

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board – December 18, 2013
CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

Present: Vince Deland, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, Elliot Kigner, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, George Pincus, Joe Quinn, John Wallace

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by David Long.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of December 3, 2013:

Regular savings - \$3.20 not interest bearing

Share checking - \$2,163.70

Money Market - \$1,252.06

16 month Certificate of Deposit - \$4,547.18 maturing 6/24/14.

All accounts are presently held at the Teachers' Federal Credit Union.

Total = \$7,966.14

Website expenses were detailed as follows:

4/2/413 - \$550

5/25/13 - \$500

6/19/13 - \$500

\$1,600

The possibility of sending representatives to conferences was discussed. Concerns regarding costs were raised.

4.0 Announcements: None.

5.0 Correspondence: None.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Education: No report. Marty Mandelker was in Florida.

6.2 Legislation – Stu Mortman remarked on the dysfunction in the federal government and noted the continuing attacks on pensions. Attention to the action section of our website was urged.

6.3 Membership: Jeff Hollander was unable to attend due to illness.

Membership was reported as: 32 life members, 310 paid (annual) members, 24 free (2014) new members, 21 free (2013) new members who will be dropped from the rolls if they do not renew and pay dues.

6.4 Newsletter: Corine Lipset-Huberman thanked those who have written articles and encouraged additional participation. The topic “what have you retired to?” (as opposed to “from”) was suggested for future consideration. March 15 will be the deadline for material for the April issue of the newsletter. (Issues come out in July, October, January and April.)

6.5 Publicity: no report.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Position Paper: Distribution issues were discussed. Tom will add the paper to our website. Various members of the Board will send copies to their local papers and to in-service and retired educators in districts they know. Corine and Pat will try to locate Lana Ajemian (President of the NYS PTA organization) and send her a copy.

7.2 Focus Group: Gene thanked Ken Forman for his role in arranging for Arnie Dodge as a speaker for the Focus Group on High Stakes Testing. Thanks were also extended to Lynn Pombonyo, Marty Mandelker, Corine Lipset-Huberman and Pat Galaskas who assisted in preparation of the position paper document.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Taking Stands: Topics including achievement gaps (social and economic factors), charter schools and gun control were discussed.

8.2 Next Focus Group: As a result of the discussion on taking stands, it was decided to schedule a second Focus Group on the topic of School Safety. Ideally representatives of various groups (security professionals, NRA representatives, gun control advocates, etc.) would be invited to participate. Wednesday, February 26 was selected as the date. An announcement will be included in the January newsletter

8.3 Election of Officers: This year new officers must be elected at the General Meeting in June.

8.4 Nominating Committee: Corine Lipset-Huberman and Vince Deland agreed to serve as our Nominating Committee. They will identify a third committee member (not a member of the Executive Committee, as called for by our By-laws) and present a slate at our next meeting.

8.5 Holiday Gifts: Approval of a \$100 gift for Demetria was moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by Stu Mortman and passed by acclamation.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office.

(Postponed until April 9 due to predictions of inclement weather.)

10.0 Adjournment: at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Galaskas