

## **Call To Order**

- 2:13 pm

## **Members Present**

- Jean Chisnell
- Ramiro Gonzales
- Ann Hancock
- Maurice Koffman
- Sean Leahy
- Vivian Leung
- Sharon Nichols
- Debra Porter
- Cynthia Schneider
- Rachel Zakhem
  
- MEA Staff
  - Christina Canfield

## **Members Absent**

Excused:

- Nick Bourland
- Leo Sell
- Vikki Tormala

## **Approval of Agenda**

- Moved by Deb, seconded by Vivian
  - Passed, agenda was approved

## **Approval of Minutes**

- October 20, 2009 is the actual date of the Annual Meeting
- Moved by Vivian, seconded by Jean
  - Passed, minutes were approved

Guests to our meeting: StraightLine Advisors/Brad Clugston and Michael Bisaro

- The University brought them on to advise faculty and staff about what to do with their retirement funds
- Employees can pay for their services with pre tax dollars
  - They have an annual fee schedule
  - \$500 cap on the cost per year

## **President's Report**

- Report provided
- Maury went to Washington D.C. to talk to the NEA about recognizing higher ed ESPs
- MEA provided funding for APA
  - Rep training

- Member info meetings
- Approved to do our own SPARKS program
  - Funding will be provided
  - Will cover 20-25 people

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Report provided
- Tentative budget for next year
  - Will be trying to get more money from MEA for trainings next year
- Will be approving a budget in September

### **Committee Reports**

- Christina Canfield
  - New Member Orientations
    - Trying for at least once monthly meetings
  - Monthly lunch time member trainings based on what members have voiced interest in
  - AR training continuing
  - Getting more higher ed specific literature

### **Members Concerns and Comments**

- None

### **Business Items**

- Annual Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Union Pride materials being looked into
- Health Care Bargaining has started
- Higher Ed Conference at Ferris State-October 2,3

### **Executive Session**

- None

### **Adjournment**

- Moved by Vivian, seconded by Deb
  - Passed
- Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm