

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
May 14, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the April 9, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robert Sanchez and seconded by Beth Ford. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the April 2019 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Emily Swanson. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd presented the Trial balance through April 30, 2019.
 - Todd presented the WITA Budget Proposal for 2019-2020. A motion to accept the budget proposal as presented was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Wendy Passero. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd presented the WITA Dues breakdown for 2019-2020. A motion to accept the report was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Emily Swanson. The motion was approved by all.
 - A motion to donate \$200.00 to the Senior Class for a Safe Party and \$200.00 to the Junior Class for a Class Event was made by Todd Fleming and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The motion was approved by all.
 - A motion to donate a \$100.00 Gift Card to the Riesenberger Family was made by Todd Fleming and seconded by John Perry. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Scott presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from the April 11, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. The next Board of Education Meeting will be May 16, 2019 at Dake.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that there are still three new hires we are in the process of signing up.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are currently no grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that VOTE/COPE donations are coming in, and reminded members if you are not changing your payroll deduction donation, you do not need to return any paperwork. Julie thanked Communication and Building Reps for distributing materials. Scott thanked Julie for her hard work with the VOTE/COPE campaign.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy reported on recent political and legislative action. Tammy reminded members that NYSUT would be hosting phone banks for the upcoming Budget Vote on May 15 and May 16.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott announced that Jane Beamish was elected to a 2-year NYSTRS delegate position in an uncontested race.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no new PTSA information at this time.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Wendy Passero reminded Members that the deadline to purchase tickets for the May 21, 2019 Excellence in Education Banquet is May 15, 2019.
 - Scott announced that the WITA Constitution and Bylaws Revisions Referendum failed to pass. A motion to hold a revote in June was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Julie Wolf. The motion was approved by all.
 - Scott announced that the recent WITA Officer Elections were uncontested. Scott thanked Colleen Vay for her work as Elections Chair.
 - Scott reminded Members that the Budget Vote will be held on May 21, 2019. WITA is endorsing two board candidates: Matthew Fink and Matthew Sullivan. Lawn signs are out, and postcards will be sent reminding members to vote. Phone Banks will be held on May 15 and May 16 to get the word out.

- Scott presented the proposed 2020 Negotiations Team. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Mary Theresa Boerman and seconded by Robert Sanchez. The motion was approved by all.
- Scott presented the 2019-2020 meeting dates and the tentative VP and Rep list. Please let your Building VP or Scott know if you do not want to continue in your current position.
- Scott announced that the “drop” window during which Union members can elect to cancel their membership will take place from August 1-31, 2019. To prepare for the drop window, we will be asking Building Reps to have 1:1 conversations with members in May and June about what they can expect from Anti-Union groups prior to the drop window. Talking points to be used during these conversations will be coming soon from Julie Wolf.
- Scott, Julie Wolf, and Todd Fleming attended the NYSUT Local Presidents Conference and Representative Assembly in May. The conference included information on the role of Unions as a positive force of change. The recent State Testing problems were also discussed.
- Emily Swanson announced that everyone had a good time at the recent I-Square Social Event. Look for a survey in September about possible future Social Events. Scott thanked the Social Committee for their work.
- Scott thanked Julie Wolf for coordinating the recent Food Drive competition with the East Irondequoit Teachers. East Irondequoit won the “competition” with over 800 pounds of donations. WITA members donated more than 575 pounds of food and other items. Scott thanked Building and Communication Reps for helping with the Food Drive.
- Scott met with Dr. Johnson on April 22, 2019. They will meet next on May 20, 2019.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the last issue of The Scoop at the end of May.

XII. Building Issues: No building issues were discussed today.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- BOE Phone Banks on May 15, 2019 and May 16, 2019 from 4-7 PM at NYSUT-30 N. Union Street
- BOE Tenure Recognition on May 16, 2019 at 7:00 at Dake
- Board Election and Budget Vote on May 21, 2019
- Excellence in Education Banquet on May 21, 2019 at Glendoveers
- 11/12 Awards Night and Scholarship Presentation on May 28, 2019 at IHS at 7:00
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on June 4, 2019 at 3:30-location TBD
- WITA Logo Shirt Day on June 7, 2019

XIV. A motion to adjourn until September 17, 2019 was made by Alex Croll and seconded by Suzanne Frank. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary