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MINUTES  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CABINET**  
TUESDAY, August 9, 2011

**I. Call to Order**

<b>II.</b>	John Christian	Susan Giannini	Danielle Tuttle	Andrea Moore
	Bonnie Young	Pat Andino	Patti Sullivan	Julie Lodge
	Margie Thiele	Lisa Tamiso	Kristyn Sperduti	Melanie Callahan
	Janet Campbell	Christine Rust	Sandy Sherlock	Pat McGee

**III.** Minutes from the June Meeting will be distributed for acceptance at the September meeting. Andrea Moore will be acting as secretary during Michelle Lepak's leave.

**IV. Treasurer's Report** – See attached budget spreadsheet.

**A.** WGTA dues will NOT increase for 2011-2012. This marks a 4-year dues freeze.

**B.** The WGTA is under 400 members for the first time in many years.

**C.** Total annual dues will be \$712. These include WGTA, NYSUT and AFT.

**V. Presidents Report-**

**A.** John distributed a list of meeting dates for the coming year. See attached handout.

**B. VoteCope** drive will be held during the month of October. There will be a small gift for anyone who joins VoteCope or increases their current contribution.

**C.** NYSUT pocket calendars were distributed to building leaders.

**D.** WGTA will be manning the NYSUT booth at the State Fair all day on Saturday August 27.

**E.** Syracuse Chiefs are hosting a Labor Night at the August 18<sup>th</sup> game. Free tickets are available. John will email the membership to let them know and how to get tickets.

**F.** EDC committee will be focusing this year on functioning properly. A list has been generated of recent items that should have been handled through EDC, but were not.

**G. APPR-** The NYSUT proposal and WGCSA are similar. Not required for this year because we are still under contract.

**H. Negotiations** – The executive officers will sit at the negotiating table. The Cabinet will act as the negotiating committee. Contractually, we do not have to start negotiations until February, but we hope to begin early.

**I.** We have been assigned a new NYSUT Labor Representative – David Schrieber.

**J.** Tier 6 is on the table. NYSUT is fighting it. Very few people were hired under Tier 5, so the state is not seeing the size savings that they were hoping for in the short term.

**VI. Vice Presidents Reports-**

**A.** The Teaching Center has some money to operate. We will need volunteers for Directing Council to maintain our 51% majority. Several members dropped out at the end of June 2011.

**B.** Sue Giannini requested an updated list of committee members for all WGTA related committees.

**VII. Building Leader Reports (including shared decision making Committee Nominations)**

None

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

None

**IX. Adjournment!**