

## Minutes – 1/31/2013

Present: Peter Bellanti, Dana Besch, Michael Capuana, Paul Carey, Lynne Crawford, Elizabeth Dunne, Sue Ellis, Lynn Fisher, Lisa Graves, Greg Heer, Cheryl Keller, Nancy Lalley, Teresa Lawrence, Judi Roberson, Nicole Roberson (late arrival), Heidi Salva

Absent: Joseph Borgisi, Deb Carey, Jen Cordon

Dana Besch called the meeting to order @ 8:40 am.

Minutes: Dana Besch called for a motion to accept the 12/6/12 minutes. A motion to accept made by Heidi Salva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judi Roberson. Motion carried.

Budget Report: Peter Bellanti - Monies collected and deposited from classes between July 1, 2012 and January 24, 2013 - \$36,342.17. These monies were loaded to budget on January 25, 2013. Total Monies to date and carry-over from the previous year - \$108,910.14.

### Directors Report

**Far West** - Meeting was January 11, 2013. Website is up and running. All 18 Far West Teacher Centers are linked to website. Five Far West courses are being offered and are running.

Political Networking is on going: Letters to Legislators, NYSUT faxes – Member Action Center.

**State** – Launched new Moodle site for Directors, contests being offered. Programs/Practices – more participation with Higher Ed and Non Public. State is pushing for consolidation of teacher centers the concern on how that would affect funding is being discussed. Funding for 2013-2014 is reportedly remaining at the current level. Teacher Centers are not in Governor's initial budget. Grant applications, no set date.

New York State Teacher Centers Spring Symposium: Date: March 5, 2013 and March 6, 2013. Desmond Banquet & Conference Center in Albany, NY. Motion made by Heidi Salva, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Besch to have Peter Bellanti attend. Motion carried.

WNYTC Website – Board members had previously asked Peter Bellanti to investigate the possibility of adding via link the Teacher Center agenda and minutes. This has been accomplished. December minutes and January Agenda are on line, March minutes will be posted to website only.

### Old Business

Policy Board Member Positions – Non Public School Representation – contacted principals at Blessed Virgin Mary School & St. Mary's Elementary. As soon as a date has been set for their faculty meeting's Peter will ask to attend and extend an invitation for an individual from one or both of these schools to join the board.

By Law Amendment Approval – Awaiting for official state approval from Gail Moon.

### New Business

Winter/Spring Course Update – Classes are running and going well. Some of our classes have been cancelled due to low registration. Pierson Bell – Teacher at Roy-Hart and Project Director the National Endowment for the Humanities has asked for Teacher Center assistance in sending out information on their up and coming workshops.

No Committee Meetings conducted at this time.

### Next Meeting

March 21, 2013

Depew – Terrace Administrative Building, Room 213

591 Terrace Blvd., Depew, NY 14043

Time: 12:30 pm.