

## NEAFT MERGER CAUCUS

July 1, 2009

### MINUTES

Attendance: 25

1. Introduction - Morty Rosenfeld
  - a. History of merger in NY.
  - b. Need for grassroots to expand.
2. What we have done this year
  - a. Webpage - NEAFT.org
  - b. Newsletter- Merger Messenger
  - c. NEA Regional conferences attended.
3. Next
  - a. Recruit more emails and more interest.
  - b. Renew memberships.
  - c. Let people know we exist.
4. Treasurer's Report - Paul Pecorale
  - a. \$1,309.12 balance - June 1, 2009.
  - b. About 80 members
  - c. Paid for printing, ribbons.
  - d. L.A. & Greg Solkovitz produced newsletter.
5. San Francisco merger report - Ken Tray
  - a. More clout since merger - taken more seriously.
  - b. Problem with California State org. CTA & CFT differed on important financial issue.
6. San Diego - Camille Zombro, President - affiliated with AFL-CIO.
7. Ron Peel - Report on California Community College
  - a. Pres CC CTA branch discussing merger at this time.
  - b. 94 colleges will be merged.
  - c. Started meetings last year.
8. Actions at RA
  - a. Give out flyers announcing our meetings.
  - b. Invited NEA candidates to our Friday 9:30 AM meeting.

- c. NYS contacts will give out newsletter and for delegates sign-up sheets to give names and e-mails.
  - d. We will give NYS contacts talking points to go with the sign-up sheets.
9. NEA Board of Directors Report - Joe Dushko NY
- a. Board has discussed issue - receptive to idea - awaiting report from this RA.
  - b. California should try to get their Board members involved.
  - c. Contact Joe Dushko NY, Joe Cera - MN.
10. Future
- a. Need positive stories about merger to balance the anti stories put forth by anti people.
  - b. Need presence at NCUEA
  - c. New members have no old memories so time is right to address them.
  - d. Need talking points as to what positive things are occurring from NEA & AFT working together and what issues should be worked on together.
11. Next meeting Friday, July 3, 2009 at 9:30-11:00 AM.
12. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
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