

## New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board—December 17, 2014

CAS Offices—Hauppauge, NY

**Present:** Ed Bellomo, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, Jeff Hollander, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Elliot Kigner, David Long, Marty Mandelker, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, George Pincus, Joe Quinn, Francesca Ciolino-Volano, John Wallace

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn and seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report:** Funds have diminished in certificate of deposit, checking, and money market accounts.

The cost of the newsletter is \$800 and is paid from the checking account. April, 2015 will determine whether CD funds are renewed based on membership dues.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report was moved by Ed Bellomo and seconded by David Long.

### **4.0 Committee Reports:**

**4.1 Education:** Marty Mandelker noted a recent Time magazine article about teacher tenure quoted from the California court decision. The term "interoperability" was introduced whereby teachers may access textbooks digitally. The "common cartridge," a computer program with interdisciplinary selections, was mentioned as a future learning tool, taken from Education Week. Also, the impact of principal resignations due to long hours and educational policies was brought up.

**4.2 Legislation:** Joe Quinn addressed issues that might be a part of the next Constitutional Convention.

Gene Goldwasser discussed the feasibility of possible school district mergers based on the failure of two Long Island districts to do so: Tuckahoe and S. Hampton. Stu Mortman talked about the CRomnibus Funding Bill of 2014 and its possible ramifications, not only to education, but across the board. The Clean Water Act, the Dodd-Frank Compliance Act, as well as climate change, pre-school funding, Pell grants, are all affected by government financial cutbacks.

**4.3 Membership:** John Wallace brought up that annual membership dues be raised from \$20-\$25, and lifetime dues to \$200. Consensus agreed that lifetime dues should be raised to \$175, not the original \$200 discussed previously.

Gene suggested the need to revisit cost-cutting alternatives, such as eliminating a paper version of the newsletter, to on-line only.

Jeff Hollander suggested some new member perks, such as lunch incentives.

**4.4 Newsletter:** Corine Lipset-Huberman proposed that the January newsletter include a question worthy of a response from members; for example, how have members spent their time since retirement? Activities, organizations, travel, etc. Corine then asked for two volunteers to respond to the newsletter question posed.

**5.0 Old Business:**

**5.1 Executive Board Meeting Dates:** April 8, June 17, 2015.

**6.0 New Business**

**6.1 Focus Group:** There was agreement not to endorse a candidate unless his/her policies were in alignment with NYSRSAS. The restructuring of the US Congress and impending Republican control will provide issues worth considering.

Joe Quinn suggested exploring this idea further at the September, 2015 meeting.

**6.2** It was agreed to give Demetria a \$100 holiday gift.

**6.3 Luncheon speaker:** Financial adviser Jeff Seitz was mentioned as luncheon speaker.

**7.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 10 AM at the CAS office.**

**8.0 Adjournment:** George Pincus motioned to adjourn and seconded by David Long.

**9.0 Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.**

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Ciolino-Volano