

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board –December 6, 2017

Western Suffolk BOCES –Wheatley Heights, NY

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

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President-Special welcome to Stan Opas who had been ill. Gene introduced Mary Hance, retired Hicksville principal, who has joined our group. Gene also mentioned that Francesca Ciolino-Volano and Jack Zamek were unable to attend the meeting. We all signed a holiday card for Demetria. We discussed increasing her holiday gift from \$100 to \$200. A motion was made by Ned Price, seconded by Joe Quinn, to increase her gift to \$200. It passed unanimously. Gene also reported that he made a business card which we all thought was a good idea.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the October 4, 2017 executive board meeting were reviewed and accepted, moved by Ned Price, seconded by John Fogliano. It passed unanimously..

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of 11/30/17 were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$4,068.60

Savings - \$473.34

Money Market - \$877.42

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,730.84

Total = \$10,150.20.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by David Long, seconded by Vince Deland. After some brief discussion about the costs of printing/mailing and the luncheon, the report was accepted unanimously.

4.0 Correspondence: The president of CAS and Diane Druckman sent congratulatory remarks regarding our effort to help defeat Con Con.

5.0 Committee Reports:

5.1 Education: Nothing new was shared.

5.2 Political Action –Stu thanked everyone for defeating Con Con. He shared his concern that there is a growing movement to conduct a National Con Con. It requires 2/3 of states to pass this. Only 6 more are needed to

get this on a ballot. Both blue and red states are supporting this effort. Stu will send information out to membership to update everyone.

5.3 Membership: John Wallace reported a total of 206 paid members and 60 lifetime members. This gives us a total of 266 members.

5.4 Membership renewal procedure: There was an extensive conversation on the need to increase our membership. In the past the renewal form was part of our newsletter, but Demetria suggested a separate mailing. The membership agreed to send out a separate renewal form about January 10, 2018. The newsletter would go out shortly after that with a reminder that the renewal form should have been received in the mail. Demetria also sends out letters to recent CAS retirees. Mary Hance asked if we send letters to union heads and we do not.

5.5 Newsletter: Corine Lipset-Huberman reiterated the need for all members to contribute articles of any length for the newsletter. Since no one responded to the voting query in the last newsletter she asked members to send responses to her at clipsethuberman@gmail.com. She suggested that we include a piece on the benefits of membership including camaraderie, discounts and networking in our January newsletter. The following queries may be included in the January newsletter, favorite vacation/trip, effects of tax bill on seniors, and effects of attacks on the press.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Member Directory: Ken Foreman and Gene met with Tom Mirabella at the CAS office to resolve the access issues to the directory. While it worked there Gene and Ken felt it wasn't set up well for our members. They will follow up with Tom and hope to get this resolved shortly.

6.2 Website Review: Using the SmartBoard in the room Ken highlighted the various elements of our website. Gene met with Tom Mirabella to discuss website updates. Tom's ideas were costly with little innovation. A committee, including Gene Goldwasser, Ed Bellomo, Mary Hance, Pat Galaskas, Martin Mandelker, and Ned Price, will meet on February 7, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Western Suffolk BOCES to come up with suggestions.

6.3 No Con Con Review: Gene expressed gratitude to everyone for their team effort in defeating Con Con. The newsletter, post card, emails and family contacts all helped to accomplish our goal, Special thanks to Jeff Hollander for his help in getting the word out to all the "OLLI" members.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Member Survey: It was determined that, despite some additional costs, our last member survey was beneficial in providing valuable feedback from our membership. The membership agreed that it would be good to do it again in 2018. A committee including Pat Galaskas, Corine Lipset-Huberman, John Fogliano, Ned Price and Gene Goldwasser will meet on December 20, 2017-10 a.m. at Corine's house to revise the survey

before it is sent out next year. The survey would be included with the membership renewal.

7.2 Placement of statement regarding NYSRSAS being a non-partisan organization-website,newsletter,stationery- the website committee will come up with a statement for the executive board to review at our next meeting.

7.3 Resources for Seniors-This was tabled.

7.4 2018 Elections- Everyone is invited to the March 7, 2018 focus group meeting to develop core issues, questions, procedure, and timeline that will be used to determine endorsements that we make in the 2018 election. This group will present suggestions at the April meeting.

8.0 The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. on a motion by Jeff Hollander and seconded by Stewart Mortman and passed unanimously..

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Western Suffolk BOCES