

**San Ramon Valley Education Association  
Representative Council Meeting - San Ramon Valley High School  
Monday, April 20, 2009 - 3:45 P.M.**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.
2. **Roll Call/Introductions:** Absentees were Del Amigo, Disney, Green Valley, Hidden Hills, Live Oak, San Ramon High, Venture, Counselors, and Psychologists
3. **Approval of Minutes** – 3/9/09
4. **High School Feeder Block Meeting with Reps**
  - Each group did a Jigsaw activity about one of the Propositions 1A through 1E and then they reported to the entire Rep council. Talking point cards for the propositions were available for the reps.
5. **President's Report**
  - A. **SRVEA Scholarships**
    - The number of scholarships has been increased to 5 student scholarships and 5 member scholarships.
    - The winners of the student scholarships were Brent Barenberg, Susan Gieg, Elliott Johnson, William Noble, and Jennifer Smith.
    - The member scholarships went to Steve Dick, Crista Haar, Doris Kwok, Joe Lim, and Mimi Quan.
  - B. **California Casualty, Kimberlie Johnson**
    - CA Casualty has been endorsed by CTA for 50 years for liability insurance. The reps will be coming to each school to explain their coverage and benefits.
  - C. **Other**
    - Darren asked Ann Katzburg to tell the council about Summer Institute.
      - She felt that the sessions were some of the best she had ever been to.
      - It is a great opportunity for members to bond, there are dorm-like living conditions at UCLA, access to the fitness facility, and good food.
      - The dates are August 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.
      - SRVEA covers the cost of getting there, registration, and shared living quarters.
      - The strands are Communication, Organization and Negotiations, Emerging Leaders, Essentials of Bargaining, Healthcare and Member Benefits, Instruction and Professional Development, Legal Tracks, School Finance and Community Outreach.
      - Please let Darren know if anyone wants to attend Summer Institute.
    - The CTA “Pink Friday” video was shown to the council
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** There was no report this month.
7. **Old Business**
  - A. **Elections - results, Participation Awards, Training**
    - Schools were disqualified because ballots for those members that did not have their name on the voting roster were lumped in with the rest of the ballots. These ballots need to be kept separate. Agency fee payers will not have their name on the list and they are not able to vote. CTA

cancels memberships for those members that go out on leave so when they return they must fill out a new membership form. 100% awards were passed out to several schools.

#### **B. Social Security Off-set Rally**

- The rally will be held at the Berkeley Community Theater on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 to 12:30. There is seating for 3500. We need to pack the theater to make a statement to our legislatures. It is going to be used as a model for other states to keep the movement going. The website for more information is [socialsecurityfairness.org](http://socialsecurityfairness.org).

#### **C. PAC Fund Activities - check/off**

- SRVEA is the largest donor to the campaign for Yes on Measure C. SRVEA donated \$10,000 and applied for and received \$5,000 from CTA for a total of \$15,000.

#### **D. RIF Hearings, April 20-21**

- SRVEA has been successful in moving some temporary teachers into probationary status. The process is nonbonding so it will be SRVEA's job to make sure that the decisions are followed through on.

#### **E. Other**

- Post retirement healthcare benefits need to be determined the last year you teach. If you are collecting money in lieu of benefits, make sure you choose a healthcare plan the last year you teach, during the open enrollment period. If you do not, you will not receive your post retirement healthcare benefit of \$219.

### **9. New Business**

#### **A. SRVEA Elections**

- Nominations for the upcoming elections were taken by Darren Day and Bob Donovan. Nominations included DeeDee Judice for Treasurer, Kathleen Hermann for Elementary Director, Margaret Batesole for Middle School Director, and Juan Nagore for High School Director.

#### **B. State Council Report**

- The importance of standing up for your beliefs and exercising your right to vote was glaringly obvious when Gail Mendes defeated Dan Vaughn for Secretary/Treasurer of CTA. She was dissatisfied with the way CTA was being run and decided to oppose Dan Vaughn when he ran unopposed. She spent \$85 for her campaign when most candidates spend in the tens of thousands. Her campaign speech was direct and offered members a change. She defeated Dan Vaughn by 28 votes. Congratulations to Gail!

#### **C. Day of the Teacher Celebration**

- The theme of this year's celebration is "Pirates." Our celebration is May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Greenbrook Clubhouse from 2:30 -5:00 p.m. Invitation flyers and the signup sheets were given to the reps.

#### **D. May 6th School Board Meeting**

- Everyone should attend and speak if your position or program is being reduced due to budget cuts.

### **10. Committee Reports**

#### **Instruction/Professional Development**

- Teachers are being asked to sign up as presenters for the next staff development day on May 18.

### **11. Announcements**

- a) Executive Bd Mtg – 5/4/09
- b) Rep Council Mtg –5/11/09
- c) School Board Meetings – 4/28, 5/6, 5/12 & 5/26/09

## 12. Adjournment