Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

February 9, 2016

Majors Restaurant

10 AM – 12:30 PM

Attendees:

Bob Anthony
Jens Nielsen
Ken Piwowar
Mary Jeans
Michael Gong
Carol Bibly
Bob Witherspoon

1. Jens stated the speaker for the April 19 luncheon would be Linda Brookhart executive director of SUAA.
   a. Jens will develop the topic for the speech and send it to Bob A and also Ken P.
   b. There was some discussion on what the topic should include such as: The Cullerton Plan and Governor Bruce Rauner’s statement which was made in the State of the State speech; How the CIP is affected or not affected by the AFSCME Contract; and any current legislative events which may be on the burner which we should be concerned with.
   c. There was a question on the cost of the April 19 luncheon. The minutes were reviewed and it was determined the cost would be $13.00 and the difference would be made up by TCAA. Jens stated he was having lunch at the restaurant on Saturday and would double check our cost and get back to Bob A and also Ken P. This way it may be posted on our website and help Bob A prepare the announcement to be emailed out to members by Mary J and also a hard copy sent out by Carol B to members who are not on our email list.

2. Mary mentioned we should consider a TCAA page on Facebook and possibly Twitter. This is a great idea and Mary stated she has experience in doing this and would be happy to do for TCAA. Everyone was truly happy Mary is part of our organization and with her expertise we hopefully may recruit more members.

3. Recruitment discussion:
a. Jens has spoken with Linda Brookhart on several occasions and she suggested Jens, Michael and her to set up an appointment with the president, Mary Rita..., and see if we can get some head way at Triton. Carol suggested we do this as soon as possible. Jens and Michael stated they would consider this and communicate with each other on this matter.

b. Jens asked the question about part-timers being members of TCAA and none of us had an answer; thus Jens will contact Linda Brookhart and ask.

c. There was a discussion on having a presence on campus somehow.
   i. Have a room, possibly the Oak Room, where we could be for staff to come and learn about TCAA and SUAA.
   ii. Have a table in the cafeteria area.
   iii. Have the presence the first or second week of each month and we could shift the times so the executive board members could share this responsibility. Carol mentioned this would only encompass about 6 or 7 months out of the year.
   iv. Being a speaker on faculty orientation day or have a table with information, literature and executive board members there to answer any questions.
   v. Being a speaker for the in-service meetings for classified as well as Mid-management staff. If not a speaker, set up tables to have literature, information and executive members could be there to answer any questions.
   vi. Carol mentioned each of us should reach out to at least one member via letter, phone call, email and attempt to recruit them for the TCAA. She will develop a primary letter which each of us could modify to fit our needs for the individual we will mail it out to. If it is a letter, Carol has some brochures from SUAA which she could send the writer and it could be mailed to them. Addresses would be just their name, department and Triton College. Individual email addresses may be found on Triton's website. Carol would develop a brief process on what to do and how to do it to help everyone be on the same page and feel comfortable in accomplishing this task.
   vii. We all agreed recruiting is not just one individuals job, but all of our jobs to help the recruiting director to be successful in their journey to recruit more members.

4. Jens mentioned that somehow we have to let individuals know we are not a Union, but an independent organization which helps to support the mission of SURS to protect our rights for health insurance and pensions.

5. Bob A spoke about the upcoming newsletter:
   a. All materials should be forwarded to Bob A by March 1.
   b. Bob A will develop the announcement for the Spring luncheon and send it to Carol and Mary for distribution by the middle of March. (At least one month prior to the April 19 Luncheon.)
   c. It was explained Mary will be taking over the sending out of items via email from this point on.
   d. The newsletter would be sent to Mary for the email list and Carol for the hard copy to be mailed out by the first part of April.

6. The next executive meeting will be on March 8 at 10 AM at Majors.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Respectively submitted by Bob Witherspoon