

## **Western Regional Council Meeting – April 9, 2018**

**Present:** Karen Brown, Fall Mountain TA, Jen Wallstrom Grantham EA, Carol Ahern and Judy Sterndale, Hanover SS, Jen Bewersdorf and Mary Wright Kearsarge REA, Mindy Felch, Lebanon SS, Skip Chalker and Dave Shinnlinger, Mascoma Valley REA, Terrie Scott, Newport SS, Tammy Yates, Sugar River EA, Karen Ladd, UniServ Director

Carol Ahern took notes from 4:45-5:00pm

### **Executive Board Report (Jen and Dave):**

Election Results:

Karen Brown was elected to the Board to replace Dave.

All terms start July 1<sup>st</sup>.

President: Megan Tuttle

VP: Carolyn Leite

Treasurer/Secretary: Rebecca Butler

Alt. Director: Terry Burlingame

Dues increase is going to be \$8.00 unless membership is increased.

Janus Decision: Not sure how it will affect us yet, revenues may decrease because of a loss of membership

Legislative Update:

Subcommittee is supposed to vote on the Voucher Bill tomorrow, looks like there will be a house vote on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Megan Tuttle testified in favor of the death benefit bill – it passed the house and now goes to the senate

ESP Conference on May 12<sup>th</sup> - \$25 for members, non-members \$125 - review flyer  
4/20 rally – 4-5:30pm – It's on the State House Plaza. It's the anniversary of Columbine.

Brief break waiting for Karen to return from phone call...KL started taking notes at 5:05pm

### **Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes of February 12, 2018: Skip Chalker

2nd: Karen Brown

Unanimous

**UD Report** – reviewed all handouts included in the packet:

Non-Renewals/RIF email text sent to presidents

Discussed how to resign and what it means regarding unemployment

RIF/Non-renewal packet for members – reviewed – all presidents have it.

Reviewed 2018 Contract result spreadsheet

Discussion about Newport – Terrie Scott explained her thoughts on why the contracts didn't pass. Suggestions were made about how to engage the community and fight incorrect facts given to voters

Some discussion about settlements of contracts that passed

Reviewed handout regarding locals bargaining in 2018, preparation steps, and intent to bargain letter.

Again, mentioned the rally to end school gun violence and listed expected speakers and run down of event. Will Email out the rally flyer.

Karen will be at a conference in Chicago from April 11-19 – Kris Fessenden on vacation from April 16-20; staff on standby in case of emergency.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting rescheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> – Unanimous – Continue to hold at Lui Lui**

**\*\*\*Chocolate Mousse next time! Must have gluten free option\*\*\***

**Motion to adjourn:** Carol

2<sup>nd</sup> Skip Chalker

Unanimous

6:43pm