

NEA-NH  
Western Region Council Meeting  
Lui – Lui’s – West Lebanon  
Monday, May 13, 2019

Future dates: September 16, 2019 @Lui Lui’s

The following members were in attendance:

Carol Ahern – Hanover SS, Jennifer Bewersdorf – KREA – Kearsarge, Peggy Blaine – Fall Mountain SS, Karen Brown – Fall Mountain TA, Skip Chalker – MVREA, Steven Dayno – LEA. Mindy Felch – Lebanon SS, Andrew Gamble – Lebanon TA, Amanda Hughlock – Sunapee, Karen Ladd -NEA Univserv Director, Shannon O’Connor – Newport, Betsy Parrish – Kearsarge, REA, Mary Piano – Plainfield, Terrie Scott – Newport SS, Laura Spratt – Plainfield, Cathy Stephens - Fall Mountain TA, Jen Wallstrom – Grantham, Tammy Yates – SREA, Claremont

- The session began with a review and revision of the March meeting minutes:
  - Indicate that the three locals mentioned had gotten their contracts passed prior to that meeting

Approved with changes – Tammy Yates, Seconded by Skip Chalker = Passed

- Executive Board Report: Karen Brown and Jen Bewersdorf
  - Leadership conference to be held in Denver, CO
  - Yellow membership forms are due June 1
  - Summer learning conference dates: August 5 – 9
    - If too far for people to travel, yet there is an expressed interest on a particular topic, let Karen know and perhaps something can be worked out to participate “remotely”
    - New leaders, New building representatives should consider attending
- UniServ Director Report: Karen Ladd
  - Western Region membership numbers and goal projections for 2019 – 2020 were shared
  - Karen would like to have early notification from those locals who will potentially be looking to do voter mailings, campaigning for contracts
  - Any local interested in creating a membership plan, contact Karen for assistance
  - Candidate Training: “*Lead New Hampshire*” A wonderful training opportunity for anyone interested in running for State Rep, Governor, School Board etc.
  - Education Aid: Hanover, Sunapee, New London, Newbury would not benefit from the Capital Gains Tax
  - Good News!
    - Dave Shinnlinger → awarded NE Teacher of The Year
    - Pam Peterson → Master in the Middle
    - Brian Hawkins → New Political Director ( Government Relations)
  - 2019 – 2020 dues rates are available
  - Retirement Seminar @Sunapee to be held on June 11

- Jen Bewersdorf:
  - Brainstormed ideas about how to celebrate New Members and New Hires
  - The council agreed to the date of September 16 to meet for the first meeting in the fall. We will establish the remaining dates at that time. It was agreed to meet at Lui Lui's
  - The topic of mandatory essays for the SATs was discussed as a concern brought up by Fall Mountain teachers. Surrounding districts do not seem to be having a concern with this at all – several have been doing it for a few years
  - The members in attendance agreed to contributing \$250.00 to the Scot McGilvray Children's Fund: Moved by Skip Chalker, Seconded by Peggy Blaine → Passed!
  - Jen talked about the "Back to School bags" and advised the council that this seemed to go over very well last year and was wondering how people felt about repeating that event: Karen Brown moved that the Western Region contribute any remaining funds to be able to purchase items for this event. Jen Wallstrom – seconded the motion → Passed
  - Jen asked for any suggestions about how to help make the council meetings more effective, or beneficial. Cathy brought up a suggestion that had been made a while ago, which was to have folks share (in advance) a hot topic or concern from their local so that it can be added to the agenda and discussed as a group
  - It was also brought up that it continues to be a good idea to be sure to celebrate others

6:45 Carol Ahern, Motion to adjourn, seconded by Skip Chalker → Passed!

Travel safely and enjoy your well-deserved summer break! ☺