

Austin ATPE
General Membership Meeting
5/06/09

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM at the Olive Garden restaurant. President Marcy McNeil welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

Scholarship recipients were recognized. Professional scholarships of \$300 were awarded to Ronald Holmes – Rodriguez Elem. Pre-K teacher; Mandy Mathews – Kealing Middle School 8th grade Science teacher and AVID Coordinator; Carolina Duncan – Oak Hill Elem. First Grade Bilingual teacher.

The following recipients of student scholarships of \$300 were present at the meeting: Marcela Baker, Johnson City HS (ATPE parent Leah Baker – Williams ES); Izaac Ornelas, Bowie HS (Eva Ornelas – Baranoff ES); Jordan Herselman, Hays HS (Laurie Herselman – Williams ES); Nicole Perez, Bowie HS (Marianne Perez – Williams ES); Brooke Beasley, Bowie HS (Janet Beasley – Odam ES); Sean Van Hoose, Austin HS (Sheryl Van Hoose – Patton ES); Katie Jaycox, Liberal Arts & Science Academy (William Jaycox – Paredes MS & Darletta Jaycox – Cunningham ES). Other student recipients: Christian Stein, Bowie HS (Jeanie Stein, Patton ES); William Mattingly, Austin HS (Christine Boyd – Rodriguez ES); Ashley Lyday, Austin HS (Russell Lyday – Small MS); Liana Green, Bowie HS (Sue Lagerquist – Oak Hill ES)

Treasurer's report: Balance \$46,428.32. Some of the things that we pay for with our money are hotel & convention registrations, dinners & door prizes. Our income comes from dues rebate from the State ATPE.

Membership report: We currently have 1,659 members. Dues will be the same next year as they were this year - \$90 for new members; \$145 for returning members and \$70 for classified employees. Local dues will be an additional \$15. Campus reps should see Susie Guerra before leaving. AISD finance has changed the way that they do payroll. Some people were dropped this year because money was not being taken out of their checks. Everyone should check their pay check to make sure dues are being taken out or pay dues in one payment at the beginning of the year.

President's report: In November the district had a rollback election for a pay raise for district employees. ATPE & TCTA helped the Austin Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to help the measure pass. No ATPE dues were used to help with the passage. The ATPE board endorsed passage and helped distribute yard signs. Larry Comer of the state ATPE office helped with distributing yard signs as well. Education Austin did not endorse the measure. The Vice-President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce made sure to mention to our new superintendent the ATPE had helped them.

Workers are needed at the booth at the AISD Job Fair which will be inside.

We took a break to eat supper.

All members attending received a \$10 Target gift card.

Marcy McNeil & Sue Lee attended joint insurance committee meetings as ex official (non voting) members. The committee was asked to look at plans other than HMO. The decision was to stay with Blue Cross. There are 3 levels PPO 1 – employee only funded by the district; PPO 2 – less rich with help with the family deductible; PPO 3 – not as rich as PPO 2. The plan runs from calendar year to calendar year. This plan saves AISD \$3 – \$4 million. Employees will have more costs to pay. All are encouraged to study the plans carefully before re-enrolling. Marcy took questions for attendees.

Dolly Simeroth thanked Marcy McNeil for all of her work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Langan
Secretary
Austin ATPE