

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board- December 16, 2021
Zoom-Nassau/Suffolk, NY

Present: Sherry Alessandro, Frank Chiachiere, Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Gene Goldwasser, Mel Haley, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Elliot Kigner, Marty Mandelker, Ned Price, Stewart Mortman, John Wallace

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

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Executive Board. Motion to approve made by Corine Lipset-Huberman, seconded by Pat Galaskas, and approved unanimously.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Ned Price reviewed the Treasurers Report for the period of September /1/21 – December 1, 2021. Motion to approve made by Pat Galaskas, seconded by Ken Forman, and approved unanimously.

4.0 Announcements:

- 4.1** Gene Goldwasser introduced Frank Chiachiere as a new Executive Board Member.
- 4.2** Opening on the Executive Board for Recording Secretary. Anyone interested should contact Gene.
- 4.3** New Executive Board stationery is available for NYSRSA correspondence.
- 4.4** Holding date for informal in-person lunch meeting scheduled for January 12 depending on infection rate for COVID-19.

5.0 Correspondence:

6.0 Old Business:

The Executive Board reviewed the draft of the Membership Survey to be included with the January Membership Renewal letter. The goal of the survey is to gain membership input in determining the focus of our organization.

- 6.1** Discussion about how to best format item #3 to reflect the different ways and sources that our members get their news, i.e. TV networks, social media, newspapers. Pat Galaskas volunteered to revise the survey to include suggestions by the Executive Board and send it to Gene.
- 6.2** Item 2, John Wallace felt it was important to broaden Women's Rights to be more inclusive of other minority groups. There was consensus in rewording this topic to "Equity Issues."

6.3 Gene will then distribute the revised survey to the Executive Board via email for their feedback and approval prior to mailing the survey with the Membership Renewal letter.

Citizenship Award

6.4 Last spring the Executive Board piloted a new award with the goal of recognizing high school Juniors who demonstrate outstanding citizenship in their schools and communities. The Board reviewed the process implemented last year in selecting 10 school districts based on economic need and contacting their principals to nominate one Junior in their school for this award. Six high school principals nominated a student for this award. Award recipients from participating schools received a certificate and a \$100 check.

6.5 The Board established the following deadlines for this year:

- Gene will send the nominating letters on NYSRSAS letterhead to the selected high schools on February 1, 2022.
- Deadline for schools to send the name of the nominated student to Gene will be March 4, 2022.
- Goal to complete the process by end of March and then distribute awards to high school juniors.

6.6 Ken Foreman and Ned Price will confirm the 10 school districts based on federal school data.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 Nominating Committee for new NYSRSAS Executive Board.

- Slate of Officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer
- Nominating Committee: Corine Lipset-Huberman and Mel Haley volunteered to chair the committee. We require an additional volunteer from general membership to complete the committee. Gene will post a notice on the NYSRSAS website.
- Nomination Committee will present the Slate of Officers for 2022-2025 at the March Meeting. The election will take place at the June meeting and new officers will begin their terms immediately following the meeting.

7.2 Endorsements for Candidates in Federal and State races in 2022

- At the March Meeting the Board will set the procedure for endorsing candidates and establish timelines based on the dates of the New York primaries.

7.3 Motion to give Demetria a holiday gift of \$200 was passed unanimously

8.0 Committee Reports:

- 8.1** Education Committee: Mel Haley reported on continuing Mental Health crisis for young children and adolescents as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic. There is a new call by educators, psychologists and non-profit partnerships for the federal government to provide additional funds to provide necessary services to address this crisis.
- 8.2** Membership: John Wallace reported currently there are 51 Lifetime, 41 First Year, and 215 Paid memberships.
- 8.3** Newsletter: Corine Lipset-Huberman reported several current topics that will be addressed in the upcoming newsletter including, Censorship in School Libraries and Defensive School Boards. Quarterly Query – Should parents be held responsible for their actions if they result in deadly consequences? Articles are due February 4th.
- 8.4** Political Action:
- 8.5** Publicity: Marty Mandeleker will review the letter that we send out for nominations.

9.0 Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17,2022, 10 AM, Zoom

10.0 Adjournment: Ned Price made motion for adjournment and David Long seconded it.

Respectfully submitted by Mel Haley