

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board – June 20, 2012
Holiday Inn– Plainview, NY

Present: Gene Goldwasser, Vince Deland, Ken Forman, Pat Galaskas, Corine Lipset-Huberman, Elliott Kigner, Mel Lantz, David Long, 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 April 4, 2012 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by David Long. Passed.

3.0 Treasurer's Report:

Jack Zamek presented the report account balances as of May 31, 2012:

Regular savings - \$3.20 not interest bearing

Share checking - \$5,464.64

Money Market - \$2,442.71

16 Month Certificate of Deposit - \$4,476.08 @ 1.09% maturing 2/23/14

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

Total = \$12,386.63

Major expenses for the year included: wine and cheese reception, directory mailing, and newsletters (including software purchase and mailings). Jack reported that a reduction in mailing costs from an average of \$866 to \$717 was the result of switching to 5 day (rather than 3 day) delivery. Delivery of newsletters online was suggested as an option to explore. Jack noted that although we had decided to try again with a wine and cheese reception, we may need to reflect on whether we can afford it.

4.0 Correspondence: Bill Sigelakis has tendered his resignation as Membership Chair. Gene will ask him to reconsider.

5.0 Announcements: None.

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Benefits: Demetria is preparing mailing outlining all membership benefits for distribution to all dues-paying members (ca. 350-355 members) at a cost of \$0.65 per envelope.

6.2 Legislation: Stu Mortman discussed the widespread political pressure to destroy unions and the extent to which problems in the economy are "blamed" on the middle class while benefits accrue to the top 1% income level. Security for retirement will continue to be a major issue.

6.3 Membership: Bill Sigelakis reported a total of 365 members (300 paid plus 56 new members who pay no dues for the first year).

6.4 Newsletter: A major thrust to make the newsletter more “interactive” was discussed. This would include inviting responses from readers at the end of every article.

6.4.1 Possible articles on social security and Medicare were suggested (what you need to do as you become eligible).

6.4.2 Other topics of interest might include more on the activities of our members (travel, volunteer interests, etc.).

6.4.3 It was noted that years ago Marvin Kreutzberger had hosted a blog as another avenue for communication with members.

6.5 Publicity: No report.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 RSAS Activities: The possibility of additional activities was discussed. The need to publicize (including through personal contacts) was stressed.

7.2 New Retirees: The persistent problem of identifying those retiring and contacting them was discussed. Possibilities included networking with present members (do they know of new retirees), putting notices in local newspapers, and forging alliances with other groups. A photo from our meeting to run in local papers with an invitation to participate was suggested.

8.0 New Business

8.1 How to keep our organization active: It was noted that in the past Mike Carbone led a Focus Group every year in February to develop an action plan regarding political action. Suggestions for follow-up in the fall included: developing a list serve, finding additional ways to attract new members, publicizing the fact that all are welcome to attend Executive Board meetings. Additional activities might include meetings with legislators, tutoring children or mentoring fledgling administrators. A series of meetings for small groups would also be an option but we would need to find a space for this.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. at the CAS office.

The full 2012-13 schedule of Executive Board meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

10.0 Adjournment: at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Galaskas