

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Annual Meeting of the Executive Board –June 10, 2021
Zoomville-Nassau/Suffolk, NY

Present: Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Gene Goldwasser, Miriam Hanan, Mel Haley, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Elliot Kigner, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Ned Price

Review of the minutes of the meeting of 3/18/21.

Review of Treasurer's Report for the period 3/1/21-6/1/21 and 2021-22 Budget. Motion to approve made by Miriam Hanan, seconded by David Long, and approved unanimously.

Announcements:

- Gene Goldwasser thanked Pat Galaskas for preparation of certificates of award for students receiving citizenship awards and thanked Ken Forman, Mel Haley, Pat Galaskas, and Corine Lipset-Haberman for making follow-up calls to schools regarding the citizenship awards.
- There is an open position on the executive board (Recording Secretary).

Correspondence

- Letter from the US Department of Education regarding our citizenship position paper.
- Letter from Dr. Stern objecting to the position paper which he considered too liberal. Discussion followed regarding how to respond. Gene Goldwasser informed Dr. Stern that he could prepare his opinion for presentation in the next newsletter.

Citizenship Awards (certificate and \$100) given to the following students.

- Osasikianua Amene, Central Islip
- Jamir James, Wyandanch
- Vanessa Mendoza, Freeport
- Derick Rodriguez, Amityville
- Devonie Roden, Copiague
- Angel Dilone, Uniondale
- Four schools have not responded at this time.

Education Committee

- Mel Haley reported on the impact of the pandemic on student learning and social/emotional development and the NYSED plan to use American Recovery grant money to support programs such as Saturday academies, tutoring, and summer programs to address academic loss. She noted that some districts are combining academic programs with sports and art.

Political Issues

- Stu Mortman noted several issues that should be closely monitored.
- Increased hate crimes.
- Mass violence and gun control.
- Voter suppression,
- Postmaster General and status of USPS.

Newsletter

- Corine Lipset Huberman noted the July newsletter will contain the following topics.
- Citizenship award
- Problems facing schools as they reopen in the fall.
- Marty Mandelker's review of 2020-21 accomplishments.
- Quarterly Query – Should DC become a state. Ned Price and Stu Mortman will respond.
- Deadline for articles is July 6.

Membership

- Gene Goldwasser presented John Wallace's report.
- We have 200 paid memberships, 51 lifetime members, and 78 free members.

Publicity

- Mary Mandelker requested members to provide names of people to receive publicity information.

Old Business

- Review of status of citizenship award. Six awards granted and four schools have not responded. We will wait until the September meeting to determine how to proceed with those not responding.

New Business

- Discussion regarding focus of newsletter articles. Several members noted the importance of addressing issues of concern to members such as pensions and medical insurance.
- Discussion regarding how to present controversial issues such as Critical Race Theory to ensure all points of view are addressed.
- Meeting dates established for 2021-22.
 - September 23 10 AM (zoom)
 - December 16 10 AM (zoom)
 - March 17 10 AM
 - June 16 10 AM
- Focus group meeting August 26 10 AM (zoom) to examine how the organization deals with controversial political and social issues and alternative points of view.

Adjournment

- Corine Lipset-Huberman moved, and Ken Forman seconded a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously.