**TACOMA FEDERATION OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS LOCAL 461**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**January 24, 2022**

**Meeting called to order by First Vice President Gillian Reese at 5:38 pm**. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this was a virtual meeting held via Zoom.

**Welcome**. 24 members were present.

**Approval of Minutes. A motion was made and seconded** that October 25, 2021 meeting minutes be approved as presented. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED**. Reminder that the November meeting was the contract ratification, and no meeting was held in December.

**Finance Report** Treasurer Laura Robyn presented a monthly financial report for the past two months.

**Communications:** Liz Walle reminded that updates can be found on website and Facebook group.

**Membership Report**: Elizabeth Holland was not present.

**AFT WA:** Our new AFT WA Union Organizing Representative, Gissel Uribe, was introduced. Gissel did a brief introduction.

**AFT WA Legislative Report:**  Anna-Marie Magdelena explained her new role at AFT WA as the Political Organizer. She talked about upcoming legislative matters and introduced Anitra Wise, a TFESP member and building rep. coordinator, who recently testified before the legislature related to forgiveness of student debt. Article can be found at: https://www.thestand.org/2022/01/sb-5847-would-improve-access-to-public-service-loan-forgiveness/

**Pierce County Central Labor Council**: Gillian announced that she has recently joined the PCCLC.

**Nominations and Elections**: Gillian reported that we are in need of members of a Nominations and Elections Committee for our upcoming elections in April. Many positions will need to be filled. Also, our secretary, Rhonda Stinson, has resigned from TFESP as she has received a new job and she will be a member of TEA. We may need to hold a special election for that position.

**Short Update on the New Contract**: Gillian gave a brief update. We have been told that the raises and retroactive pay will be paid in the February 4 paycheck. A Q & A session was held, with bargaining team members answering questions to the best of their ability. Questions specific to the pay amount were referred to Payroll Department.

**Good of the Order**: There was nothing for the Good of the Order tonight.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Walle, filling in as Secretary