

AFT Local 6262 - Executive Board Meeting

Location: Zoom

September 23, 2023

Attendees: Dan Portillo, John Francis, Aaron Silverman, Jessica Small, Kelly Spillman, Anthony Clayton, Frank de los Reyes, and Pete Virgadamo

Absent: None

Guests: 2

Dan Portillo, the president of AFT Local 6262, began the Open Session of our meeting at 2:06 pm and welcomed our guests. After the agenda was amended and approved, Dan opened the meeting to comments from the adjunct faculty. When none of the adjuncts offered any comments, Dan proceeded to give his report.

Dan Portillo – spoke about the problem with adjuncts teaching Online Live

- adjuncts must be fully certified but they are compensated for only 9 of the required 36 hours of training
- **Aaron** agreed that this was a problem affecting the adjuncts
- getting paid for the fully 36 hours was limited to the COVID era
- however, the COVID protocols have expired and reduced the payments to only 9 hours
- this is a hindrance to adjunct faculty being able to qualify for Online Live
- **Anthony** mentioned that as a Psych instructor he recently had to do a refresher course to continue teaching Online Live
- Aaron added that there is online training at other community colleges but this training is not accepted by COC
- **Pete** stated that what we need is a state wide system of Online Live training that can become the standard at every community college
- Aaron replied to Pete's suggestions, saying that it is opposed by community college's over funding problems

Anthony Clayton – Vice President of Member Action

- spoke about the flyer he made for the Social Event
- he would like to get the names of members and non-members so he could contact them

John Francis – Vice President of Outreach

- talked about the Newsletter and asked if there were any photos from the Social Event
- that he could add to the Newsletter
- unfortunately there were none
- **Jessica** was asked if she would be the photographer

- for the next Social Event and she readily agreed
- John next spoke about updating the Webpage and his email blasts
- also he is updating emails, cleaning up and matching names to personal email addresses
- Jess brought up the issue of refusal by adjunct faculty to reveal their personal email addresses
- John thought this could be a problem and suggested we get a list of adjuncts who use only their COC email address

Jessica Small – Vice President of Membership

- continued to work on membership data
- and added one new member

Pete Virgadamo – Secretary

- reported on the Social Event held on September 14th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Slater's 50/50 Restaurant
- Pete stated that he had negotiated with the owner to waive the \$200 deposit
- and not to increase the cost per person, despite inflation
- Anthony and Jessica arrived about an hour early to help set up the outdoor patio for our guests
- Jessica then greeted the guests while Anthony took over the sign-in table
- we had about 35 people attend the dinner
- at the end of the evening Pete introduced the Board members who were in attendance
- Dan and Aaron spoke to our guests about our recent successes with the strike and negotiations
- then came the fun part of the evening, which was selecting the winning raffle tickets
- young Skylar did the honors and announced to the cheering adjuncts
- the winners of the \$25, \$50 and \$100 tickets
- as usual, Treasurer Frank de los Reyes graciously paid the bill
- all in all, it was an enjoyable evening and people stayed past 9 pm
- at which point the restaurant started to close for the night and sent everyone home.

After Pete's report, and there being no New Business, **President Dan Portillo** adjourned the Open Session of our meeting at 2:33 pm. The next meeting of our Executive Board will be on Saturday, the 28rd of October, with the Open Session beginning at 2 pm.