

Spring Lake Park Teachers United Executive Committee Meeting

September 21, 2022 - 4:30 PM

In Person Meeting

Present

Scott Smith, President

Kari Walton, Treasurer

Mariah Nosich, Secretary

Andrew Walsh, Membership Chair

Jamie Ramirez, High School Rep

Kelsey Cassidy, High School Rep

Whitney Worwa, CV Rep

Mary Strohmayr, PT Rep

Samantha Waibel, WC Rep

Kristine Powell, WW 7-8 Rep

Blair Hanson, Members Rights

Guest

Erin Azer, EdMN Rep

Marcy Plevell, stand in EC/ABE Rep

Absent

Stephanie Sandvik, EC/ABE Rep

Doug Cox, WW 5-6 Rep

Secretary's Report: Mariah Nosich

At our October 26th Meeting, we will vote on approval of the Minutes from today's September 22nd meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kari Walton

A few checks were returned and voided in instances where union commitments were not completed. The money was a part of a grant and has been returned to EdMN. Moving forward, ask in advance if the work has been completed to approve payment.

The budget will be finalized at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Motion was made to increase dues, following state and nation increase. Motion carried. Dues raised \$0.56 with no increase to our local dues.

Membership Report: Andy Walsh

At the time of the meeting, 38 new teachers and 35 returning teachers are not members. A total of 73 out of roughly 430 teachers. Potential members have the option to sign up online or via paper copy. Andy has given each building representative paper copies and a list of potential members.

<https://www.educationminnesota.org/member-benefits/join-us/New-member>

Reminder for new staff, dues are taken out of each paycheck starting October 30th through June 15th.

Community Action for Public Education (CAPE): Samantha Waibel

CAPE is seeking new members, if you are interested please reach out to Samantha Waibel or Scott Smith. The newsletter will continue this school year. Expect to see it in an email and printed in each staff workroom.

Education Minnesota:

Erin Azer is the new field representative for Spring Lake Park Teachers Union. She is new to Education Minnesota, prior to this role she has been a High School English teacher. Her position can be described as a liaison between the local president and the greater EdMN Union.

Expect to hear more about Campaigns and Voting from EdMN this Fall.

SLPTU BUSINESS:

Approve New Positions on the Executive Committee

Motion made and approved to welcome:

Jamie Ramirez, High School Rep

Kelsey Cassidy, High School Rep

Open positions: Northpoint Representative and Vice President.

For more information contact Scott Smith or an SLPTU EC member.

Set Meeting Schedule

This year the Executive Committee will follow a hybrid schedule with meetings both online and in person. Each meeting is at 4:30pm. All of the following is subject to change.

Wednesday, October 26th - in-person meeting

Wednesday, November 16th - virtual

Wednesday, December 21st - virtual

Wednesday, January 18th - in-person meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd - TBD

Wednesday, March 22nd - TBD

Wednesday, April 19th - TBD

Wednesday, May 17th - TBD

Building Reports

The following questions were brought to building representatives from members. Follow up will occur at the building level or at the next meeting.

- When do teachers get paid for splitting? What if prep is missed?
- Curriculum Night - different at each building, more info needed
- Trimester Overviews are being shared with families at some buildings
- Proposal to pilot a Retirement Information Session at the High School to share with teachers within 15 years of retirement. If successful, this is to be replicated at other buildings.

Discuss New Communication Model

All SLPTU Communication will come from building representatives. A communication plan is being developed related to the website and contacting members via personal communication methods.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, October 26th - in-person meeting

Wednesday, November 16th - virtual

General Membership Meeting date - Coming Soon

Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Mariah Nosich, Secretary