

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board – September 17, 2014

CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

Present: Ed Bellomo, Vince Deland, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Pat Galaskas, Corine Lipset-Huberman, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stan Opas, John Wallace, Jack Zamek

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President.

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Vince Deland, seconded by David Long.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Jack Zamek reported account balances as of September 12, 2014, as follows:

Share checking - \$2,661.99

Savings - \$3.20

Money Market - \$1,229.16

16 month Certificate of Deposit - \$4,580.97. Balance -
\$8,475.32

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by David Long, seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman.

A proposed 2015 budget was presented. After discussion the following actions were taken:

Pat Galaskas moved that annual dues be increased to \$25. The motion was seconded by David Long and passed unanimously.

Pat Galaskas moved that the fee for a "life membership" be raised to \$200. This was seconded by Vince Deland and passed unanimously.

It was agreed that a decision on whether we should print and mail 3 newsletters and distribute the fourth only electronically was tabled for the April meeting. In the meantime, newsletters will be mailed and sent to all members via e-mail blast. We will assess the number of these newsletter e-

mails that are actually opened before deciding whether to forego printing and mailing of the July 2015 newsletter.

There was agreement that the menu for the annual luncheon should be changed to a cold buffet (wraps and salads) at a considerable cost savings.

It was also agreed that the first membership mailing will be included (with a return envelope) in our January 2015 newsletter to reduce mailing costs.

The proposed 2015 budget with expenses totaling \$7,550 balanced by equal revenues was accepted. Moved by Pat Galaskas and seconded by John Wallace, this motion was passed.

4.0 Announcements: A charter membership certificate was received from the Alliance for Retired Americans.

5.0 Correspondence: Thank you letters will be sent to the June luncheon speakers, Tom Nitido and Dolores Capace.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Education: Marty Mandelker noted a recent New York Times article stressing that teaching is not a business. The importance of relationships (as opposed to technology) was discussed. The positive effects of pre-school support for families and the powerful impact of mentors were recognized.

6.2 Legislation – The looming threat of continued attacks on tenure was noted. Gene addresses the issue in his column for our October newsletter.

6.3 Membership: Current membership totals 375. This includes 300 paid members, 40 life members, and 35 new members (first year membership free of charge). Of the new members, 25 will need to pay dues beginning in January 2015.

6.4 Newsletter: Corine Lipset-Huberman noted plans to include questions to elicit member responses for the next issue. That issue will also include a note urging members to take advantage of the availability of the e-mail version.

6.5 Publicity: photos from the June luncheon will be included in our newsletter and sent to Tom for posting on our website.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Luncheon speaker: The representatives from Comptroller DiNapoli's office were well-received but offered little new information.

7.2 Executive Board Meeting Dates: December 17, April 8, June 17.

7.3 Financial Workshop: It was agreed that we would seek a speaker on strategies for generating income in retirement, social security, etc. for our June luncheon rather than planning a separate meeting/focus group.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Taking Stands/Endorsing Candidates: This topic continues to elicit debate. It was decided that we should schedule a focus group to explore the pros and cons in greater depth. A date will be established at our December meeting and publicized in the January newsletter.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office.

10.0 Adjournment: at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas