



General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021 via Zoom

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Zoom meeting called to order @ 4:31pm (Marty)

- II. Roll Call – shall be done via Zoom**
 - a. 47 participants including Tony Vega (Education MN Rep.)

- III. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. APPROVED without objection

- IV. Approval of Minutes from November meeting**
 - a. APPROVED without objection

- V. Welcome**

- VI. Reports**
 - a. Treasurer
 - i. Monthly finance report (Dave Donnelly – Treasurer)
 1. Balances to reflect invoice for UTSWC Officers RELEASE TIME
 - ii. Audit update
 1. Meeting at Ed MN/UTSWC Offices Friday January 29
 - b. Membership
 - i. As of January 13 we have 1375 members, 73 non
 1. 5 preschool teachers are being laid off
 - c. Member Rights
 - i. Letters of intent for leaves/retirements due February 15th – final on March 15th
 - ii. Accommodation requests
 - iii. Transfer
 1. ULAs are likely for this Spring.
 2. More transfer information and updates in the form of a PowerPoint is forthcoming from Marty.
 3. Marty, Lisa and Nathan are meeting to look deeper into transfer.
 - d. Negotiations
 - i. Preschool contract getting very close

- ii. Setting up team
 - 1. TBD. Question about School Board Member(s) needing to be on negotiations
- e. Government Relations
 - i. MN Session started early January
 - ii. New Congress started January 20
 - iii. Virtual lobby days
 - iv. Unity campaign
 - v. Next budget forecast is in February

- [“Due North” is Gov. Walz’s education initiative.](#)
- Dr. Jill Biden met with both Nat’l Union Presidents.

VII. Information/Discussion Items

- a. COVID
- b. Vaccines
 - i. MN “Pilot” project 15,000 vaccines for MN schools @ Excel Center starts 1-26-21 for select school staff. 833 got ~800 appointments. Staff notified by email/call.
- c. Budget Adjustments
 - i. School Board needing to cut \$18M over three years starting with \$12M this year
 - ii. Voted to NOT close Crestview and to cut 8 of 16 Reading Recovery positions as well as other people and programs for \$9-10M
- d. Voting for Ed Mn Rep Convention Delegates in February (convention is end of April and will be virtual)
 - i. Look for a message from Marty concerning delegate selection
- e. Voting for NEA Rep Assembly Delegates in February (convention is end of June/early July and will be virtual)
 - i. Look for a message from Marty concerning delegate selection
- f. Nominations for UTSWC President and Vice President (two year term starting July 1st of 2021) will be at the February 22 general membership meeting. You must be in attendance to nominate or accept a nomination.
- g. Dave Nitti Scholarship
 - i. Nick – 3 X \$500.00, message forthcoming
- h. Teamsters Local 120 Strike at Marathon in St. Paul Park
 - i. Marty in contact with Regional Labor Federation
 - ii. Opportunities to help picket
 - iii. UTSWC donation a possibility
- i. Upcoming workshops for members
 - i. Planning for Retirement
 - 1. ESI online workshops

VIII. Other Items

IX. Adjournment

- a. @5:45 (Marty)