



California School Employees Association

EMPIRE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT - CHAPTER 850

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14TH 2023 @ 5PM

- 1.** Call to Order - CP Mazorra called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Members present were Isa Wiechmann (RR), Brandon McCoy, Celia Contreras, Ed Reynoso, Maggie Rosales, Irvin Carrillo, Travis Mazorra, Juan Tabarez, Marcela Calderon & Rosa Carrasco.
- 2.** Additions to the Agenda - No members had any additions at this time.
- 3.** Approval of minutes from January meeting – A motion was made by Celia Contreras to approve the minutes; seconded by Travis Mazorra. Without further questions and discussions, the minutes were approved.
- 4.** Treasurer’s Report - CP Mazorra read the report because Cindy was absent. Travis reported that the previous balance was \$4,742.27 (reported at the January 2023 chapter meeting). Member dues were deposited on 1/11/23 in the amount of \$54 and on 2/6/23 in the amount of \$56. A reimbursement check was issued to Cindy Cromwell for \$255 and processed on 2/7/23 (reimbursement for purchasing seventeen \$15 gift cards for members who attended the chapter meetings in December and January). The ending balance for December is \$4,597.27. The report was accepted without any questions.
- 5.** Old or Unfinished Business
 - a.** Site Reps / CSEA Bulletin Boards - Travis mentioned that he will be setting up a CSEA bulletin board at Hughes Elementary and will take a picture of it. He’ll email the picture to all the cafeteria

managers so they can see what it looks like & can hopefully figure out a spot to place the bulletin board at their site. We still need Site Reps for Capistrano and Empire. If anyone from those sites would like to volunteer, please contact Travis.

b. Juneteenth Litigation Update – CP Mazorra reported a communication was sent out from district HR on January 23rd regarding Juneteenth: On September 29, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (“AB”) 1655, which adds Juneteenth (June 19th) to the list of state holidays in Education Code. AB 1655 requires that all community colleges and K-12 school districts close on Juneteenth or pay classified employees who work that day 2.5 times their regular rate of pay. As a result, Monday, June 19, 2023 will not be a ‘work day’, but a paid holiday for 12 month employees or anyone working during that time (employees working Summer School for example).

c. Camera MOU - Travis gave the members an update on a proposed MOU between our chapter and the district regarding the newly installed security cameras. Members gave their opinions on the situation. The MOU is still not settled yet but we are working on it.

d. 2023 Member of the Year – To nominate a CSEA member for Member of the Year at the state level go to csea.com/moy. Our local River Delta Member of the Year event will be coming soon. Isa gave the members an update on that: The River Delta Field Office Team is excited about our twenty-third Annual Member Recognition Event “Inspiring Others”. This event will be the celebration of the work we have done building the union throughout our service area. This is a time where we recognize those special individuals who have made CSEA stronger and better through their efforts. Their special time will be a picnic on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at the Yosemite Lake Rotary Cove I, located at 5614 N. Lake Road in Merced. The afternoon festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. with the Awards and Recognition Program following lunch. We will be celebrating the following categories of union activism: Chapter “Unsung Hero” of the Year, Regional Leader’s Award, Retiree Member of the Year and Activist of the Year Award.

e. CSEA Annual Conference - Travis reiterated that he has submitted an application for delegate assistance. If approved our chapter will be able to send one member (all expenses paid by CSEA) to the CSEA Annual Conference in July. It will be held in Reno, NV this year. We will select a delegate for conference if/when we are approved

for delegate assistance. We will be going over the resolutions at the next chapter meeting.

6. New Business

a. Area E Director Election – Travis mentioned that Area E Director elections will be coming up soon. Isa mentioned that there will be an open forum type meeting where members will have the opportunity to meet the two candidates currently running for Area E Director. Members will be able to ask questions and listen to the candidates speak on different issues. It will be held on Monday, February 20th at 6pm via zoom. Isa will email out the invite. We will be voting on Area E Director during the March or April chapter meeting.

b. Standard Mileage Allowance Increase - Effective January 1st, 2023, the standard mileage allowance will be increased by the Internal Revenue Service to 65.5 cents per mile for all miles driven.

c. Contract Reopener Brainstorming – For the 23/24 school year our collective bargaining agreement (contract) between EUSD and CSEA Chapter 850 can be reopened for negotiations on Article IX: Compensation, Article X: Benefits, two articles selected by CSEA and two articles selected by EUSD. During this portion of the chapter meeting members were encouraged provide suggestions on changes, additions or revisions to articles of our contract. Members present provided a couple suggestions. We will be brainstorming during the next couple chapter meetings so if you have any input, suggestions or ideas, please attend a chapter meeting and speak up.

7. Good of the Order – Isa mentioned that in late March there will be a town hall meeting (in-person) at JFK School (1202 Stonum Rd Modesto) where members will get to meet our new Association President, Adam Weinberger.

8. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by CP Mazorra at 5:29pm.