. We still have a number of delegate positions open if anyone would like to become a delegate.

Committee Reports:

- **Health and Safety** will visit Ellis next Monday. Please review the schedule with your administrator and alert Trade and Science instructors

- **Communication Report**
 - Tom Viola, the communications coordinator is out on sick leave for the next six weeks. Members can still email suggestions/concerns to him.
 - Please note, in the rep packets there are newsletters and VIX that should be placed in every member's mailbox
- **Scholarship Committee** has selected the next Spring Intern – Amy Beyer. This year we had two very good applicants to select from. The other applicant, Sarah, has been selected as the AFT-CT intern. Amy and Sarah will begin their internships in January and will work closely with AFT-CT lobbyist Jennifer Berigan.
- **Nominations & Elections**
 - Jan asked members to review the modified Guidelines and reminded reps that the Vice-Presidential election will be held on January 11th, so the nomination period is still open until November 11th. If another candidate decides to run, new ballots will have to be made and faxed to each building.
 - Ed reviewed the Voting Procedures
 - Jan explained that in each rep's packet was an updated voting list. As in the past, reps are asked to review the list for any errors and contact the SVFT office so changes can be made and new sheets developed prior to the election.
- **Labor Management** – our next LM meeting is Thursday, December 8th at the SVFT office. Jan congratulated Dan Thibault, who will begin working as the new transportation consultant at Central Office. Dan was a vital member of the LM committee for years, but with his new appointment, he will no longer be able to be a member of the committee. A motion was made to replace Dan Thibault with Henry McMillan m/s/v
- **Union Trade Advisory [UTAC] Committee:** The UTA committee held an informal meeting last night to discuss the mission of the committee and issues that the members felt needed to be presented at the upcoming labor management meeting. m/s/v to accept committee members

Old Business:

- The motion to accept the minutes of the October Council Meeting was tabled at the November meeting pending a review of the audio tape of the meeting. Linda explained the changes that were made to the minutes. *m/s/v* to accept the minutes of the 10/12/2011 Council Meeting

New Business:

- Jan explained the need for new computers in the SVFT office. The president's computer has a short in the mother board, and the vice-president's computer has to be restarted a few times a day as it freezes up. *m/s/v* to approve the purchase of three new computers as per the AOS quote.
- Jan introduced and thanked Mike for his report and efficient efforts of Stephanie in working with the SVFT office throughout the year.
- **SFVT Accountant's Report: Mike Maletta:** Mike explained and presented information regarding the clean audit report given to the SVFT for the fiscal year ending on August 31, 2011. Mike explained that a clean report means that our audit approval is held in high standing. *m/s/v* to approve the audit report presented by Mike Maletta for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011

Good and Welfare:

- Good and Welfare forms were collected.
- Jan wished Happy Holidays to all

Adjourned at 5:58pm *m/s/v* passed by consensus