

## December 2009 SVFT Council Meeting Summary

President Rick Tanasi called the meeting to order at 5:06PM and the Council approved the minutes of the November meeting with one minor correction.

Rick thanked everyone who lost a day due to snow for coming out tonight. He also introduced our guests, Leo Canty, Vice President AFT CT and Eric Bailey, Communications Coordinator, AFT-CT.

### **Treasurer's Report: *Greg Beyer***

- Greg reviewed the monthly Income and Expense report for November
- Mileage for the first half of 2009-2010 school year (September –December) will be paid prior to Christmas
- Line item 6030 is large as this reflects payments for Salary and Reimbursement for both October and November
- Line item 6155 reflects Legal for November and December
- Line item 6165 Miscellaneous reflects the final payment on the new Server and our secretary Valerie's new PC
- While our net operating figures show a minus balance, they do not reflect our income rebates as of today our balance is in the positive.
- Monthly report was accepted, pending audit.

### **Attorney's Report: *Barry Scheinberg, Esq.***

- 1) Arbitration settled: Employee who accepted an Administrative Transfer into a Durational Position has prevailed and deemed not a Durational Employee as Dr. Hughes contended. However, the issue of back pay (two plus years) still to be settled.
- 2) SEBAC addressed the rumors of the possibility of having to return to the bargaining table, but this has not occurred as of yet.

### **Auditor's Report: *Mike Maletta, CPA, Maletta and Company***

- Good year for the SVFT, especially in light of the overall economy
- Clean certification
- Surplus 4-5% which is very good
- Balance sheet shows gains in fixed assets
- Rebate Report reflects 14.51% to be rebated to non-participating fee payers
- COPE (Committee on Political Education) Report shows we are complying with election regulations
- MSV to accept the report from Maletta and Company for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2009. *Unanimous.*

### **Vice President's Report: Jan Hochadel**

- School Visits- visits will conclude within the next two weeks
- Teacher of the Year Award Challenge- instead of purchasing from outside vendors, Leadership proposes a contest among our schools that so that our TOY gift will be produced in the CTHSS
- PowerTeacher – people are now more comfortable, if you or your school is still having major problems, please let Jan know
- Advanced Degree Stipend - \$500/share, payable 12/18/09
- LPN crisis – Eric Bailey from AFT CT has set up an email site, “Get Active” with a form letter that can be personalized and sent to the Governor and other legislators.

### **Executive Union Rep Report: Ed Leavy**

- Seniority List has been finalized and is now on the web site
- The PE/Health and ELL/TESOL situations are being looked at
- LPN crisis – Leadership is working to keep people informed on a daily basis
- This problem has two fronts:
  - Need Increased Funding – hopefully Democratic Majority will vote to increase funding and save the program
  - Dan Livingston – working on equitable reassignments if the program cannot be saved

### **President's Report: Rick Tanasi**

- General Membership Meeting of 11/12/09 did not occur as we did not have a quorum- only five (5) members showed up
- We must get a quorum at our May Meeting in order to approve our budget
- Eli Whitney – we now have a special link on our web site dealing with the Whitney situation
- Meeting was held with approximately 70 people in attendance at Whitney to discuss the renovation and the fact that the \$98 million has disappeared from the bonding list
- There has not been a single response from any of the State Senators or State Legislators who have received our letter of inquiry
- Commission McQuillam noted that the 11/30/09 Meeting was the first ever overwhelmingly positive meeting of its kind with Management
- The Commissioner has named Rick as part of the Selection Team for our open Superintendent Position
- All candidates have submitted their paperwork and the process will move forward
- Labor/Management will meet Friday 12/11/09 at the SVFT Office
- Items for discussion:
  - \* Kaynor Model
  - \* LPN

- \* Wright Tech Transfers
- \* Sabbatical

### **Committee Reports:**

Health and Safety to meet on 12/14/09 at Ellis Tech  
Communications web site has new look, moving in a new direction

### **Old Business:**

Going Green Initiative asks that we use home emails, not paper, use the web site  
Missing five (5) emails of building reps, please contact the SVFT Office

### **New Business:**

- Executive Committee has moved to form a “Crisis Committee” regarding developments with the LPN program
- MSV to approve. *Unanimous*

### **Good and Welfare**

The Leadership of the SVFT wishes a Happy Holiday to all!

**Adjourned** Motion to adjourn at 5:49 PM was seconded and passed unanimously.