

**Los Rios College Federation of Teachers  
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**November 14, 2007**

**Present:** Dean Murakami, Robert Perrone, Donna Nacey, Jason Newman, Dennis Smith, Gabriel Torres, Kris Fertel, Diana Hicks, Zack Dowell, Chuck Van Patten, Annette Barfield, Dolores Delgado Campbell, Tonie Hilligoss, Nyenbeku George, Wayne Olts, Hali Boeh, Alex May, Lynn Ott, Andrea Balsamo, KC Boylan

**Excused:** Reona James, Fred Dawkins

**Absent:**

- I. Convene the LRCFT Executive Board 3:00 PM
- II. Approval of the agenda by consensus with changes, approval of the October 10, 2007 minutes by consensus.
- III. Public Comment: Agustin Ramirez discusses the Blue Diamond workers struggle for fair choice and a voice at work.
  
- IV. **Liaison Reports:**
  1. AS – No report.
  2. FACCC – Smith reports FACCC will be addressing “Best Practices” at their upcoming meeting. The document is modeled after CFT’s Best Practices. The Prop 92 campaign will ask FACCC for an additional \$50,000. The FACCC conference was very successful. Murakami discusses the possibility of LRCFT paying FACCC membership for LRCCD faculty. Boylan requests the discussion be put on the next agenda.
  3. CFT – Smith reports that the CCC is focusing on Prop 92 at this point. K-12 is pleased with the fact that NCLB is not being modified at this time. Reauthorization of NCLB may happen in the spring of 2008. Smith announces that the Prop 92 campaign has received \$300,000 from the AFT. Smith attended the AFT President’s conference with Marty Hittleman. Murakami discusses the upcoming 10% budget cuts. The letter discussing the budget is distributed. Murakami discusses the status of CTA’s stand on Prop 92.
  4. SCLC – Murakami announces the California Labor Federation and the Sacramento Democratic Central Committee has endorsed Prop 92. The Sacramento Young Democrats have also endorsed Prop 92. A group from the campaign will head down Anaheim to attend the California Democratic Executive Board meeting to request endorsement of Prop 92. The SCLC will hold a holiday celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested, please inform LRCFT. Nacey announces this is the time of year the SCLC collects gifts for needy children. She is willing to take gifts donated from board members to the SCLC.

**ACTION**

- V. **ARC Faculty:**

Murakami informs board members of the unfortunate circumstance that Nidal Hijazi, faculty member at ARC, is experiencing. Murakami moves LRCFT donate \$1000 to help the Hijazi family through this difficult time, Delgado Campbell seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.
  
- VI. **Southern California Disaster Relief:**

Newman speaks to board members about the situation in Southern California. Newman moves the LRCFT donate \$1000 to the AFT Disaster Southern California Relief Fund. Smith moves to suspend the rules, Boylan seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus. Smith seconds Newman’s motion. Discussion is held. Nacey proposes friendly amendment to donate \$10,000 to the fund. Smith seconds the motion. Discussion is held. Boylan proposes friendly amendment that LRCFT donate \$5000 now, look for a family that can benefit from a donation to give an additional \$5000 to. If a family is not identified by February 29, 2008, the LRCFT will donate an additional \$5000 to the AFT Relief Fund. Barfield seconds the motion. Van Patten proposes friendly amendment that the LRCFT attach a press release with the donation to the AFT Relief Fund, May seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.

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### VII. Support for Blue Diamond Workers:

Torres presents Blue Diamond worker's resolution. Bolyan moves to suspend the rules, Hicks seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus. Boylan moves to endorse the Blue Diamond workers resolution in support of the workers and to send a LRCFT representative to the November 18 community meeting, Nacey seconds. Discussion is held. Van Patten requests point of clarification in wording of resolution. Boylan speaks in favor of keeping the language in the resolution as is. Delgado Campbell speaks in favor of keeping the language as presented. Hicks calls for the question. Motion passes by consensus. Torres will represent the LRCFT at the community meeting.

## DISCUSSION

### VIII. AFT Civil, Human & Women's Rights Conference:

Board members who attended the ACHWR conference share their experiences with the board. The impact of the experience was brought back to faculty's classrooms. The issue regarding the anti immigration attitude found among some teachers is discussed.

### IX. LRCFT Retiree Chapter:

Hertzberg distributes and reviews the proposal for an Emeritus unit of LRCFT. Van Patten requests clarification of a chapter as well as how the chapter will affiliate with LRCFT. Hertzberg informs board members that the chapter will be a subgroup of LRCFT. The LRCFT constitution has language that supports a retiree chapter. The chapter will need twenty signatures from retirees. The proposal will be sent out to LRCCD retirees.

### X. Prop 92:

Murakami gives update on campaign, including finances of campaign. Discussion held regarding work that needs to be done for the campaign. Murakami gives updates on media events. LRCFT will need to do the grassroots organizing, as well as local media events at each campus. Hillgoss discusses the need for business endorsements. Balsamo suggests LRCFT have buttons, magnets and signs produced for the campaign. Boylan suggests the board create a steering committee for the campaign. Boylan volunteers to be a part of the committee. The committee will report back to the executive board.

## REPORTS

### XI. Social Committee Report:

Boeh reports on possible dates for the LRCFT open house. The open house will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

### XII. President's Report:

Murakami announces the Central Valley Faculty Association will share information and address problems collectively.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM