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"Esau was a traitor to himself: Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country; a strikebreaker is a traitor to his

God, his
country,
his wife,
his
family
and his
class."

-Jack
London

Thursday
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 AT 10:30PM

On Lock-Down

Retired Member Tim Kohl, who is a past president of Holgate TA (and self-proclaimed "past problem maker") was denied access to OEA's property today. Tim was a dues-paying member for 35-years. OEA's hired "security" thugs told him "no one enters the property." Shame on you, OEA - for disrespecting a long-time, dues-paying member in that way!

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PAT's REPLY to MESSAGE FROM STACY LIPPS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010 AT 10:56AM

==== PAT's REPLY to MESSAGE FROM STACY LIPPS =====

From: "Frost-Brooks, Pat [OH]"
<frostbro@ohea.org<<mailto:frostbro@ohea.org>>>
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2010 7:31 PM
Subject: Re: Treat the PSU fairly and with respect!

Stacy

I can assure you we are bargaining in good faith with both PDU and OASU.

Please know that PSU membership is not only LRC's but those in Headquarters some how LRC's have forgotten about there brothers and sisters there and just thinking about themselves.

As president when making a decision or lobbying I MUST remember and think about the affects of the 715 ORA locals and the 130,000 members pd OEA.

I'm also taking into account those locals who have had wage freezes, no step increases, and pay higher cost for health care, or who took no increases in pay to keep healthcare.

I'm also taking into account the local presidents who have told me to please keep the cost down of PSU because there members can not afford higher dues for their(PSU)contract

====**ORIGINAL MESSAGE FROM STACY LIPPS TO PAT FROST BROOKS**====

On Aug 29, 2010, at 7:14 PM, "Stacy E. Lipps" wrote:

OEA Officers and Administrators,

It has come to my attention that the OEA officers and Administrators are not bargaining in good faith with the Professional Staff Union. As a union member myself, I am appalled at this behavior. The officers need to remember who they work for! I demand better from my OEA officers. This lack of professionalism and respect will not be tolerated.

I strongly urge you settle the PSU & OASU contracts fairly and without a strike.

Sincerely,

Stacy Lipps
Carlisle Teachers Association

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Jim Timlin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 AT 10:03AM

John,

Hi...when I called Jim Timlin's cell phone he answered...unlike the other officers, though the Pres. did return my call later...however, when I told him what I was calling for..he became very loud, speaking over me. He told me I was receiving only info from one side. I told him I was urging him to settle the contract...but he told me I needed to tell that to the "other side" as well. When I asked if OEA would be using scabs during the strike, he yelled, " What do you expect us to do? Close down the OEA?" I really had a hard time getting a word in at all. I also asked if it was true that OEA had only given one counter proposal. He assured me that they had given one each time they were asked. I then asked him if there was movement in any of the counter proposals. He told me that, well, by the very name, a counter would have movement. I told him I have taught for 32 years (he began again to talk over me telling me he had 34 years in) and that I had seen supers that gave good counters and ones that gave counters that were almost the same as the orig. proposal. Which kind did OEA give? He told me, "Ma'am, I am not at the bargaining table." So I said, "Then you really can't know." He had no comment. He then went on to explain the RIF...that OEA was losing 3,000 – 6,000 members this year and that your contract – because RIF is defined in several areas of it – won't allow a RIF. "How are we supposed to survive? Our income is from those dues." He said that they were looking at reducing the number of LRC's and offices. That is the only way to stay solvent. Anyway...after he yelled at me, I called the Pres (Pat) and left her a message since she didn't answer. I told her I would appreciate her speaking with me because her treasurer had just treated me very unkindly on the phone and I wanted to speak with her too.

Hope things went well tonight and there's a contract!
Cris

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Outlandish claims by OEA President, Pat Frost-Brooks

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 AT 10:03AM

Hello folks--

I recognize that locals currently in negotiations have been shoved into a tight spot on this one, but I must say that I generally agree with Marsh. And though I cannot by law divulge what the OEA Board of Directors discussed in executive session in August, I can say that in my opinion PSU is excessively aggressive in its rhetoric, almost outlandish in its rendering of the OEA positions, and very close to the vest about what their members make relative to what contract raises they've negotiated for US in the past two years.

The bottom line if OEA gives PSU what they want involves a dues increase of \$200 per member per year by 2011 for no additional services from PSU members for the same time frame, based on my math prediction.

Also--note that some PSU people are more vocal and adamant than others--of course they have a strategy--they're the folks who teach us how to negotiate. but they're also the same folks who've gotten our locals 0-2% contracts for the past year. They need to live in our

economic world, in my opinion.

Reminder--Unit 6--meeting November 17--time and place TBA (will be in Ashtabula County).

Let me finally offer you this: During the last OEA contract vote for PSU, I advocated for the raise and new contract. Those were way greener fiscal and investment times. Today, I am a trustee of a corporation whose assets were \$107 million in August of 2008 and are now around \$78 million--until the markets recover, OEA is in no position to accede to the PSU line--and all of you know that based on your own treasurer's numbers. In my opinion, OEA's 130,000 members must understand that our dues fund every OEA employee's salary and retirement--and we have lost members in this contract cycle.

Share this as you wish. Nothing herein violate the executive session. I'm happy to reply to individual queries.

Pat

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Outlandish claims by board of director member, Marsh Buckley

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 AT 10:01 AM

Dear Scott,

I also urge all individuals to meet and negotiate. However, WE need to understand that WE have to pay for what WE get. If we want to still have the same number of LRC's making \$120,000 plus a

year, and paying for perks like car washes and health club memberships then we will have to raise our dues. How easy will it be for you to get your members to pay additional dues money? It would not be easy for me to do so. I would love to drive a Cadillac, but I can not afford it. I also would love to have the same kind of contract with the PSU as we have had, but I do not think that we can afford it. Our elected officials in Columbus (President, Vice. President, and Treasurer) took a pay CUT last year, and this year. Yet we still want them to do more work with less money. I know that in a few weeks we will have an agreement with the PSU. Hopefully it will occur without a strike. I am urging MY officers in Columbus to negotiate a contract that is fair to both the PSU and the members of the Ohio Education Association. I urge you to do the same.

Marsh Buckley

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