

MFT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 20, 1991
Radisson Hotel - St. Paul

Executive Council

Sandra Peterson, President
Kathy Koch, 1st Vice-President
James Pearson, Treasurer
Bill Rasmussen, Secretary

Vice-Presidents

Barbara Anderson, Greenway-Coleraine
Marcia Averbook, Bloomington
Gerald Brown, Duluth
Myrna Doran, Osseo
Virginia Gearhart, McGregor
Richard Herriges, St. Paul
Harvey Hietala, Grand Rapids
Kim Hill, Rosemount
JoAnn Hoeck, Willmar
Marilouise Koerber, Osseo
Jerry Simpson, St. Paul
Louise Sundin, Minneapolis
Lois Wendt, Robbinsdale
Julie Wenzel, Buffalo
Gladys Westin, St. Paul

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m.

The May meeting will be Friday, May 17, 1991 at the MFT Office. Employee Relations will meet from 3-5 p.m. and executive council will begin at 6:30 p.m.

M-1 Virginia Gearhart moved and Myrna Doran seconded to nominate Kathy Koch first vice-president. Motion carried without dissent.

M-2 James Pearson moved and Kathy Koch seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS proposals for charter schools seek to staff them with a combination of licensed and unlicensed teachers, and

WHEREAS they allow entities such as universities, corporations or private entrepreneurs to come in and propose a school and pull students and state dollars to fund their operations, and

WHEREAS they set up separate bargaining units which may or may not be unionized and may give preferred employment and seniority status to charter school staff over other staff in the district, and

WHEREAS they can pull out a select group of students and the danger exists for a group of parents or community activists with a specific bias using state dollars to fund a private sectarian school, and

WHEREAS the schools are set up as private corporations with broad exemptions from statute and state board rules, i.e. they are not required to operate under the same rules as other public schools, and

WHEREAS they will have the ability to generate money from parents, corporations, and foundations to assure success which undermines the support for a local public school;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MFT should support only those legislative initiatives for alternative schools including chartered schools that require:

- 1) that all teachers staffing the school hold a valid license under the provisions of the Board of Teaching;
- 2) that all staff be a part of the bargaining unit in the district that authorize the school; and
- 3) that the school be required to comply with the master agreement of employee groups in the authorizing district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only local districts be authorized to establish any style of alternatives or chartered schools.

Motion carried without dissent.

M-3 Kathy Koch moved and Julie Wenzel seconded that for the 1991 ULI Summer Workshop the MFT provide 10 scholarships of \$150 each for first-time participants. In the event more than 10 apply, preference will be given to locals that did not attend in 1990 and that the scholarships be limited to two per local until all are used.

A-1 Richard Herriges moved and James Pearson seconded to amend that a minimum of one be a PSRP. Amendment carried without dissent.

A-2 Julie Wenzel moved and Kathy Koch seconded to amend to 20 scholarships rather than 10. Amendment carried without dissent.

Motion as amended carried without dissent.

M-4 Virginia Gearhart moved and Gerald Brown seconded that MFT pay expenses for up to ten council members to attend AFT QuEST.

A-3 Kathy Koch moved and Virginia Gearhart seconded to amend that expenses include double room rate, meals, and transportation. Amendment carried without dissent.

Motion as amended carried without dissent.

M-5 Gerald Brown moved and Virginia Gearhart seconded to have the 1993 spring convention in Duluth. Motion carried without dissent.