1. The first item of business was the election of BCCFA officers for the 2010-1011 academic year, conducted by the Nominations and Elections Committee, Joan Cohen Chair.
   Nominated for
   President: Peter Helff
   Vice President: Tobyn DeMarco
   Secretary: Alan Kaufman
   Treasurer: Laurie Hodge
   All candidates were elected without opposition.

2. Peter Helff, President of the BCCFA, offered welcoming remarks.
   • He reported we have no information regarding the whereabouts of retired member Sally Thompson, and asked anyone who was in contact with her to please let him know. He also reported that newly retired member Augie Borghese was in rehab at Care One in Teaneck, and that Richard Lenk is presently at the Bergen Regional Medical Center;
   • He reminded members of the Food Bank container outside his office. Food for the families of soldiers who are in Iraq and Afghanistan should be deposited here. The food goes to the Food Bank at the Teaneck Armory. He encouraged members to contribute;
   • Members whose pensions are with PERS should not react in response to current actions by Governor Christie. Of particular importance is that no one takes a leave of absence. Leaves of absence of more the ninety days will result in a member losing his or her accrued time and cause one to return to the system as a newcomer. Moreover, a new
member will be working with the new formula of years served over 60 rather than 55. This would cost the member a significant loss in his or her pension;
• Members were encouraged to vote YES in their upcoming School Budget elections.

3. Professor Tobyn DeMarco and Dr. George Cronk provided an overview of the proposed revision of the Distance Learning Memorandum of Agreement. VP Peter Dlugos, who negotiated the agreement for the administration, was invited by President Helff to join us for the meeting. Dr. Cronk, chair of the distance learning committee, recognized the other committee members: Dr. Roanne Angiello, Dr. Karen Comai-Fuerherm, Professor Bob Freud, Dr. Mark Kassop, Dr. Alan Kaufman, Professor Lenore Lerner, Professor Marty Lowe, Dr. Michael Redmond. The negotiations team was Drs. Cronk, Kassop, Kaufman, and Redmond.

Professor DeMarco asked for questions from the membership. A motion to approve the agreement was made and the agreement was approved by voice vote.

4. Laurie Hodge offered a Treasurer’s report. Eight junior members of the BCCFA will be attending the upcoming NJEA Higher Education Conference as part of the BCCFA’s ongoing attempt to involve more young members in leadership training.

        We have a total of $66,539.91 in the treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Alan Kaufman
Secretary, BCCFA

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