

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board – June 22, 2016

Holiday Inn – Plainview, NY

Present: Diane Druckman, John Fogliano, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, , Elliott Kigner, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, Ned Price, Joe Quinn, Francesca Ciolino-Volano, and John Wallace

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President. Diane Druckman was introduced as a new member of the Executive Board.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting, taken by Ned Price, were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by David Long.

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

Share checking - \$7,645.80

Savings - \$3.20

Money Market - \$1,066.66

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,661.14

Total = \$13,376.80.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Ned Price, seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman, and passed by acclamation.

4.0 Announcements: Gene noted that Marty Mandelker has resigned as Education Chair; the position will be assumed by Ned Price. Pat Galaskas has indicated her desire to step down from the position of recording secretary although she will continue to assist with layout of our newsletter. A new candidate for secretary will be needed next year. Ed Bellomo will be return to East Williston as an interim principal. Ken Forman's new book, *Diving into Data*, has just been released.

5.0 Correspondence: E-mails were received from June Smith to confirm that she speak at our annual luncheon. It was reported that our e-mail blasts are showing a consistent 37-40% open rate,

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Education: Ned Price explained new SED requirements for registration on the TEACH website every 5 years to maintain certification. Certification will be invalidated for those who fail to register. This should be done in your month of birth. There will be no late fees during the first year; thereafter, fees will be

charged for those failing to register in a timely fashion. Those with permanent certification will not be subject to continuing education requirements.

The deadline for approval of changes in procedures for evaluation of teachers and principals has been extended.

The NYS legislature has taken steps toward a constitutional amendment to restrict the pensions of elected officials convicted of felony offenses. This is a lengthy process and will involve public approval in November 2016 and again in November 2017 election.

6.2 Legislation – Concerns about the risks involved in approval of a NYS Constitutional Convention referendum were discussed and will be our speaker's topic after lunch..

6.3 Membership: John Wallace reported a total of 260 paid members. This year we recorded 2 new life members (raising that total to 58). There were 115 members who did not pay renewal dues. The overall membership represents a small drop but the decline is a source of concern with respect to budget implications. Gene will send a letter to SANYS to see if they will agree to share a list of their members who are retiring. (It was not known if SANYS has an organization specifically for its retirees.)

The importance of maintaining our relationship with CAS was stressed.

6.4 .Newsletter: Changes in the membership of the Executive Board will be noted in the masthead. The next issue will include an article from Ned on certification registration, a summary of June Smith's presentation on the constitutional convention referendum, the President's message and Port City Ponderings as well as photos from the annual luncheon. Deadline for receipt of copy will be July 1.

6.5 Publicity: Efforts to recruit members among OLLI participants were noted..

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Questions for Candidates – Proposed letters were reviewed. There was agreement that we should include mention of our intention to make endorsements and to permit those receiving our endorsement to use the name of our organization in their campaign literature. If we do not receive a response to our letter, we will analyze the candidates' literature to determine if an endorsement is warranted. Ned Price and Joe Quinn volunteered to research contact information for candidates for the NYS Senate and Assembly. We will meet Wednesday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office to finalize letters and identify individuals to follow-up on specific candidates. Our October 2016 newsletter will run a list of endorsed candidates. It will be mailed no later than the second week in October.

7.2 Luncheon Focus –June Smith, member of NYSUT and Long Island Federation of Labor Political Action Committees, will discuss the upcoming (2017) constitutional convention referendum outlining risks, costs, and strategies under consideration

8.0 New Business

8.1 NYSRSAS Actions for 2016-17 – Initially, we will concentrate on endorsements for the November 2016 elections. As we enter 2017 our focus will shift to education for our members regarding opposition to a constitutional convention for New York State.

8.2 Executive Board Meeting Dates for 2016-17: We will meet on:

September 7, 2016

December 21, 2016

April 19, 2017

June 21, 2017

9.0 The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by David Long, seconded by Joe Quinn and passed by acclamation.

10.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office
Special meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office to finalize endorsement procedures

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas