**MICHIGAN CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, July 2, 2021 – Noon

Via Zoom Webinar

**CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary-Treasurer Brett Smith called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by David Hockaday to approve the meeting minutes of July 2, 2021. **Motion adopted 144:1.**

**VISIT FROM SHELLY MOORE KRAJACIC – NEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

NEA Executive Committee member Shelly More Krajacic visited the caucus on behalf of the NEA Officers. She discussed the virtual program and let the delegation know they want to hear from anyone that has any problems or concerns and they can contact [tombrenner@gmail.com](mailto:tombrenner@gmail.com). She reminded everyone that the NEA officers, executive committee and directors are there to assist and she thanked the delegation for being part of an exciting and unique experience for the first virtual RA.

**NEA-PAC (NEA Fund for Children & Public Education)**

PAC Chairperson Michelle Woodman reported Michigan is doing fantastic raising funds. We are in sixth place, up one from yesterday, with a total of $23,367. She gave a shout out to Jess Lumbreras who is working tirelessly getting people their t-shirts and ribbons and Mike Ostertag behind the scenes ensuring the PAC totals are correct. She said the U of M purse in the silent auction is currently now in the lead at $260 and the MSU purse is at $210. Those are items 150 & 151. There are tons of items still reasonably priced and whoever keeps outbidding her on the donkey – come on people! Remember any purchase of silent auction items is counted toward your NEA total and will count for Michigan’s complete total. Items you purchase from NEA and MEA count towards your NEA total. Make sure you make your donation to reach our total, we are half way there. Every donations, big and small, is appreciated! Please contact Michelle with any questions at [shell333@gmail.com](mailto:shell333@gmail.com). If everyone donates $200, $54,000 would be raised in Michigan. We are now at $23,000.

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**STRATEGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Legislative Amendments**

It was moved by Paula Herbart, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to oppose Legislative Amendments 6, 8, 9, 12, and 13).

*Without objection, the Legislative Amendments were tabled while President Herbart dealt with an important issue.*

**Motion adopted 137:18.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support Legislative Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, and 11. **Motion adopted 147:13.**

**New Business Items**

It was moved by Joe Stonchus to substitute the position of opposition to NBI 29 to no position on NBI 29.

It was moved by Paula Herbart to close debate. **Motion adopted 150:27.**

**Vote on substitute motion failed 85:95**

It was moved by Paula Herbart, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to support NBI 22. **Motion adopted 150:3.**

It was moved by Jeff Wilson, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to support NBI 23. **Motion adopted 161:1.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 48. **Motion adopted 146:10.**

It was moved by Roy Freeman, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 26. **Motion adopted 162:11.**

It was moved by Brett Smith, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to oppose NBI 27. **Motion adopted.**

It was moved by Anthony Pennock, on behalf of the MEA Strategy Committee, to take no position on NBI 31.

It was moved by Dave Daly to substitute the motion of no position to opposition to NBI 31. **Substitute motion adopted 134:27,**

**Main motion to oppose NBI 31 137:10.**

It was moved by Jeff Wilson, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 32. **Motion adopted 148:8**

It was moved by Karen Abella, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 35. **Motion adopted 150:2.**

It was moved by Roy Freeman, on behalf of the Strategy Committee, to support NBI 34. **Motion adopted 152:2.**

It was moved by Maureen Eke to support NBI 37. **Motion adopted 133:20,**

It was moved by Karen Abella, on behalf of the Strategy Committee to support NBI 38. **Motion adopted 151:8.**

Shelli Long reminded the delegation to use the same Zoom webinar link they used today for tomorrow’s caucus meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Chandra Madafferi adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

**POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Ann Goode said she has been the In Your Seat person for several years and she really misses giving out presents. She is looking forward to Dallas when she can run around and hand out good things to people.

Maureen Eke thanked delegates. The work we do is very, very difficult and she realized that a number of you have made tough decisions and taking tough positions. The issues that we deal with in terms of social justice and human rights affect all of us. If one of us is suffering, everybody is suffering. If one or if somebody denies me of my dignity that person’s dignity is also affected. When we talk about genocide and racism, critical race theory and sexism, homophobia all of these issues they affect all of us. As Frederick Douglass reminded us in his narrative, the person who holds me hostage also holds himself or herself hostage in damaging my soul and refusing to see my soul, you also damage your soul. She said thank you, thank you, thank you for being who you are for being supportive for being committed to social justice for remembering the history of the state of Michigan that entered the nation as a free state. It had social justice on its mind, so thank you and please. Thank you again.

Charndra Madafferi told Maureen she enjoys hearing her passion, the information that she brings to our her discussions makes all of us better. Your students are very lucky to have you up at Central. So fire up to all those that are out there, so thank you again Dr. Eke.

Theresa Collette Such thanked Maureen, because every time she speaks she learns so much about the topic that we are discussing, so thank you so much for your passion and your information.

Robyn O’Keefe explained she submitted a question to the World of Information regarding clarity on Bylaw Amendment 2. The bylaw amendment says with regard to someone retiring after the school year. Yet, the impact statement says that it would go into effect after the school year and she did have a conversation with Hannah Vaandering about it this morning and it is still is unclear regarding that discrepancy. She is wondering if in the impact statement, the word after does not belong there that it would go into effect in the 2021-22 school year. Tom Brenner was on the call and said it was a grammatical error on their part and the implementation would go into effect this upcoming year starting September 1, 2021. Tom is going to figure out a way to get the information out to delegates as efficiently as possible.

Chandra Madafferi thanked the delegation for their patience and to Parliamentarian Troy Hayes for assisting her in trying to become more proficient in running meetings.

Chandra reminded delegates that the NEA RA session starts at 1:45 p.m.

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