

OSEA Ch. 54
Madras, OR

October, 2007

Oregon School Employees Assoc. Chapter 54

Chapter Chatter

Agenda: Oct. 16 Chapter Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Approval of Minutes of the Sept. meeting
5. Executive Board Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Correspondence and Upcoming Events
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business: Special Guest Amber Paplia, MHS Yearbook
11. Other: Installation of VP Bear Ross; Special Guest Speaker Linda Bradetich, Affiliation Investigation Committee member
12. Good of the Order
13. Door Prizes & "Cash Drawing"
14. Adjournment

We hope to see you on Tuesday, October 16 at 5:30 pm at the Metolius Elementary Library

New VP elected at Sept. meeting

Bear Ross was nominated to fill the open Vice President spot at the Sept. 18th meeting at Abby's Pizza and the members present enthusiastically voted to elect him. Bear was thanked by everyone, especially President Nikki Carson, for volunteering his time to the executive board. Bear will assume his vp responsibilities immediately, much to Nikki's relief. Cheers, Bear!

Negotiations Committee to solicit input through member survey

This month the chapter Negotiations Committee will distribute to all chapter members a survey to determine what issues need to be addressed through the bargaining process. This is the time to let your negotiating team know which contract issues they should target when they begin to meet with the school board's negotiating team this winter. What are you most concerned about? Health insurance? Seniority? Salary and cost of living? Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to Nikki Carson at Metolius Elementary.

October chapter meeting features AFT affiliation Q&A

Linda Bradetich, member of OSEA's Affiliation Investigation Committee, will be the guest speaker at the October 16th chapter meeting to clarify the details of OSEA's proposed affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and to address questions and concerns about joining that large union. Come hear the reasons why the committee recommends the affiliation, and voice your opinions as well.

Have you moved in the last year or so? Did you remember to notify the Salem office of your new address so OSEA can keep you informed about important state matters? Contact Kathy Melzer at 1-800-252-OSEA or Kathy@osea.org to update your address. We want to be sure you receive your ballot on the proposed affiliation with AFT. Ballots will be mailed out sometime after winter break by the impartial League of Women Voters, so watch for it in your mailbox. Your vote counts!

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Upcoming Events-----

October 8: School Board meeting, SSB 7:30 pm
October 16: Chapter meeting, Metolius Elem. Library 5:30 pm
October 19: OSEA State Work Session, Grants Pass 1:00 pm
October 20: OSEA State Board meeting, Salem office 9:00 am
October 22: School Board meeting, SSB 7:30 pm
November 5: Undergraduate student scholarship application due
November 5: Member mini-grant application due
November 12: School Board meeting, SSB 7:30 pm
November 20: No chapter meeting; Happy Thanksgiving!
November 26: School Board meeting, SSB 7:30 pm

OSEA grant and scholarship dollars available

OSEA demonstrates its dedication to education in many ways, not the least of which is to offer money to members or their relatives in the form of scholarships to pursue higher education.

OSEA's mini-grant program awards three OSEA members in each of the seven zones a grant of approximately \$300 to be used for professional development such as inservice training, workshops, or seminars. Due 11/5/2007.

The Undergraduate Student Scholarship is a scholarship program started by OSEA to provide assistance to college junior and seniors who are related to an OSEA member in good standing. Due 11/5/2007.

OSEA sponsors two \$1,000 scholarships for each of the seven zones in Oregon. These scholarships, known as Lou Gerber Scholarships, are for classified school employees who wish to further their education in an accredited school. Due 2/1/2008.

OSEA sponsors the Guy Davis Scholarship for graduating high school seniors. At least one parent (including step-parent), grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, or legal guardian must be an OSEA member. Due 3/1/2008.

See Shonagh Preston, Secretary, for applications or go to www.osea.org and click on Scholarships for all the details and pdf versions you can print. Scholarship applications are also available in the ASPIRE Room at Madras High School. Turn in applications to the Salem office, not to chapter officers.

Who Ya Gonna Call? Site Reps and Stewards of Chapter 54

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