

May 17 Rep Council Meeting Minutes

3:30-5:00 @ Jepson library

Members present – Moira McSweeney, Alyson Brauning, Brenda Hensley, Corey Penrose, Sylvia Aquino, Todd Blanset, Karen Peters, Tracey Begley, Sofia Calderon, Megan Morris, Mike Ensley, Tammy Parker, AnnMarie Woehler, Russ Tucker, Julie McGee, Linda Covey, Mark Richardson, Cyndi Marshall, Helen Blood, Becky Wylie, Jenni Brown, Glen Branaman, Jouli Jara, Erin Gordon, Chris Fickes, Julie Timmerman-Rodrigues, Kiley Walen, Michelle Fraser, Scott Bassett, Miranda Kiley

Members absent – Samantha Dubs, Sharon Riehl, Dawn Waid, Karen Beeby, Lotty Chavez-Anemoto, Lisa Cusi, Gregg Gallagher, Cathy Valdez, Matt Benham, Greg Gmahling, Cindy Bray

1)- Approval of the minutes – the minutes were approved

2) - Approval of the agenda – the agenda was approved, with flexibility

3) - President's report – Moira reported on the following:

- **Retirees** – congratulations to Linda Covey and Ann Kubler for their years of service!
- **WHO** – congratulations to Mike Ensley and Tracey Begley, our 2016 WHO winners!
- **Emerging leaders training** – is tomorrow night at Jepson from 3:30 to 6:30 at the Jepson library! Please come and bring a friend!
- **Fall Instructional Leadership Conference Survey** – is live and can be [found here](#).
- **Joint Healthcare training on May 10th** – was discussed and plans for the fall were shared with council. A hospital evaluation tool from this class will be available at vacateachers.org.
- **Thank you for your service!** – the first rep council meeting of 16-17 will be on October 23rd.

4) - Treasurer's report – after reviewing the financials and the treasurer's report, it was approved.

Motion – approve the 2016-2017 VTA budget – seconded and approved

The report finished with a reminder to not send Brenda reimbursements over inner-district mail, send them to her home address.

5) - Committee/Chair reports:

Action – Corey reported on the following:

- **California Children’s Education and Health Care Protection Act** – should be coming to ballot near you. For more information, please go [here](#).
- **Member organizing survey** – is ongoing and can be found [here](#)
- **Loan products exclusive to you** – can be [found here](#).
- **Press release for our scholarship winners** – has been prepared and sent to Richard Bammer. He will embargo the story until the 20th. I will also accept an award from CTA on Richard Bammer’s behalf for his continued outstanding coverage of K-12 education in our community.
- **NBI’s for the June council** – will be filed after the Board meeting tomorrow when, I expect, the source for these goes live. Jerry will also be contacting me about strategy for the Redwood dues.

Bargaining – After reviewing the latest bargaining report, which can be found [here](#), Brenda discussed the potential impacts of the May budgetary revise on our negotiations. The next bargaining session is scheduled for this Friday.

Grievance – Sylvia reported that we had one more non-reelect. She also reminded reps that, if you’re not sure if you’re going to be returning in 16-17, be sure not sign the form distributed by the Human Resources offices declaring your intention to return. The report finished with a discussion of who will replace Sylvia as the grievance chair, balance in student assignments and notification of assignments for next year. The section of the contract covering teacher notification of teaching assignments is 7.2.

Equity Team – none

Health Care – none

Labor Council – Corey reported on the following:

- **Political activism with the CLC** – can be found [here](#). Please attend and encourage the folks at your site to attend and help some good people get elected. Here’s a note from the CLC field coordinator, Justin Bailey.

I just wanted to let everyone know that our Thursday night phone banks are the most in need of staffing. Thursdays the labor council calls out of Teamsters local 315 in Vallejo from 5 pm to 8 pm. If you or any of your members are looking for an opportunity to phone bank, that would be a great night. Also, we usually have some spots open in our Wednesday phone banks at the Operating Engineers local 3 in Fairfield. However, that phone bank is cancelled for this week but will be open again next week. Please contact me at justinforjobsnslc@gmail.com with any questions.

- **Positions with the CLC board** – will be voted upon tomorrow. If you'd like to be part of a Central Labor Council representing 40,000 working men and women in Napa and Solano Counties, please be at 4751 Central Way, Fairfield, CA 94534 at 5 pm.

Member Engagement – Alyson reported on the great successes of the 16-17 member outreach campaign. Pictures from the day of the teacher at STARS can be found [here](#). The report finished with a general discussion of the emerging leaderships training on Wednesday and goals for the membership engagement program for 16-17.

Motion – Donate \$100 to the Markham Ballet Folklorico – seconded and approved

PAC – Corey, Tracey and Mike reported on the following:

- **Election resources** – can be found [here](#), please review and share them with your members
- **Garamendi Basque BBQ** – was a great event and we were represented by Mike Ensley
- **Bernie Sanders** – will be speaking on the Vallejo waterfront on Wednesday at seven pm. If you're interested, [click here](#)
- **CLC endorsements and letters to our members** – after reviewing the endorsement list, which can be found [here](#), the following motion was made:

Motion – endorse the CLC slate for the June election and give the CLC permission to contact our members about these endorsements – seconded and approved

Special Ed – some issues with reporting were shared with rep council and some questions about the process were asked and answered.

Leave Bank and Julie Davis Scholarship – Ann reported that Christine Williams will be taking over these committee for 16-17. The report finished with discussion of the time requirements of the committee assignments.

Membership – Miranda distributed the updated membership cards. Members were asked to return the membership cards ASAP.

6)- Business - none

7) - Conference reports - none

8) – Other – Glen updated rep council on the smoke alarm install on Saturday. Pictures from the event will be posted at vacteachers.org. A press release will be prepared for this event as

well.

9) – Raffle – a ten dollar gift card for Starbucks and Target were won by Chris Fickes and Mike Ensley.

10) – Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm

Respectfully submitted, Corey Penrose

