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Another School Year? Will the Madness Never End?

Welcome back to another wonderful school year! All of us at FZEA hope that the beginning of your year has been successful and exciting. Some major changes have taken place since last year. We have a new president, Kim Garbs from North High, and other changes in our Executive Board. And we have a lot of exciting events planned for the school. First, however, Kim would like to welcome you all back to a new beginning for the 2011—2012 school year at the Fort.

Dear Members,

I am honored and excited to serve as your new association president. This summer I was busy at the local MNEA office familiarizing myself with the daily routine at MNEA land. I had the pleasure of attending Summer Academy with members Kathleen Osterwise, Connie Johnson, Matt Hansen, and Sherry Walsh in mid-July. We brushed up on leadership and dancing skills. It is a worthwhile event.

I have been making visits to buildings and members. It is my goal to attend each school before the end of first semester. I want to be accessible to all. With that said, the best way to contact me is either by cell (636) 248-1041 or email fzeal@yahoo.com. I teach Biology at North High School and am available after 11:00 a.m. However, a substitute will be provided in an emergency situation so never hesitate to call for help.

We have two member at large positions open this term on the Executive Board. If you are interested in running for the position, let me know. You would be required to attend monthly executive board and building representative meetings.

Lastly, FZEA started a grant program last year and we would like to continue the program this year. The deadline for first semester grant applications is Oct. 15th. To find out more, simply visit our website at fzeal.com and click on the grants tab. MNEA has grants available for Probationary Teachers for college reimbursement, Horace Mann Scholarship Program Tuition Grants, Special Education Tuition Reimbursement Grants, Counselor Tuition Reimbursement Grants, and Loan Forgiveness Awards for members. To find out more, go to MNEA.org. Deadlines begin mid-September so don't wait. Building Representative Training will take place at the O'Fallon MNEA office on September 29th from 4:15 – 7 p.m. With a light dinner included. Please let me know if you plan to attend. I am still in need of a building representative at Hawthorne Elementary. Melissa Asher graciously stepped forward as a temporary until someone else is willing to serve. Building reps are very important to the association. They are our eyes, ears and voices in the building.

Sincerely,

Kim Garbs

FZEA President

Save the Date:

**Building Rep
Training:
September 29**

**FZEA Grants
due:
October 15**

**Last Day to
Register:
March 7, 2012**

**Fall RA:
Nov. 12
Sheraton
Westport**

**American Edu-
cation Week:
Nov 13—19**

**St. Charles
Legislative
Dinner:
TBA**

**Capitol Action
Day:
March 7, 2012
And
April 11, 2012**

**Election Day:
April 3, 2012**



Why Donate to PAC?

What is PAC?

PAC stands for Political Action Committee

How do you benefit from donating to PAC?

- support campaigns for bond issues, school issues, school board candidates
- supports state wide political issues such as Collective Bargaining
half of the monies raised for this fund stay here to support our local issues

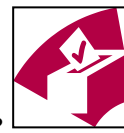
Who can donate to PAC?

- Any NEA member can donate to PAC

NONE OF YOUR DUES DOLLARS IS USED FOR THE PAC FUND

How do I donate to PAC?

- You can contribute to PAC by payroll deduction
Contact your building rep. for a form to fill out and send it to Consuela Johnson at North Middle School.
- Current reality, out of 1,200 members 108 contribute to PAC. Come aboard, we need your donations!



ARE YOU READY FOR THE APRIL ELECTION?

We want to remind you that if you have not registered to vote, moved, had a name change or need an absentee ballot it is not too late. **The last day to register to vote is March 7th, 2012!** You can go the **website <http://election.sccm.org/election>** and print off a form to register, you can go to the St. Charles County Election Authority located at: **387 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO, 63376; 636-949-7550**, or you can registrar to vote in any FZ building (just ask any building secretary).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall Representative Assembly will be in St. Louis on November 12 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, 191 Westport Plaza Drive. Delegate registration will begin at 8 AM and the RA will begin at 9:30 AM.

Interested in being a building representative? Want to know what is involved in the position? Building rep training is September 29 at the MNEA office in Lake St. Louis from 4:15 to 7 PM, including dinner. Join us! RSVP Kim Garbs by Sept. 26

Due to the large number of retirement, projected retirement, and membership drops the local was unable to absorb MNEA and NEA dues increases. We worked diligently to cut our budget by \$10,000 for 2012-13 fiscal year and continue to scrutinize how membership money is spent. We have been able to maintain local FZEA dues at \$78.00. Every building should have a dues schedule posted on an association bulletin board for members to review. Helpful hint: Membership dues are tax deductible!

FZEA Meeting Dates 2011-2012

Executive Board Meetings

Officers and Members at Large

MNEA Office—4:15
1011 Peruque Crossing Ct.

Wednesday, Sept. 7
Wednesday, Oct. 5
Wednesday, Nov. 2
Wednesday, Dec. 7
Wednesday, Jan. 4
Wednesday, Feb. 1
Wednesday, Mar. 7
Wednesday, Apr. 11
Wednesday, May 2



Membership Representative Meetings

Building Representative, Executive Board and Members

North Middle Library 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Wednesday, Oct. 12**
Wednesday, Nov. 16
Wednesday, Dec. 14
Wednesday, Jan. 18
Wednesday, Feb. 15**
Wednesday, Mar. 21
Wednesday, Apr. 25**
Wednesday, [May 9]

** denotes a general membership meeting

[] subject to change

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Sharon Schertel—Communications
Vicki Datt—Parliamentarian

Members At Large:

Dana Asher
Nancy Fearn
Mary Gustafson
Melissa Wilkerson
To Be Determined
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Membership grants!

First semester FZEA grant applications are due to the MNEA office by October 15. If interested, applications are available on our web site at fzeal.com. Simply click on grants and print the application.

Large members wanted

Two member at large positions are currently available, one two-year term and one one-year term. Please contact Kim Garbs by September 26 if you are interested.

FZEA shirts will soon be on sale. Watch for the order form in your friendly Insight.

Vote! Vote often! Vote for your friends!

A school board election is coming up in April and there will be two openings on the school board. FZEA will be interviewing the candidates soon for their views on education. Stay tuned. In the mean time, here is a political snapshot of our membership:

2011 POLITICAL SNAPSHOT FT. ZUMWALT

LOCAL PROFILE		NOTES
Local Membership	1314	
Members residing in district	1480	
Members Tagged as Activist*	31	
Members Unregistered to Vote or "Unknown"	300	
PAC PROFILE		
Local Balance	\$9,200	
# Members on PRD for PAC	108 (8%)	
<i>Suggested PAC PRD Goal</i>		<i>15% Members Giving \$2 197 Members Giving on PRD</i>