

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board –June 16, 2022
Zoom-Nassau/Suffolk, NY

1. **Present:** Sherry Alessandro, Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Gene Goldwasser, Mel Haley, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Elliot Kigner, Marvin Kreutzberger, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Ned Price, Seth Weitzman
2. **Review of the minutes of the meeting of 3/17/22.**
Motion to approve made by Sherry Alessandro, seconded by Ken Forman, and approved unanimously.
3. **Review of Treasurer’s Report for the period Budget 22-23.** Moved to accept by Pat Galaskas, Seconded by Corrine Lipset Huberman. Approved unanimously.
4. **Announcements:**
Gene Goldwasser stated that the lunch group will meet July 20 at Buteras in Woodbury. Gene announced that need to monitor the website and report areas that need modification and/or correction. Pat has been checking it periodically. She will continue and send recommendations to Gene.
5. **Correspondence** – Gene said there so new correspondence to report.to report
6. **Education- Mel**
Mel Haley presented her concerns about the state of public education. Students are still traumatized from the Coronavirus pandemic and now they are further traumatized by the numerous shootings particularly the recent shooting in Uvalde.
We are anticipating a severe teacher shortage due to retirements and the decreasing number of people entering the teaching profession. 77% of teachers say they feel they are not treated as professionals. Books are being removed from schools due to parent objections. This further erodes teacher satisfaction.
Experienced educators are leaving along with fewer young people in teacher preparation programs are creating a shortage. Many states

are responding by reducing qualifications for teachers.

7. Membership -John

We have 116 members who have renewed their membership and 54 lifetime members..

7. Newsletter - Corrine

8. Corrine has sufficient material for the next newsletter..

9. Political Action- Stu Mortman

Stu reported that there are numerous efforts to erode voting rights. SED is easing teacher certification requirements to address the Teacher shortage. However; there is decreased enrollment in public schools and local School Boards are banning books and attempting to give parents more control over education reducing teachers' freedom to teach the curriculum.

10. Publicity - Marty

No report

11. Citizenship Award

16 schools were contacted for nominations. Nine responded and nine awards were given. Seven schools failed to respond. We have enough money to modify the amount of the offer or open the opportunity to apply more schools. \$1,875 in donations were received this year. After sending checks to the current awardees, there is a balance of \$1,525 in the scholarship fund.

12. NYSRSAS Election of Officers

All officers will continue in their roles with the addition of Sherry Alessandro as Recording Secretary.

13. Nominating Committee

The committee (Corine Lipset Huberman, Mel Haley, and Marvin Kreutzberger) nominated all current officers to continue in their positions and Sherry Alessandro to serve as Recording Secretary.

Marvin Kreutzberger will join the Executive Board.

14. New Business

NYS primaries will be held on June 28 for the following positions:

US Senator (Schumer)

US Congress (all districts)

Governor

NYS Attorney General

NYS Comptroller

State Senate

State Assembly

15. New York Primaries

A rubric for evaluating candidates and positions to consider for endorsement will be sent to all by Pat to review. New rubrics will be developed.

16. Meetings for 2022 – 2023

Meetings will be 9/15/2022, 12/15/22, 3/16/2023. 6/15/2023

The September meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Others will be determined.

17. Adjournment

Gene adjourned the meeting at 11:55

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Alessandro June 22, 2022