

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
September 18, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott welcomed all new and returning members. Introductions were made. Scott circulated summer correspondence.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the May 8, 2018 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Robert Sanchez. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - A motion to table the August 2018 treasurer's report until the October Governing Council meeting was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Maureen Monaghan. The motion was approved by all.
 - The WITA Final Budget for 2017-2018 was reviewed.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summaries from May 10, June 21, July 10, and August 16, (2018).
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be September 20, 2018 at Dake.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate thanked all those that attended the New Member Event. Over 30 new hires were signed up at the breakfast. Kate asked that members let her know of any new hires. Scott noted that Building/Communications Reps should refer to the orange "Union Membership Categories" paper to understand the difference between members and non-members. Scott also asked Building/Communications Reps to make sure that enrollment forms stay with them when signing up new members.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are no grievances at this time.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that we able to sign up 26 new members for VOTE/COPE at the New Member Breakfast. VOTE/COPE information will be sent to retirees in the near future.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy explained her role as Legislative/Political Action Chair. Tammy attends monthly Labor Council Meetings as well as representing WITA in Albany at the Committee of 100. Scott thanked Tammy for her work as Chair.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane asked members to contact her with any retirement related questions.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that she would be attending the first PTSA meeting today, September 18, 2018. Scott encouraged WITA members to join PTSA.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott reviewed WITA goals with Governing Council Members. Scott reviewed information regarding important dates, lists of Building Reps, the Constitution, and the 2018 Lunch Visit Schedule with Governing Council Members.
 - Scott will send Faculty Meeting Announcements to Building VPs and Communication Reps. These Announcements are for members only and should be delivered after the Faculty Meeting has concluded.
 - Scott announced that Master Schedules and Building Rep breakdown lists are still needed from several buildings.
 - Scott announced that NYSUT calendars are still available. If you would like one, please contact Scott.
 - Scott and Julie explained about the free Labor Film Series tickets.
 - Scott announced that the NYSUT Regional Summer Conference was primarily about how to sign up new members in the post-Janus era.
 - Scott announced that Negotiations are at impasse. The first meeting with mediation will be on October 1, 2018.

- Scott announced that the first meeting of the Joint Action Committee will be September 20, 2018 in the IHS faculty cafeteria.
- Kate announced that the first WITA social committee event will be at 3 Heads Brewery on September 21, 2018.
- Scott announced that the WIF will hold a cornhole tournament on October 12, 2018. A motion to sponsor up to 3 WITA teams for a total of up to \$300.00 was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Howard Dutton. The motion was approved by all. If you are interested in participating please contact Scott. If you plan on attending as part of the “cheering section”, please wear WITA shirts.
- Scott announced that the Making Strides Walk is on October 14, 2018. Tammy Jaynes and Jane Beamish are co-chairs. More information will be emailed soon. If you cannot attend the walk, please consider making a donation. Based on our Pink WITA Shirt fundraiser, a \$565 contribution will be made to Making Strides as 113 shirts were ordered.
- Scott announced that NYSUT will hold a Fall Regional Conference on October 27, 2018. This replaces the January Conference. Scott will email the registration link to Governing Council Members. All are welcome to attend.
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be May 21, 2019. Iroquois is hosting.
- Scott asked that members please email him Wedding and Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott will be meeting with Mr. Crane on September 24, 2018.
- Marty thanked Scott and Kate for their work in retaining our membership levels at more than 99%.

XII. Building Issues: Several building issues were discussed today.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- Joint Action Committee Meeting on September 20, 2018 at IHS faculty cafeteria at 3:30
- New Probationary Teacher Recognition at BOE meeting on September 20, 2018 at Dake at 7:00
- WITA Social Event at 3 Heads Brewing on September 21, 2018 at 4:00
- Negotiations Mediation at District Office on October 1, 2018 at 3:00
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting at WITA Office on October 2, 2018 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships on October 5, 2018
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria on October 9, 2018 at 3:30
- NYSUT ED 5/6 Meeting at RIT Inn and Conference Center on October 11, 2018
- WIF Cornhole Tournament on October 12, 2018
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier Field on October 14, 2018
- NYSUT Regional Fall Conference at Rochester Hyatt on October 27, 2018

XIV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Mark Pringle. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary