

Notes

DATE: March 24, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Carriage House, Foothill



CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Blanche Monary declared that **a quorum was not present**, so there was no official meeting. The following discussion ensued:

Board Members Present

Blanche Monary, Al Guzman, Art Hand, Ray Sarria, Shelley Schreiber, Renato Tuazon

Regrets

John Bartch, Bill Baldwin, Annette Perez, Reza Kazempour, Patience McHenry, Olivia Patlan, Mary Clark-Tillman, Annette Perez

Guest(s) Present

Bradley Booth, Monica Sain

CLOSED SESSION

NO REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC SESSIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Unable to approve minutes for Feb. 24 meeting due to lack of quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Blanche filled in for Annette Perez

We have lost about \$2000.00 per month in revenue due to loss of staff (and hence, loss of dues).

Business Checking - PAC	\$ 0 (closed as of March 15)
Business Checking - Business	\$23,057.75
Savings	\$224,409.73
TOTAL	\$247,409.73

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made in today's session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

REPORTED BY BLANCHE

An update on the deductible issue (some people may have overpaid their deductibles): The District has now decided it doesn't want to pay the \$1200 for UHC's investigation of possible overpayment of employees' deductibles. This is surprising given the fact that it could potentially cost the District more later if they choose to skip the investigation (and instead risk a possible arbitration).

Blanche said we can afford to pay half the cost, but it is not advisable per Bradley Booth. ACE is the only union to investigate this issue. This could be because: A) This is not a big issue, or B) People are not aware these charges are not their responsibility.

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NEW BUSINESS

REPORTED BY *BLANCHE*

The Board brought up another healthcare issue: many employees on the PPO are being charged the family rate for self + one coverage (e.g., covering a spouse).

Negotiator elections were accidentally set up to only allow one vote for FH instead of two. We decided to discard the votes and start over with new voting after Bradley C. fixed the glitch.

Election committee: set up and ready to go.

Blanche suggested that Board members serving on additional committees do the following: have the committees invite ACE to their meetings via MeetingMaker, so we can know when/where other committees' meetings are.

We will need to appoint a new VP to replace Shelley if she wins the negotiator election.

Bradley B. and Blanche visited The West Valley-Mission Community College District in order to advise about their possible de-cert. from SEIU.

Reza, Blanche, and Mary may file a grievance about the shared governance situation.

WISCONSIN/MICHIGAN

REPORTED BY *BLANCHE*

Michigan is really a mess - they've already appointed new fiscal managers.

Anti-union sentiment is spreading across the U.S.: even though California is unlikely to lose its unions anytime soon, it's still an issue to be concerned about. A meeting ("War on the Working Class") is scheduled for 12pm on March 31.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

April 24 Foothill College Carriage House 1pm - Closed Session 1:30pm - Open Session

_____ Date: _____
Blanche Monary, ACE President,
ACE Board Meeting Chair

_____ Date: _____
Monica Sain
ACE Recorder