**TACOMA FEDERATION OF PARAEDUCATORS LOCAL 461**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**May 21, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT KATHY UNRUH AT 4:35 p.m.**  Kathy announced that President Barb Randall-Saleh would be unable to attend this meeting. Due to the fact that Barb advised at the last minute that she would be unable to attend, we did not have an agenda available for this meeting.

**Elections:** It was requested that nominees’ speeches and elections be postponed until at least 5:15 p.m. to give other members an opportunity to arrive and/or be nominated from the floor. It was announced that our Bylaws state that nominations will take place at the April meeting. **A** **MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED** to suspend our Bylaws for this meeting to allow for additional nominees. After much discussion, it was decided to table this motion briefly while we review minutes from last month’s meeting. **MOTION TABLED.**

**Reading of Minutes**: **A MOTION WAS MADE AND** **SECONDED** that the minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting be approved as presented. Two amendments were proposed to the minutes: Diane Hollstrom moved that the wording in the minutes be changed to read: “Member Diane Hollstrom took the floor to convey some concerns of other members. A brief discussion was held regarding these concerns, after which the floor was opened for nominations.” (Underlined is amended language). Member Jenny Fowler moved that the following sentence be added to the minutes: “Barb stated that we are not closing the nominations so that nominations can be accepted at the May meeting.” **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS AMENDED, APPROVED**.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Laura Robyn presented an Income and Expense Statement and answered questions. Members asked for, and were provided with, a copy of the Balance Sheet. **A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED** to approve the financial report as presented. **MOTION PASSED**.

**Elections**: The prior motion was re-opened: “**MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED** to suspend our Bylaws for this meeting to allow for additional nominees.” After a lengthy discussion the **MOTION FAILED**. Nominees were now given time for a three-minute presentation to the membership, after which ballots were distributed. Ballots were counted by Jennifer Burnham and Charles Steimle with observers including Jenny Fowler, Jana Quiocho and Katy Brown. The count was validated. The newly-elected officers are:

Sergeant of Arms: TINA ISAKSON

Treasurer: LAURA ROBYN

Building Rep. No. 1: ELIZABETH DOUGLAS

President: GLORY TICHY

**Note**: Due to the unexpected absence of our President, Barb Randall-Saleh, no updates or office reports were made at this meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Walle, Secretary