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MTI Election Results

MTI's Election Committee has tallied the ballots cast in last week's *MTI teacher bargaining unit general election and has certified the election of MTI officers Mike Lipp* (West) as President-elect; and the re-election of incumbent **Art Camosy** (Memorial) as Vice-President; incumbent **Fred Rosevear** (East) as Treasurer; and incumbent **Elizabeth Wingert** (Elvehjem) as Secretary. All will be installed at the May 21 meeting of the MTI Faculty Representative Council. President-Elect **Peggy Coyne** (Black Hawk) *will also be installed as President* for the ensuing school year at the May 21 Council meeting. Current President **Kerry Motoviloff** (Doyle) will remain on the Board as Past-President. The MTI Board of Directors consists of ten members - the six above-referenced officers who are elected by the general membership and four at-large representatives elected by the MTI Faculty Representative Council.

Elected to the MTI Bargaining Committee are: Elementary School Representative - **Kerry Motoviloff** (Doyle); Middle School Representative - incumbent **Peggy Coyne** (Black Hawk); High School Representative - **Andrew McCuaig** (La Follette); At-Large Representative - **Andrew Waity** (Crestwood); and Educational Services Representative - incumbent **Holly Hansen** (Falk). The MTI Bargaining Committee consists of 15 members. One from each of the referenced areas is elected each year.

**National Teacher Day:
A Day for the Governor
& Legislators to Step-up for
Children, Teachers &
All Other Public Employees**



Wisconsin's Governor continues to take advantage of public school employees and continues the erosion of quality education by continuing the revenue controls on school boards, and by increasing his attack on public schools by imposing even greater reductions in funding. *The Governor's proposed budget takes another \$8.8 million from the MMSD Budget; and that is in addition to the loss of many more million dollars should voucher schools be expanded to Madison.* Walker's proposals enable the State to usurp every school board's authority to operate their local school district at the quality the public demands.

May 7 is National Teacher Day. *It is supposed to be a time for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions teachers make in society and in the lives of children.*

The celebration is dampened by school boards across Wisconsin being forced to cut staff and programs. Wisconsin public education is being destroyed by the Governor and by legislators more interested in privatizing education rather than continuing excellence in public education. Public schools endure the constant scrutiny of test results, while voucher schools remain unregulated. Class sizes are far higher than the size mandated for optimal learning. Classes for accelerated learners have been eliminated and special education has gone from being specialized for students' disabilities to being generalized. There is not enough funding to clean classrooms on a daily basis, including those for pre-K and kindergarten, which means food and drink spills and general uncleanness resulting from normal activities of younger students.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game 6th Annual MTI Day at Miller Park July 10

MTI has scheduled the *6th annual MTI Day at Miller Park* for **Wednesday, July 10** when the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds. The charter bus will depart Madison around 9:00 a.m. and arrive at Miller Park in time for a pre-game tailgate party (game time is 1:10 p.m.). **Space is limited to the first 50 people to reserve their seat(s) by paying the \$50 per person deposit to MTI.**

Cost includes charter bus, game ticket (*great seats in Section 225*) and pre-game tailgate party. **RSVP to MTI Headquarters as soon as possible** (257-0491 or bettnerj@madisonteachers.org).

Our Union Makes Us Strong!

MTI's web page - www.madisonteachers.org

MTI's email - MTI@madisonteachers.org



Show Your
SOLIDARITY!
Wear **MTI RED**
Every **MONDAY!**

MTI “Patch Through” Voucher Phone Bank May 9

Thanks to the volunteers who helped make phone calls at MTI on April 23. With few volunteers, 51 callers were “patched through” to leave a message for Senator Sheila Harsdorf that *voucher expansion is bad for Wisconsin and that public schools must be fully funded.* **The Governor’s proposed budget will take \$96 million from public schools to fund private and parochial “voucher” schools and private charter schools.**

This program was a great success in other Senate Districts as well, generating well over 200 contacts last week. Any member interested in giving this a try, another night of calling is being considered for **Thursday, May 9, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., at MTI.** The constituents we are calling are targeted based on their likelihood to respond positively and include WEAC members and voters favorable to public schools. This fight is critical because if we lose, voucher schools will be coming to Madison, whether we want them or not, with slick marketing campaigns designed to lure tax dollars into their pockets by denigrating our public schools. **Don’t let this happen!** We need seven confirmed volunteers to make this set-up worthwhile.

If you can join us next Thursday, please contact Jeff Knight (knightj@madisonteachers.org / 257-0491).

Reminder: EA-MTI Building Representatives Election and May 15 Meeting

The Bylaws for MTI’s Educational Assistants bargaining unit provide that **EA-MTI** members at each school or work site are entitled to a Building Representative and an Alternate Building Representative. Representatives are elected during the last week of April. Balloting information was sent out to each EA Building Representative. This is a reminder to return the EA Building Representative election sheet to MTI as soon as possible. Call or email Assistant Director Eve Degen (degene@madisonteachers.org) if you have questions.

In addition, all elected EA-MTI Building Representatives and Alternate Representatives are invited to attend the next EA Building Representative meeting on **Wednesday, May 15, at 4:15 p.m., at MTI.** We will continue our discussion of identifying opportunities for the EA bargaining unit, MTI’s call for negotiations, and membership organizing and engagement. More than 25 Building Reps attended last month’s meeting, and we look forward to EA Reps from all schools coming together for continued discussion about the future of the Union on May 15. Refreshments will be provided.

SCFL Annual “Picnic” May 22

The South Central Federation of Labor’s Committee on Political Education (COPE) will hold its **52nd annual Bean Feed**, hosting Madison and Dane County elected officials, legislators and union members and their families, on **Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Madison Labor Temple, 1602 S. Park Street.** *One may have all the hot dogs, potato salad and beans he/she wishes, plus one free soda or beer.* Serving is from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. **The proceeds pay for SCFL political action activities including phone banks and mailings to unionists in Dane, Dodge, Columbia, Jefferson, Sauk & Iowa counties.** Any MTI-represented District employee can receive tickets while they last, first come first served, by calling MTI.

Attend the People’s Brat Fest Saturday, May 25

The MTI endorsed, ASO driven “**People’s Brat Fest**” (www.thepeoplesbratfest.com/) is a family-friendly event that supports local businesses and family farms. It is **the only Brat Fest in town with 100% of the proceeds going to local charities.** The event takes place **Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the State Street/Library Mall.** There will be music and events for everyone. The menu will feature *locally made organic brats, as well as vegetarian and vegan options*, along with fresh Wisconsin cheese curds, sodas, and desserts. **Volunteers are needed to help run the event.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bill Fetty (Bill.fetty@asolidarity.org) or Jeff Knight at MTI (knightj@madisonteachers.org).



Calendar of Events

- **Monday, May 6, Doyle Room 103**
BOE Special Meeting (5:00 p.m.)
BOE Student Achievement & Performance (5:45 p.m.)
- **Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 p.m., MATC Truax**
MATC Budget - Public Hearing (Room 122)
- **Monday, May 13, 4:30 p.m., MTI**
MTI Board of Directors
- **Tuesday, May 14, 4:15 p.m., MTI**
MTI VOTERS Political Action Committee
- **Wednesday, May 15, 4:15 p.m., MTI**
EA-MTI Building Representatives
- **Thursday, May 16, 4:30 p.m., MTI**
SEE-MTI Board of Directors
- **Tuesday, May 21, 4:15 p.m., Labor Temple**
MTI Faculty Representative Council