

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board- March 18,2021

Zoom-Nassau/Suffolk, NY

Present: Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Gene Goldwasser, Mel Haley
Corine Lipset-Huberman, Elliot Kigner, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stewart Mortman,
Ned Price, Lois Small, Seth Weitzman

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President –welcomed everyone to the virtual Executive Board Meeting.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the December 10, 2020 Executive Board Meeting were distributed online before this meeting. Gene Goldwasser asked if there were any comments or questions and there were none. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Ned Price presented the updated Treasurer's report as of 3/1/21 . It reflects a paid membership of 150 members. (59 lifetime member, 80 free members with total membership close to 300.) Account balances as of 3/1/2021 were reported as follows:

Checking - \$4773.71

Savings - \$474.90

Money Market - \$877.42

Certificate of Deposit - \$4992.80

Total = \$11,118.83

It was also suggested that we renew our account with Zoom for another year. A motion was made to do this by Pat Galaskas and seconded by Corine Lipset -Huberman

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Pat Galaskas and seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman . It carried unanimously.

4.0 Correspondence: Gene Goldwasser shared the following correspondence:

- NYSRSAS are now members of the NYS Alliance for Retired Americans
- Letter received from Bob Devers
- Letter received from Harold Lovins
- Letter received from Michelle Lineal regarding the passing of Janice Wilson
- Letter received from Dr. Robert Feirsen – Currently at NYIT Seeking mentors for his students in the Educational Leadership Program beginning in April 2021 for one year
- Letter received from Ed Bellomo resigning as Secretary on the Executive Board of NYSRSAS

5.0 Announcements: No announcements

6.0 Committee Reports: Gene Goldwasser thanked all members who contributed to the writing of the position paper . The position paper is entitled, “ How Do We Ensure the Future of Our Democracy? Education is the Answer!” After extensive discussion it was agreed that it would be sent to groups via email and snail mail. The idea of having a contest for specified grade level students during the 2021-2022 school year , on the topic of: What they think can be done in their local community to enhance democratic development ?” was discussed. There were no final decisions made on the above.

6.1 Education: No report

6.2 Political Action: Stuart Mortman shared the following concerns which were discussed:

- The House of Representatives passes the Labor Rights extension
- Child Poverty being cut in half and only effective for a one-year period
- American Rescue Plan- providing 100 billion to NYS
- The Voting Rights Act
- NYSUT encouraging and providing incentives for retirement of staff

6.3 Newsletter: Corinne Lipset-Huberman suggested the submission of articles for the next newsletter be April 22, 2021, and that the newsletter be mailed out during the first week in May 2021. The Board agreed with the above dates. Corine Lipset-Huberman recommended that the position paper contain the name of the organization in bold font and larger print than the content of the paper. Ned Price moved to accept, and Mel Haley seconded the suggestion. The entire group approved the change. Stuart Mortman will write about HR1, Ned Price will address lessons of the pandemic, and Elliot Kigner will write about our position paper , A query will be included in the newsletter, “A country has the government it deserves”- Ned Price, Pat Galaskas and Mel Haley will write a brief response to the above statement.

6.4 Membership: It was reported that there are currently 150 paid memberships, 47 free (first year members) and 51 members who have not renewed their membership for a subtotal of 291 members. Including our 52 lifetime members, the total membership is 343. Corine Lipset-Huberman will include a reminder in the May newsletter about sending in dues for the NYSRSAS if you have not done so already.

6.5 Next Executive Board Meeting – Thursday, June 10 , 2021, 10 AM on Zoom

6.6 Adjournment: Pat Galaskas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Stewart Mortman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Small