

**BCEA General Membership Meeting
May 24, 2017**

President Scott Proctor called the meeting to order.

Scott thanked the members for coming and introduced the Officers.

Minutes from last General Membership Meeting

Minutes from the last General Membership Meeting was handed out. The minutes were moved, seconded and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was handed out. Megan Simons explained the report. The treasurer's report was moved, seconded and approved as written.

Linda Leligdowicz thanked the Election Committee for helping with the counting of ballots. The election was for the President and Vice President. Scott Proctor won the President position for 2017-2019 years and Jeff Fronk won the position of Vice President for 2017-19 years. The Election committee thanked the others who did not win for running for the offices of President and Vice President.

State of the Union – Scott Proctor

Scott gave the final membership count for BCEA for 2016-2017 – 434 members and 10 rep fee payers.

Review of the past year- Scott reported that the Unions are under attack and how important it is to stay active in what is happening. The upcoming Special Election (May 25th) for Montana US Representative can make a lot of difference to our schools, students and our job. Scott encouraged everyone to get out and vote if they have not did it yet.

Communication- Scott said that the Board is determined to improve on communication with the members by improving the newsletters with more information, and encouraging the members to check out the BCEA website. They can go to billingsclassifiedemployeeassoc.weebly.com or go to the BPS staff web under the Labor Information tab.

Membership- A question was brought up about not opening up the committees to other members other than Board members. Scott explained that there were only a few committees. Scott pointed out that according to the constitution the President did have the right to appoint members for those committees. It was also pointed out there was general members on the ESP day committee and Election Committee.

Negotiation – Scott said that the negotiation committee has been working on ideas to bring forward to the negotiations such more Professional Training for our members. Scott said that BCEA probably will not do any negotiations until end of summer or beginning of 2017-18 school year. He said that as far as he knows the administration does not a team for bargaining as yet. He asked if any suggestions please see him.

Member Recognition

Scott said that BCEA recognizes outstanding members for their dedication to the students, staff, and BPS. Eleven 20-year members and nine Retirees were recognized for their dedication for 2016-17 with gift cards. Scott also recognized our Building Reps and thanked them for making BCEA so great with carnations.

There was a drawing for a gift basket from the Board.

A motion to adjourn was made with a second, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leligdowicz

BCEA Secretary

Mission Statement: The Billings Classified Employees Association (BCEA), an advocacy unit for the Educational Support Professional (ESP), is committed to promoting professionalism of each member and furthering the success of all students to become productive citizens.