

Tennessee Staff Organization
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2008

The General membership Meeting of the Tennessee Staff Organization met at the TEA Building, Nashville, Tennessee on September 25, 2008. The meeting was call to order at 4:30 P.M. by president Maria Uffelman.

The agenda was approved as printed and distributed (motion by Durham, second by Garrett).

The minutes of the May 19, 2008, meeting were approved a s printed and distributed (motion by Cotner, second by Spicer).

The Treasurer's report and the Approved Budget for 2008-2009 were presented by Melissa Brown. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Vice-president for Defense Miley Durham reported that there are no outstanding grievances at this date.

President Uffelman presented a report on the NSO Representative Assembly, the National Coordinated Bargaining Council Meeting and TSO/TAS Bargaining preparation. She share information on the strike by staff of the Oregon Education Association and stated that voluntary contributions can be made to help support the strikers.

Under Committee Reports, Membership Chairperson Dannise McKinney reported that TSO has one-hundred percent membership by professional staff that are eligible to join and we have increased membership by associate staff by two. New members were recognized.

President Uffelman distributed the list of committee assignments for the year; these had been approved by the TSO Executive Committee.

There was no old business.

Under new business, TSO will establish an ad-hoc committee to study the feasibility of establishing a scholarship fund to give a scholarship to any family member of a TSO member who will commit to majoring in education (motion by Whitehill, second by Webb).

President Uffelman announced that the Executive Committee has established the TSO General Meeting at which elections are to occur will be April 1, 2009 with April 30, 2009, as a back up date.

Under member concerns, the issue was raised of approval for staff travel for one out-of-state training opportunity. VP Durham will research the contract for clarification. Another item of concern was the membership being surveyed for bargaining interests and having a meeting of TSO to discuss the issues that will be bargained. President Uffelman stated that a survey will be conducted prior to beginning bargaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M. (motion by Durham, second by Fields)

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary
Donna Cotner

Approved:
Date: _____

_____, President
Maria Uffelman