

# NYSRSAS Executive Board Meeting

6/18/2014

Holiday Inn, Plainview, NY

**Present:** Gene Goldwasser, Vince Deland, Elliot Kigner, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, George Pincus, Lynn Pombonyo, Joe Quinn, Francesca Ciolino-Volano, John Wallace, and Jack Zamek

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President

**2.0 Minutes:** Minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn and seconded by Stu Mortman.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report:** Account balances as of June 12, 2014:

Regular savings- \$3.20 not interest bearing

Checking: \$5,354.28

Money Market: \$1,229.16

Certificate of Deposit: \$4,569.60

Total=\$11,156.24

Low balance for the year was \$7,246.99 as of 1/31/2014.

Anticipated expenses included four newsletters at \$800 per newsletter amounting to \$2,400 until 12/14; new budget money for May, 2015 newsletter; balance for 1/31/15 should remain similar to last year's.

At time of the report, there are 285 members, 39 lifetime, and 25 free first-year members.

Total: 349 members

**4.0 Announcements:**

Jeff Hollander has been elected President of OLLI.

Joe Quinn arranged for guest speaker: Thomas Nitido, Deputy Comptroller for NYS and Local Retirement Systems, and Dolores Capace from the Office of Unclaimed Funds.

**5.0 Correspondence:**

Jack Zamek suggested emailing notice of newsletter instead of mailing newsletter. It was noted that only one-third of members read the newsletter electronically.

**6.0 Committee Reports:**

**6.1 Education:** Marty Mandelker discussed several education issues: the new teacher licensing plan, edTPA, with an article from NEWSDAY; the California tenure law, NY Times; possibility of a two-year tenure ruling.

Stan Opas commented on ways to improve teacher hiring with better interviewing strategies.

Stu Mortman suggested that school district resources should be allocated for a professional resume-reader, screener.

Gene Goldwasser discussed supervisor tenure and methods to define competence.

**6.2 Newsletter:** Deadline for newsletter submissions was extended to 6/26/2014. Articles sought.

Stu Mortman brought up “Friday Alerts” on website.

Gene Goldwasser mentioned that according to godaddy.com, only 127 of 350 members open “email blasts.”

**7.0 New Business:**

**7.1 Election of Officers:** Lynn Pombonyo presented slate and vote taken on executive board was unanimous.

**7.2 Taking Stands:** Possible topics discussed included closing the achievement gap, methods of teacher evaluation, school responsibility on mental health issues, opting out of assessments, and core curriculum.

Marty Mandelker suggested candidate endorsement along with a lobbying project for the November election.

**7.3 Focus Group:** Dates to be set at the 9/17/2014 meeting.

**7.4 Executive Board meeting dates:** Sept. 17, Dec. 17, 2014, April 8, June 17, 2015.

**8.0 Next meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014.

**9.0 Adjournment:** at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Ciolino-Volano