

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board –October 4, 2017

Western Suffolk BOCES –Wheatley Heights, NY

Present: Ed Bellomo, Vince Deland, John Fogliano, Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Gene Goldwasser, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Elliot Kigner, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, George Pincus, Ed Price, Joe Quinn, and John Wallace

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President-“NO CON CON” postcards were signed by each of the attendees

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted, moved by Ed Price, seconded by Ken Foreman. Passed unanimously..

3.0 Treasurer’s Report: Account balances were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$5,582.04

Savings - \$473.22

Money Market - \$877.42

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,719.05

Total = \$11,651.73.

Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Vince Deland, seconded by Pat Galaskas, and passed by acclamation.

4.0 Announcements:

Diane Druckman is moving out of state and has resigned her position. Gene thanked Ken Foreman for arranging for us to use this BOCES facility. We decided to cater our lunches for the next two meetings at this facility from BOCES vendors.

5.0 Committee Reports:

5.1 Education: Nothing new was shared.

5.2 Legislation –Stu shared that we are running out of time regarding our ability to inform voters about the upcoming Con Con vote. A discussion ensued about what unions are doing to get out the message and what we can do to further that cause.

5.3 Membership: John Wallace reported a total of 205 paid members, 53 who had not paid and 59 lifetime members. This gives us a total of 264 members. The January newsletter will include membership renewal forms with a pre-addressed return envelope. Demetria suggested that a separate membership

renewal letter might be more effective. Pat Galaskas mentioned that we could finalize this at our December meeting.

- 5.4 .Newsletter:** Corine Lipset-Huberman strongly but gently encouraged all members to write an article periodically for the newsletter. If we all participated it would only be about one article every couple of years. Marty Mandelker recommended that we include a disclaimer in future newsletters stating that we have no political affiliation.

6.0 Old Business

- 6.1 Member Directory:** Ken Foreman reported that the directory is complete but there is difficulty with the access codes. Gene Goldwasser said he tried to access the directory from home and it did not work. Ken will continue to work on this
- 6.2 Con Con Factsheet Preparation/Timeline:** on August 23rd a group of 8 met to discuss and finalize our final push to help members vote NO on the Con Con proposition. Pat and Corine distributed and explained the proposed timeline. At the beginning of October there will be an email version of the factsheet sent to all members with the expectation that members will re-distribute to friends and family. In the middle of the month the newsletter will be sent out. About the third week of October the postcards will be mailed and during the first week of November there will be a final email blast. Pat reviewed the October newsletter with us and a few changes were recommended. The address on the back page has to be updated to new CAS address. In addition, bottom of back page should read, Vote No! It was also suggested that the email version be tweaked by eliminating the “just” at the top of the page and by highlighting the “ No” in red.

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Post Election Focus Suggestions:** As we did last year we will create a list of questions to ask future candidates based on the concerns and needs of our members. This will determine NYSRSAS endorsements. Members are encouraged to come to our next meeting with recommendations.
- 7.2 Website –** we discussed the need to evaluate the effectiveness of our website and what can be done to improve it.

- 8.0** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on a motion by Pat Galaskas and seconded by Gorge Pincus and passed unanimously..

- 9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m.** at Western Suffolk Boces

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Bellomo