## TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

2521 Riva Road, Suite L7 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

## **MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by the President, Russell

Leone, by Virtual Zoom Webinar, at 5:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ORDER Upon a motion by Alex Tougas, seconded by Alyson **OF BUSINESS** 

Bradford, the Order of Business was approved with

flexibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Upon a motion by Alice Weaver, seconded by Sherry Harms,

the Minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Role of the Building Representatives During the Shutdown -

President Leone reported that the role of the Building Representatives have changed slightly. The biggest thing is to continue to support your colleagues. Check in with them to

see if they have any concerns and questions.

Organizing Efforts - President Leone reported that organizing efforts continue. TAAAC leaders have been conducting wellness checks. We are checking on people to see if they are doing well, to see if families are okay, and if they have any questions. If you are interested, as Building Representatives, in reaching out to members that have no Representatives, please let him know. We want to let those members know that they still have support.

President Leone reported that TAAAC is looking at social media presence and would like to ask members during wellness checks what they have been doing well and if they would not mind sharing. We want to let the public know all the fantastic things you are doing.

TAAAC Town Hall - Friday, April 17, 4:30 - 5:30, Zoom -President Leone reminded Representatives that the link to register for the TAAAC Town Hall on, Friday, April 17, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., by Virtual Zoom Webinar, is in the email sent out yesterday and in the Hustle text. The theme is "Educators Empowering Students in the New Normal." Questions are

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being accepted ahead of time. The Town Hall will be recorded so that it can be shared with a wider audience. We are discussing additional Town Halls.

<u>Elections</u> - President Leone reported that elections for Building Representatives takes place in May. Letters will be going out to the Chairperson at their home addresses. Please reach out to your colleagues with whatever method you are using to let them know about this opportunity.

President Leone reported that the Board of Education Elections have been postponed. We do have one endorsed candidate from District 3, Ken Baughman. There are members in other races as well. We want to make sure voices are heard at the ballot box. This is an election that really impacts us directly.

President Leone reported that the positions for Nominating, Credentials, Sick Leave Bank Approval, Calendar and Negotiating committees are coming up. These elections will be postponed until we come together in person again. We will reach out to the current chairpersons and committee members to ask them to continue to hold their positions.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President Leone, Executive Director Page, and UniServ Directors shared the ways the work has been divided since the shutdown began.

<u>Negotiations</u> - Keith Wright reported on the status of negotiations.

Advocacy - Keith Wright reported that TAAAC's position is that the Negotiated Agreement is still applicable until we address something that won't work in the same way. We have two Memorandums of Understanding in place and are about to have a third. We will continue to update on other matters that may require a step away from the Negotiated Agreement.

A question and answer session was held.

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President Leone reported that this meeting was recorded and a link will be sent out.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

None

**MEMBERS' CONCERNS** 

If you have a concern, please call or email your UniServ

Director.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

The next Representative Assembly will be held Wednesday,

May 13, 2020.

President Leone thanked the Representatives for everything

they are doing.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at

6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Tamara Thumbtzen, Secretary-Treasurer

Russell Leone, Presiden

Minutes approved at ARC meeting

(Date)

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