**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MVCC PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**April 26, 2016**

1. Approval of January 15, 2016 minutes

**1st**

**2nd**

**Carried unanimously**

1. President remarks

President Chrisman welcomed all members in attendance. She thanked all of the officers and committees for their hard work over the past academic year. The Negotiation Team continues to meet with the College. The team has met with the college a few times and hopes to meet more over the summer.

1. 2016-17 MVCC Professional Association budget

The dues were $34.44 a pay period in 2015. NYSUT increased their dues $10 and AFT increased theirs $3.00 in 2016. To offset these increases it was recommended that dues increase $0.50 a pay period to $34.94.

**Motion to increase the dues from $34.44 to $34.94 for the 2016-2017 academic year.**

1. 2016 PA Election ballot

Names on the ballot were fixed. The difference between elected and appointed

positions were discussed. The ballot box will be in the library from May 2 – 6th.

 **Motion to accept the ballot**

 **1st**

 **2nd**

1. Friedrich’s decision and what’s on the horizon

With an even amount of Supreme Court justices, there was a tie vote regarding the Friedrich’s Supreme Court decision. Under these circumstances, the final decision of the case reverts to the decision of the lower court. In this case, the judge ruled in favor of unions and denied Friedrich’s allegations against unions regarding agency fee payers.

It was stressed that this is one of many cases in the court pipeline so we need to be prepared for other cases to defeat unions.

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

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**2nd**