Minutes of the WCCFT Executive Committee January 21, 2016

Previous minutes and agenda were approved

**Agency Fee**

* Amanda Velazquez of NYSUT reported to the board.
* Friedrichs case in the Supreme Court, if plaintiffs win, will limit the power of unions particularly teacher’s unions.
* This is a direct attack on unions, not really a free speech issue.
* We can prepare for the worst case scenario by signing up everyone. In this case the agency fee is not an issue.
* We must make a case why the union matters.

**Strategy**

* Assess how to organize
* Complete the list of membership
* Get together in small groups
* Make the point that if not in union no grievance possible with no agency fee
* Amanda feels that talking to members one- on -one the best.

**Spring Calender**

1. Exec Board minutes to be sent out by Raphael.
2. It was agreed that class schedules be emailed to Raphael to schedule office hours
3. It was voted to have all general union meetings in the Tech building
4. The negotiating committee met with Wittenberg on 1/21. The mediation meeting is set for May 3
5. Meeting to be held end of Feb to hear unemployment issues for adjuncts. Rules are not applied uniformly.
6. Next Community College conference (Oct 2) will focus on unemployment issues for adjuncts.
7. Rosemarie organizing student bus for Feb 25 Higher Education lobby day in Albany. Looking into financing.
8. Committee of 100 to do in-district lobbying in May
9. AFT meeting in San Diego and NEA in Las Vegas (April 1,2,3)
10. NYSUT RA meeting in Rochester (April 7-9)
11. Arbitration for ELI March 30 at 10am
12. PERB Feb 3 on completion coaches
13. WPIE hearing on March 3 April 26
14. Date of meeting of mobilization committee to be determined
15. CSEA filed improper practice charge

**Adjournment**