

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board –January 9, 2019

Western Suffolk BOCES –Wheatley Heights, NY

Present: Edward Bellomo, John Fogliano, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, David Long, Pat Galaskas, Ned Price, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Joe Quinn, Marty Mandelker, John Wallace

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President-Gene called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and wished everyone a “Happy New Year”.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the September 12, 2018b meeting were distributed for all to review. The motion to accept them was moved by Joe Quinn and seconded by Marty Mandelker. It carried unanimously.

3.0 Treasurer’s Report: Account balances as of 12/31/18 were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$2,648.95
Savings - \$473.82
Money Market - \$877.42
Certificate of Deposit - \$4,788.88
Total = \$8,789.07

Ned explained that the checking account balance is down by a little over \$1,300 due to expenses. He expects revenue from memberships to make up for some of the loss. There was a brief discussion about trying to find higher rates for our savings/money market accounts. Pat asked for the costs for printing and mailing of the newsletter. Ned will get that info to her. Gene said that we will discuss the costs of our end of year luncheon in April. Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Ken Forman, seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman ,and carried unanimously.

4.0 Announcements: **Stan Opas** is ill and has been in the hospital for one month. We all signed a get well card which Gene will mail it him. Get well Stan, we miss you!

5.0 Correspondence: None

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Education: None

6.2 Membership: John had nothing new to report. Gene passed around our membership letter for any suggested changes before it goes out this month. He also explained that he tried to access CAS retirees but CAS receives associate dues that they do not want to lose so that is not a viable option for recruiting new members.

6.3 Political Action: Marty raised the issue of the process we use to make our endorsements. Should we use a 2/3 vote, simple majority or consensus? There was a lengthy discussion raising valid points for each process. The question is which one works best to represent our members. It was decided to table it for now. It will probably be put on the June 2020 luncheon agenda. Since the election this year is local we will not be making any endorsements.

6.4 Newsletter: **Corine** shared that she has sufficient articles for our upcoming newsletter. Gene, Ned, Seth, and Corine have pieces to submit. She was happy to report that Joe Marchese, despite vision problems, contributed an article. Corine also received a very complimentary note about our excellent newsletter. The Quarterly Query will be the AP's list of the top ten major events of 2018.

6.5 Website Review: Ken will email Tom to get data on website "hits". Most members present said they do not visit the site regularly. Ed suggested that we include a sentence about our website in our membership renewal letter.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Member Survey: Pat suggested that the results be included in our newsletter.

7.2 NYSRSAS Constitution Review- Gene distributed copies to each member for our first review. Members were asked to write our names on the top and make any revisions. Some initial ideas were presented and discussed. Pat and Corine will work

on wording for Section IV (Privileges of Members) and send it along with the entire version to all executive board members for review. At the meeting in April there will be a second reading of the document. Gene thanked Ken, Ned, Corine, John, Marty, and Pat for their help in their first meeting on 11-14-18. He also thanked those present for a productive professional discussion on our Constitution.

7.3 Publicity and Benefits Chairs needed-Volunteers are needed to head each area. No one offered at this time.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Focus Group Possibilities for Winter/Spring 2019-There was a lengthy discussion about what topics to address and for what purpose. We agreed on two: Effective Homework Policies and Technology in Schools. There will be a work session in March (TBA) to put together a position paper on these important matters. .

8.2 June Luncheon Speaker: Pat, Corine and Ned will meet to come up with a speaker on the subject of Internet Security and how it impacts seniors.

9.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by Ned Price, seconded by Corine Lipset-huberman, and passed unanimously.

10.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Bellomo