

NEAFT MERGER CAUCUS GENERAL MEETING

July 3, 2010

9:30-11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

In attendance 20 plus Steering Committee.

1. Introductory speech – Morty.
2. NEAFT.org
3. Facebook
4. Twitter
5. Success stories needed – Greg
6. California Community College – Ron
 - a. CCA - NEA
 - b. CCC - AFT
7. 2 ½ years working on merger.
8. 94 of 112 will be represented by merged organization expect to be done August – 45,000 members.
9. Ideas for getting out our message.
 - a. What is our message? Why merge?
 - b. Need 1 on 1 contact for leaders.
 - c. Need member pressure on leaders.
 - d. Michigan – how to address staff issues – who controls staff jobs?
 - e. Eventually do something on floor.
 - f. NCUEA next year.
 - g. Candidate interviews – ask position on merger.
 - h. Problem of leader personalities.
 - i. Need multi step plan.

10. Mission Statement Edited

- a. 1-4 million members (6)
- b. 2-4 million members (7)
- c. Point 4 – Rephrase to common solidarity interests not cultural differences.
- d. Add a point about members reaching out to others and merger strengthening us as part of labor movement.
- e. Preamble about success of mergers.
- f. Point 2 – support public education in light of attacks.

11. Steering Committee Additions

Timothy Russ – Michigan
Bill Freeman – San Diego
Ron Norton Reel - California
Mike Hairston – Virginia

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Alexanderson