

# **New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors**

Meeting of the Executive Board – March 31, 2011

CAS Offices – Hauppauge, NY

**Present:** Gene Goldwasser, Vince Deland, Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Elliott Kigner, Stu Mortman, Joe Quinn, Stan Opas, John Wallace, Jack Zamek

**1.0 Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2.0 Minutes:** The minutes of the December 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by Stan Opas. Passed.

## **3.0 Treasurer's Report:**

Presented by Jack Zamek. Account balances as of February 28, 2011:

Regular savings - \$3.20 not interest bearing

Share checking - \$142.90

Money Market - \$4,928.09

1 year Certificate of Deposit - \$4,423.74 @ 1.04%

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

Total = \$9,497.93

These balances do not yet include \$5,280 in membership dues. The credit union requested information on our IRS tax free status. Jack will follow-up.

**4.0 Correspondence/Announcements:** None.

## **5.0 Committee Reports:**

**5.1 Benefits:** Jack Zamek will be providing Mario with information on one of our member benefits to be highlighted in each newsletter. Met Life Dental coverage was discussed. It was recommended that a list of providers be made available.

**6.2 Legislation:** Stu Mortman discussed the progress of NYS budget development. The possibility of a 2-year state budget was mentioned. Would we support this? Stu noted that Gov. Cuomo had discussed a constitutional convention but there's been nothing more on the topic as yet. There's been considerable attention given to administrative salaries and educators' pensions in the press and from the governor. It was agreed that the public needs to hear rational justification for these issues without being defensive. This is something for the proposed focus group to address.

**6.3 Membership:** Bill Sigelakis reported via e-mail 267 paid members, plus 24 life members and 28 new members (free for the first year). Membership

renewal letters were mailed in January (dues remain at \$20). All new members receive one year (Jan.-Dec.) free of charge even if they retired some time ago. A second mailing will go out to those who have not yet paid for this year.

**6.4 Newsletter:** Mario DiSciullo was still short articles and the deadline was extended to April 6. Topics might include reactions to discussions on tenure, tax cap, or funding cuts. There was some discussion regarding whether the publication schedule should be reduced to fewer issues or shorter issues (i.e. 4 pages rather than 8 pages).

**6.5 Publicity:** No report.

## **6.0 Old Business**

**6.1 Executive Board Elections:** Elliott Kigner reported for the Nominating Committee indicating that all current officers have agreed to run for re-election. He will present the slate at the June luncheon for the vote of the membership.

**6.2 Focus Group:** The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office. The topic: Educators Under Attack: What's Our Game Plan?

## **7.0 New Business**

**7.1 Annual Luncheon Meeting:** The date will be Wednesday, June 22, 2011. The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will begin at 12 noon. After discussion, it was agreed that the Holiday Inn is most convenient and the price is reasonable. Gene will contact them to finalize arrangements. Vince and Stan offered to help with plans for a speaker.

**7.2 Publish Membership List:** The last membership directory was done in 2007. Concerns regarding the expense of printing and mailing as well as privacy issues were discussed. Our newsletter will inform members that a directory is to be published and indicate that anyone who wished to "opt out" on contact information (e.g. e-mail address or telephone number) should contact us. A deadline for this will be established. Pat volunteered to prepare "camera ready" copy for a directory during the summer. This would reduce the cost of publishing.

**8.0 Issues for Discussion:** Deferred to Focus Group.

**9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn.**

**10.0 Adjournment:** at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Galaskas