

MEA MONITOR

Moline Education Association

May 2023

President's Report - Susan Hafner

Hi Everyone-

The ABC Countdown is almost at Z! By the last two weeks of school, the kids seemed to be staring off into space—more than usual—and I discovered that I am not too proud to beg (Please, please, please read your book!). The year just seemed to keep going and going. However, I can't believe that tomorrow is the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. In the end, it all went by so quickly!

I would like to say how honored I am to be able to continue in my role as MEA President. Since we didn't have any Exec Board nominees beyond the current members, we did not need to do a formal election. We did have one nomination for an unfilled position and that was Sarah Fetter, who will be an MHS At Large representative. The Executive Board helps oversee the MEA and brings forward concerns from every level. If you have a concern or issue, we are here to help:

President: Susie Hafner

Vice-President: Christine Watts

Secretary: Emily Roberts

Treasurer: Steve Sundquist

MHS At Large: Katie MacLennan, Sarah Fetter

Middle School At Large: Jill Bogart, Marlene DeLong

Elementary At Large: Alina Schafman, Trisha Leibovitz, Chris Ballard

Negotiations are underway, and I would thank all of you for your input, whether through the survey or through email. With your responses, we have a strong focus and additional ideas for our discussions. We will do our very best to reach an agreement that will be beneficial to our membership. Also, I would like to thank all of the schools and ARs that signed up to provide food for our meetings—it is amazing how much a snack helps in the midst of those long hours.

As you probably know, the results of the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 calendar survey were overwhelmingly in favor of ending prior to Memorial Day. That sounds really nice right now!! Next, the board will need to approve them and then we can hopefully return to having our last day in May.

I hope you all have a great Friday—One more day, One day more! It is always bittersweet to see all of those faces leave our rooms. The kids that were such a challenge in September usually find their way by May, and all of them walk out just a bit smarter and wiser than when they entered. This is because of you! For June (the next three weeks :), July, and August, I hope you have plenty of awesome times with your friends and family—and you let your mind wander to wonderful places. Enjoy it!


Take care-
Susie

Moline Education Association
Association Representatives Meeting
Thursday, May 11th, 2023

The MEA Association Representatives met at the IEA Office, Moline, on Thursday, May 11th, 2023. President Susie Hafner presented the MEA scholarships to Jack Curnyn and Annie Dykstra. Jack, son of Angie Curnyn (WMS), will be attending the University of Illinois studying business; Annie, daughter of Darren (LO) and Maggie Dykstra (LO), will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville studying elementary education.

President Hafner called the meeting to order at 3:47pm. There were 15 ARs and 8 Executive Board members in attendance; a quorum was not present.

In the absence of Treasurer Steve Sundberg, President Hafner reported balances in all accounts. It was voted (January 2015) to not publish the dollar amounts in the MEA budget in neither the minutes nor the Monitor.



Members with questions regarding the MEA account balances are asked to contact Treasurer Steve Sundberg.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership - no report.
- Elections - President Hafner reported no election for MEA Executive Board was needed since candidates ran unopposed.
- Legislative - no report.
- Region 18 - no report.
- Public Relations - pictures of the MEA scholarship winners will be posted on the blog.
- Social - no report. (After the meeting, Aubree Krol drew names of winners for Country Style gift cards from the attendance list. Winners were: Jen Guyton, Raquel Cross, Sasha Sausedo, Megan Radosevich, and Jordan Emerick.)
- Grievance/Negotiations - President Hafner reported that meeting dates had been determined. A sign-up sheet for donated snacks for negotiations meetings will be sent to schools.

Old Business:

- President Hafner noted that the Elementary Specialists programming implementation would be a two-step process, with step one beginning next year and step two beginning when the Lincoln-Irving renovation is completed.
- MHS Expectation/Safety Committee - President Hafner has had no response yet from Dr. Savage regarding details for the committee.
- 2023-2024 MEA Budget - there being no quorum, the proposed 2023-2024 MEA budget was not approved. ARs will vote on the budget at the September, 2023, AR meeting.

New Business:

- There was no new business to discuss.
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A.R. Concerns:

- It was voted (2010-2011) to not publish the AR concerns in the Monitor. ARs were reminded to communicate concerns discussed at the meeting with the other MEA members they represent. President Hafner will discuss most issues in the "President's Corner" of the Monitor or send superintendent's responses directly to the ARs for dissemination to members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59pm.


Respectfully submitted,
Emily Roberts
MEA Secretary

MEA Member News

Congratulations to.....

- Judy DeWilde (John Deere) on the birth of her granddaughter
- Kenz Seckman (Bicentennial) on her marriage in April

Condolences to.....

- Angela Sheese (John Deere) and Jim Sheese (Franklin) on the death of her/his father/father-in-law
 - Emily Grooms (Coolidge) on the death of her father
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