

New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

Meeting of the Executive Board –May 1, 2019

Western Suffolk BOCES –Wheatley Heights, NY

Present: Edward Bellomo, Vince Deland, John Fogliano, Ken Forman, Gene Goldwasser, , Pat Galaskas, Mel Haley, Elliot Kigner, George Pincus, Ned Price, Joe Quinn, John Wallace

1.0 Welcome: Gene Goldwasser, President-Gene called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. He welcomed everyone while expressing some frustration over the challenge of arranging this meeting because of scheduling conflicts. (Special thanks to Gene's wife for baking delicious chocolate chip cookies)

2.0 Minutes: The minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were distributed for all to review. The motion to accept them was moved by Joe Quinn and seconded by Ned price. It carried unanimously.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of 5/1/19 were reported as follows:

Share checking - \$4,816.52
Savings - \$474.06
Money Market - \$877.42
Certificate of Deposit - \$4,831.57
Total = \$10,999.57

Ned explained that the report includes revenue from paid memberships. He explained that we should have no problem paying all of our bills for the 2019 year. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Ken Forman, seconded by Ed Bellomo and carried unanimously.

4.0 Announcements: Stan Opas' wife passed away. He is also not doing well. Several members are absent today because of illness, schedule conflicts and other responsibilities. Seth Weitzman plans on joining our executive board.

5.0 Correspondence: Bob Devers sent in his \$25 dues check and also shared that he turned 97, and he and his wife are celebrating 75 years of marriage. We wish them well.

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Education: None

6.2 Membership: John stated that we have 189 paid members plus 59 lifetime members for a total of 248. Gene encouraged all members to reach out and recruit new members.

6.3 Political Action: Stu was not here to report but he submitted two groups to consider for participation. One is “Indivisible”, who, according to Ned Price, is a strong anti-Trump organization. The other group mentioned was “Equal Work, Equal Pay”, a NYSUT based organization.

6.4 Newsletter: Pat shared that we do not get a consistent response to our Quarterly Query, She suggested a scheduled response to the query by board members as needed. She also encouraged members who have ideas for questions to share them freely. The next newsletter will include a previous piece by Gene with a response by Ed. Pat has also written a piece on the need for compromise in today’s political climate. There was also additional conversation about future topics to discuss in the newsletter. The challenge is to find members willing to write about them.

6.5 Website Review: Ken still hasn’t received info regarding number of hits on website. When asked by Gene, How many members checked the site this month?, only 5 hands went up.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Planning for June 12, 2019 Luncheon:

7.1.1. Cost-Gene explained that last year we subsidized the lunch at 7\$ pp. Since the luncheon will be held at the BOCES site and catered by the deli who provides our meeting lunches, our cost will be about \$15 pp.. Therefore members’ agreed to charge \$20 pp. for this year’s luncheon.

7.1.2. Speaker/Topic- Ken shared that BOCES has someone on staff who specializes in “Internet Security” who will help with securing a guest speaker while honing in on the topic.

7.1.3. Room Arrangement- The luncheon will take place at 31 Lee Avenue in a room close to our current meeting location. Invite letter will go out by May 15th with all the information. RSVP is needed.

7.2 NYRSAS Constitution Review- A second reading was made by the members with all changes reviewed. Pat will present the revised Constitution to members at the June Executive Board meeting where a vote to approve will be taken.

7.3 Examining HW Policies-this was tabled

8.0 New Business

8.1 Endorsements, 2019 Elections

8.1.1. Endorsement Process-since this is an off year election with local implications, the members agreed not to engage in any endorsements. John Wallace did encourage everyone to push all members to vote while reminding family and friends to do the same. Next year, we will revisit the issue of what process we should use to determine what candidates we endorse, majority, 2/3 vote or consensus. John Fogliano thought this would be a good topic to discuss at our June Executive Board meeting.

8.2 Coaching/Mentoring in Public Schools- Gene presented the possibility of our group providing mentoring services to new or aspiring administrators. He also suggested the idea of our highly experienced group mentoring aspiring or struggling students. After a productive discussion regarding the value of doing so it was determined that Gene will survey members to assess interest in participating,

9.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. on a motion by John Fogliano, seconded by George Pincus and passed unanimously.

10.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12 , at 10:00 a.m. followed by our annual luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Bellomo