**Malverne Teachers’ Association**

**“A Union of Caring Professionals”**

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**Representative Council Minutes**

**October 13, 2015**

**Present:** Michelle Thomson, Cindi Thorp, Marguerite Robles, Anastasia Caputo, Colleen Hickey, Natasha Reynolds, Diane Pryor, Donna Moreira, Bill Bennett, Ken Susi, Sarah Susi, Joe Aquino, Cristina DaCosta, Christine Guarini, Jeanine Greco, and Susan Pastore.

**Absent:** Lisa Gress

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM.

A motion was made by Marguerite Robles to accept the minutes from the September 29th meeting: seconded by Anastasia Caputo.

**Negotiations Update:** A meeting took place on Friday, October 9, 2015, and we are still far apart. The health insurance is still a major issue and the next step may be Fact Finding. There is a General Membership Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th, in the MHS cafeteria and Michelle will address negotiations at that time.

**APPR Update:** No changes since our last meeting. Michelle emailed the binder paperwork to each building representative to be placed in each member’s mailbox.

**SLO’s Update:** Pay close attention to your SLO’s and be sure to make copies of everything for your personal files. If there are many op-outs for the State Assessments this will affect your SLO’s.

**Grievances:** Cindi reviewed that a grievance is when something in the contract has been violated. It is essential that members do not make side-deals with administrators that can have an adverse effect on other members.

**MTA Wear:** A website to purchase MTA apparel is in the works.

**Treasurer’s Report:** If you do not have direct deposit for your pay check please contact Debbie at Administration and she will gladly set that up for you. If you changed your name, address, etc. over the summer please let Marguerite know so she can keep all our records updated. If you are doing a club and didn’t receive payment please let Debbie know. You should always ask what your stipend is for curriculum writing, a club, etc. The stipends are listed in the back of the contract.

**Events:**

The Breast Cancer Walk is on Thursday, October 15th. It starts right after school at 2:55PM and ends when the last person finishes.

The 5k Run for Education is on Sunday, October 18th. The MTA will have a table of goodies for the runners. If you would like to help; please meet in the MHS gym at 8:00AM and wear your MTA shirt.

The NAACP dinner celebration is being held on Thursday, October 13, 2015, at the Pompeii Restaurant.

The PTA is hosting a scholarship dinner on December 12, 2015. Feedback from members is that December is a tough time of the year, a Saturday night is difficult, and it is very costly. The MTA has decided to make a donation of $500.00 to the scholarship committee.

**Building Concerns:**

HTH: None

DAV: None

MWD: None

MHS: For members who are not able to make early FAC meetings a building rep. will give information if asked.

In closing, Michelle stressed the importance of all members being registered voters.

Members should wear their MTA shirt every Friday.

A motion was made by Cristina DaCosta to close the meeting; seconded by Diane Pryor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Colleen Hickey