**Executive Committee Meeting**

**01/11/2016**

**Call to Order:** Rhonda called to order the meeting at 4:18pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kelly Modlich moved the acceptance of December’s minutes. It was seconded by Molly Wassmuth and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**: David Johnston moved to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Fred Noel. David then discussed some line items on the budget. There were no questions. The motion was passed.

**Communications:**

1. There is a Bargaining Conference in Feb. There will be 4 WEA members asked to attend as an extension of our OEA one-on-one conversations. Those attending will be specifically chosen, for example, our Crisis Committee Chair.
2. Sick Bank Request: Many members have already offered to contribute. Thank you for your generosity. That member has enough now, but there might be another request or two being made.

**Building Reports:**

Pointview: Construction is behind schedule. Second through 5th grade teachers are not required to move their items over spring break, however the construction company will move the items. Will there be time for teachers to acclimate to their surroundings before they must administer the tests the following Thursday? There is concern for teachers not having adequate time to unpack.

OTES: Can a teacher ask for another evaluator for OTES? Rhonda will speak directly to the teacher involved. When are rankings posted? The final summative rating will be online (eTPES) on or before May 10th. There is a way to see the progress after each cycle. But, it might cause undue concern.

**Committee Report:**

1. Legislative: The FCPE Drive will be kicking off in February. Rhonda has asked Kevin Griffin if there was an updated video. Once all the information is organized, she will inform you when the drive officially begins. The WEA member lists from HR and the Treasurer’s office are not the same as to whom is in what building. You will know which teacher has given by payroll deduction. That’s private information. Please contact those not on that list and ask for at least $1 per paycheck. Approach those who are already on the list to see if they want to increase their donation. Last year 28.5% of our members contributed through payroll deductions, but some of those retired. The money goes to political action for candidates who are pro-public education at the national, state and local level. The percentage of members donating is used by OEA and Central OEA/NEA to determine the amount of grant money that can be reimbursed to us. The higher our percentage of donors, the more the BEL grant can be awarded. This year, WEA has been reimbursed $40,000. Our percentage is above the state average, but not close to what we’d like to see. If you know someone who is in 2 buildings AND not on your building’s list, reach out to the Fac Rep at that second building to see if that teacher has donated through that building. The 2 Fac Reps can coordinate which building gets “credit” for that member for the Fac Rep Incentive. Let your members know that an additional $0.10 administrative fee is added and has been in place for years. We prefer members to contribute by continuous payroll deduction. New teachers that signed up haven’t yet had money deducted, but will be listed as already giving. Their deductions will start when the updated information can be given to HR along with all the changes after the upcoming drive.

1. Elections: NEA delegate deadlines
2. The RA is in Washington DC July 2nd through the 7th. If you are interested in attending as a state delegate, please let Rhonda know ASAP. She will give you a form to submit to OEA. **That form is due to OEA by Jan. 30th**. A state delegate will be given a stipend by OEA to attend the RA. **Also let Angie Lee** know that you are running as a state delegate so your name will appear on both the OEA and WEA ballot. Encourage all members to think about being a delegate.
3. If you are interested in attending as a Westerville EA local delegate, **let Angie Lee know by Feb. 19th.** The only difference between being an OEA and WEA delegate is who pays your stipend. There are 3 or 4 state delegates for electoral unit **Central 1** and 7 from Westerville EA.
4. Either way, the first obligation is to attend the NEA Delegate Briefing on Sat., June 4th. If you are a first time delegate, you will have a mentor to help you.

**Old Business:**

1. Information requested: If you have not yet done so, please let Rhonda know the following information ASAP:
2. Number of Contracts requested
3. Preferred Communication for WEA/OEA communications: Home or School email?
4. Professional Day in August: Where do you want it?
5. OEA Conversation:
   1. Rhonda is in the process of setting up the Professional Development sessions that were requested by WEA members. Remind members that these are not being required by the district, but are a response from member request during OEA’s visits.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Announcements:** None at this time.

**Drawing:** Winners this month are Molly Wassmuth, Kate McClary and Scott Paynter

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 8th, 2016

The motion to adjourn was made by Michele Bertus, seconded by Amanda Koenig and passed.