



# West Genesee Teachers' Association

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## Cabinet Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Meeting called to order: 4:05

### I. Roll Call:

<u>Executive Officers</u> John Mannion Jeanine Stables Keith Newvine	<u>East Hill</u> Heather Thome Janet McDonald	<u>Split Rock</u> Wende Ogden	<u>WGMS</u> Matt Bolha
	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Kathy Gauthier Kristen Hudson	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Winters Courtney Lyons	Mary Beth Smith
<u>CMS</u> Dale Keida Jaime Abdo	<u>High School</u> Chris Paoli		<u>Guest</u>

### II. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- a. Minutes were discussed for comments or corrections

Motion to approve minutes: Chris Paoli

Seconded: Kristen Hudson

- b. John selects Chair of Nominating committee- Keith Newvine, Seconded by Courtney Lyons.

Approved unanimously (KN abstained)

Meeting suspended for Nominating Committee 4:12pm

Meeting reconvened: 4:17pm

Results- Two people have been nominated for President: John Mannion and Sandy Sherlock

Treasurer: Mary Gotham

VP: Mary Weaver

Secretary: Jeanine Stables

Delegates for NYSRS: Mary Weaver, John Mannion

### III. Treasurer's Report (presented by John Mannion)

Sue is out. She will come in and sign as necessary, will hopefully be back at June Meeting

- a. Monthly – rent paid for May, lease comes up soon, will probably have a small increase
- b. Reimbursements for John to attend NYSUT Representative Assembly
- c. Accepted as read
- d. Audit committee will meet before next meeting

#### **IV. President's Report (John Mannion)**

- a. Elections: Keith will email a slate of candidates to be posted by Building Leaders in staff areas
- b. Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> 4pm in the HS  
General membership meeting for presentation of candidates
  - 1. Any member can be nominated from the floor at this time
  - 2. Leaders must create own ballots for election of reps and leaders.
  - 3. Executive candidate ballot will be emailed to leaders.
  - 4. Notify Keith by May 29<sup>th</sup> of who is running for building level positions.  
(See Bylaws 2-C for rules)
- c. Representative Assembly (RA)
  - 1. In general people have been very critical of new NYUST officers, but much of what is happening now is out of their hands.
  - 2. UFT is NYC union. They have the highest percentage of members; therefore they control the voting, and resolutions for the most part
  - 3. Amendment passed to raise dues- However WGTA will try to hold at same rate
- d. Friday May 15- Wear your Shirt- NYSUT day of Action. Try to get pics of you building teams.
- e. Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>- dinner on the WGTA being held to encourage other members to volunteer and support our members in any way they can. We will provide members with committee descriptions and responsibilities so they can choose one that meets their time constraints.
- f. T-shirts: let John know if members need a shirt- and particular size.
- g. NYSUT – Vote-Cope. People sometimes have a strong reaction to being asked to give more for political action. However, Charter school donations are three times the donations NYSUT gives to political campaigns. Money talks.

#### **V. Vice-President's Report (read by John)**

- a. Directing council- By Teachers for Teachers was a huge success.
- b. Teacher as Leader reception is May 26<sup>th</sup> at Drumlins
- c. SLC- May 20<sup>th</sup>, items by 4pm Monday  
Dr. Brown is frustrated by recurring times, but it is what it is. It is our vehicle to let him know the problems are not solved.

#### **VI. Vice-President for Grievances (Keith Newvine)**

- a. Online Health class pilot –John, Keith, and Dr. Brown- working on language for an MOA to create online class offered for kids who will be taking summer trip. The class will be designed and taught by WGTA member. This is to prevent future outsourcing of online school/classes to Suffolk county BOCES.
- b. Attendance Memo- There are a couple of clauses in the contract that address this
  - 1. Art 16 part F
  - 2. Artc9 Sect J part 3. Fill out paperwork. Lesson plans must be prepared and there. You should have emergency sub plans.  
This issue is over.
- c. Maria Fall is awarded a WGTA scholarship. She will be attending SUNY Cortland
- d. Motion to accept the Amendment in the bylaws (addressing rep numbers at ST)- A. Winters  
Seconded: Wende Ogden  
Motion passes.

## **VII. Building Leaders Reports**

OR Fine arts questions in regards to APPR.

ST: corporate challenge jeans money questions

EH- When is contract up? June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

K-2 teacher's are making own SLOs is unfair to 3-8 teachers

Sick Bank is needed by Megan Auge:

Motion, Heather Thome,

Seconded: Janet McDonald

Sick Bank approved, and will be posted

Still questions about subs- why not a service?

SR- nothing

WGMS- none

CMS- teachers would like maternity leave language in contract

HS- questions about next contract

Motion to Adjourn: Chris Paoli

Seconded: Courtney Lyons

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:45pm**

Copied from the By-Laws:

**C. Elections:**

The procedure for the Nomination and Election of Executive Officers shall be as follows:

1. A slate of Executive Officers shall be prepared by a Nomination Committee. Said Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, six of whom shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Cabinet. The seventh member of the Committee shall be the Immediate Past President of the Association. In the event that the Immediate Past President is unable to serve in this capacity, the seventh member shall be elected by the Cabinet.
2. The President of the Association shall call the first meeting of the Nomination Committee and shall preside and be present only until a Chairperson is elected.
3. The slate of Candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee shall be posted in all schools fifteen (15) days prior to the election.
4. At least five (5) days prior to the election a General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of presenting the Candidates nominated by the Committee. At this time, nominations may be made from the floor.
5. The election of Executive Officers shall be held not later than June 15. All Executive Officers shall be elected by written ballot in each school. A majority vote of the members casting ballots shall constitute and decide an election. All election procedures shall be in conformance with applicable State and Federal Law.