

# **New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors**

Meeting of the Executive Board –June 20, 2018

Holiday Inn –Plainview, NY

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

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President-Gene welcomed everyone to our annual luncheon. He happily shared that nine general members would be joining us for lunch, plus Dimetria, our hard-working secretary. He thanked Ned for recruiting our guest speaker and Ken for his technical assistance.

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were distributed for all to review. The motion to accept them was moved by Ned Price and seconded by Stu Mortman. It passed unanimously.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report:** Account balances as of 5/31/18 were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$5,682.16

Savings - \$473.58

Money Market - \$877.42

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,754.25

Total = 11,787.41

Ned also distributed the proposed 2018-19 budget. After a brief discussion with clarification, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Joe Quinn and seconded by George Pincus. It passed unanimously.

**4.0 Announcements:** Francesca is no longer able to serve as the education chair. Gene asked if anyone was interested in replacing her and no one volunteered. New attendees at the luncheon will be offered the same opportunity.

**5.0 Correspondence:** Gene shared that the majority of correspondence received comes from email, usually in the form of liberal groups seeking support, or responses to our quarterly queries. Once again, all members were encouraged to invite former colleagues to join the communicative process.

## **6.0 Committee Reports:**

**6.1 Membership:** John reported that we have 210 paid members and 59 lifetime for a total of 269. Gene shared that we have 3 new members who don't pay their first year giving us a total of 272 members.

**6.2 Political Action:** Stu passionately shared that this midterm election is the most important in his lifetime. The ensuing discussion included such topics as; focusing more on the national level, assisting seniors in voter registration and participation, changing or modifying election laws, and working to engage more voter participation.

**6.3 Newsletter:** Corine provided an overview of the upcoming July newsletter. The member survey results will be included. We need someone to take over the back page piece since our former contributor, Joe Marchese, is no longer able to write it. The quarterly query will be "Get It Off Your Chest". Marty, John and Ed have agreed to write pieces for the July newsletter. We expressed gratitude to Corine and Pat for the awesome job they do coordinating and producing the newsletter. The deadline for submission of articles is 7/6/18.

**6.4 Website Review:** Ken shared that there might be a slight cost increase to upgrade website security. Some members will meet with Tom in the summer to see if there are website tasks that we can do to reduce costs for the year.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Member Survey:** Pat distributed a sheet with the results of our most recent survey. She highlighted the issues that members deemed most important to them. There was some discussion of the results and how we will use them to guide our future direction regarding upcoming elections and best ways to communicate with our members. The survey indicated that the newsletter is still the top choice. A small group, Stu, Pat, Gene, Ken, will meet in July or August to discuss ways to streamline communication costs while trying to reach as many members as possible.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 2018 Midterm Elections:** Gene announced that we have a problem facing us regarding the upcoming elections. Considering the timing of the primaries, the high number of local seats up for election and vacation schedules, it will be impossible for us to tackle everything. After a lengthy discussion considering all the scenarios the Executive Board thought it would be most effective to focus on the top three NYS positions and the federal positions in the U.S. Senate and House. A focus group consisting of Gene, John, Ed, Marty, Vince, Ned, Stu, Pat, Corine, will meet on July 12<sup>th</sup>, to compile key questions for candidates based on the input from members at our meetings and through the survey. In addition, an email blast will go out before our July focus meeting to ascertain top priorities of our members when considering which candidates to support.

**8.2 Schedule of Executive Board Meetings-2018-2019:**

9/12,18, 12/12/18, 4/10/19, 6/12/19

**9.0** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by Vince Deland and seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman, and passed unanimously.

**10.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12,2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Bellomo