

California School Employee Association

Yosemite-Coarsegold Chapter 698

Membership Meeting: Tuesday, April 10th

Location: Coarsegold Cafeteria

Call to Order: 5:35 by Danielle Vawter



New Business:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Cheryl Aiery moved to approve January minutes revision. Valerie Shaffer Seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
2. Liane Daniels moved to approve March Minutes. Suzi Rasmussen Seconds. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**

B. Treasurers Report

1. Consuelo Mercier reported that all funds may still need to be consolidated. She will need to meet with Mickie Smith, but she believes that there is ~\$600.00 in additional funds in the old Coarsegold/Rivergold account.
2. The Yosemite-Coarsegold account contains **\$1,329.27.**
3. With the combined balances, the total would be ~\$2,000.00.

C. Insurance Committee

1. Following the insurance committee meetings, Danielle Vawter made the decision to dissolve the committee.
2. We will set up presentations with SISC and CVT, and relay the dates of said presentations to the membership. Information about PERS will also be provided to the membership. Following the presentations, the information will be compiled and compared. An insurance meeting will be held to discuss any concerns or questions that people may have. Following this, the membership will vote on insurance and the outcome will dictate the steps to follow.
3. Already, prior to the presentations, information has been provided.
What We Know:
 - a. PERS would be a tremendous cost to the district, and for that reason it would be an unrealistic option. The information will still be provided.
 - b. CVT believes that their rates will remain the same.
 - c. SISC information has not been released.
 - d. Kaiser is expected to go up by a significant amount across the board, although the exact figures are unknown at this time.
4. A decision will need to be made on insurance by July 1st of this year, and it will go into effect in October.
5. Ginny Moody would also like everyone to know that, with the changes to our insurance administrator last year, anyone can buy all or part of our insurance. Contact Marsha Ellis in the business office for more information. "Don't assume [it will cost too much]. Find Out!" – Ginny Moody. You can not be denied though the district.

D. The State of the State as it Affects Us.

1. Los Angeles Unified is giving their teachers a 6% raise with money they acquired through a loop hole in a grant designated for smaller districts.

2. The governor is proposing taking away transportation money for the 07-08 fiscal year. More information will be provided when it comes available.

E. Negotiations

1. No date set for negotiations yet.

F. Site Reports

1. Coarsegold Site Report, Cheryl Aiery:
 - a. Construction is in process! The classrooms that are being remodeled are getting close, and a stage is being added to the cafeteria. The phones have been on the fritz, but that is a byproduct of the construction.
 - b. Challenge Day came to Coarsegold this year and was "Wonderful!"
2. Rivergold Site Report, Ginny Moody:
 - a. Challenge Day also came to Rivergold. Ginny said there was good involvement, but they hope to get another group together by the end of the year for the 8th grade students. She was very glad she participated.
 - b. Summer School this year will be held at Rivergold school because of the construction at Coarsegold School. Also, there will be a large group of Korean students attending Rivergold's summer school program. They will be staying with the Dahlin family for 1 month. When summer gets closer, it was suggested that someone notify the paper of the event.
3. Yosemite Site Report, Valerie Shaffer:
 - a. Valerie spoke of the multiple job openings at YHS including Bus Driver/Custodians, and Journeyman/Tradesman positions.
 - b. There will be upcoming Bus Driver classes. If you know someone who needs a job, or would like to work with the district, a bus driver's license is a very valuable tool.
 - c. If there are any current employees interested in applying for any open jobs, a letter of intent can be submitted to Human resources. If anyone outside of the district would like to apply, job applications are available in the front office at Yosemite High School.
 - d. The negotiator is still to be voted on.
 - e. Relay for life is coming up and Anita Danihel is organizing a team. Contact her if you would like to volunteer or donate.

G. Good of the Order

1. Consuelo Mercier motioned for our CSEA chapter to donate \$50.00 to Relay for Life. Ginny Moody seconded the motion. All in Favor.
Motion Passed.
2. Community Awards: Danielle Vawter notified the membership that there were 5 applications for the CSEA community award. She proposed that we give \$250.00 to each student that applied. Ginny

Moody motioned for a vote. Valerie Shaffer seconded the motion. All in Favor. **Motion Passed.**

- a. Awards night is May 9th and Consuelo Mercier will present the award baring extenuating circumstances.
3. Consuelo Mercier reported that she and a group of 4 students raised \$675.00 on Kids Day. Thank you to all that supported the cause.
 - a. Also, Interact received a flag that had been flown in Iraq from a Soldier Troup that they had sent care packages to. Dave Dooman and his Wood Shop class will be making a case for the flag and it will be presented to Yosemite High School.
4. Ginny Moody brought up the subject of Bus Drivers and Vacation Days. They are being told that their vacation requests can not be filled ahead of time, and for that reason they are being denied. This is following a request by our superintendent that classified staff use their vacation so that the district does not have to pay for the days at the end of the year. Danielle Vawter stated that if any vacation request is denied, the request should then be taken to Bill McCabe for review.
 - a. Ginny Moody feels that there is not enough "Creative Management" being used in the district.
 - b. Both Elementary sites often run into the problem that if a Bus driver/Custodian is sent on a field trip, they are not replaced, and therefore, the campus is down help.
 - c. An ad needs to be placed for Substitute Bus Drivers, Custodians, etc. This subject will be brought to Bill McCabe's attention.
5. The next meeting will be held in the YHS Library on Tuesday, May 8th.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35 p.m. by Danielle Vawter