

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 by acting President Vicki Universal.

Minutes from the previous meeting of October 15, 2015 had previously been distributed. Linda Brewer moved to accept and Dick Gillard seconded the motion.

Maureen Kingston spoke on the need to encourage new retirees to join our group.

Dick Gillard gave the treasurers report.

Committee Reports were given. Alberta Dunn and Maureen Kingston planned the program for today. Joan Irwin explained the Epke-Meagher Annual Award given to newly retired teachers with excellent public service and teaching background. Nominations are welcome. The DeCormier Fund was discussed. This is a charity for retired teachers needing financial assistance. Applications are through NYSRTA in Albany online.

Joan Irwin was recognized for her 13 years of service as group president.

The slate of officers was presented: President—Vicki Universal, Vice President—Maureen Kingston, Secretary—Barb Dantz, and Treasurer—Joan Irwin. Dick Gillard moved to accept the slate of officers. Joan Irwin seconded the motion. It was passed.

We discussed several resolutions.

Resolution 1 was about encouraging membership by offering free lifetime membership on the county level for anyone who joins as a lifetime member of the state group. This was tabled until the membership committee meets.

Resolution 2 proposed that we have one general business meeting/program in the Spring and a social activity in the Fall. The Executive Committee will have a business meeting in the fall also. Dick Gillard moved the motion and Dave Mapes seconded it. The vote carried. October 11 we will meet at Fingerlakes Racino for lunch and social activities.

Resolution 3 was for officer term limits. Offices of President, VP, Sec and Treasurer shall be limited to 3 years and filled on a rotating basis at the May meeting. Proposed dates: current Pres May 2018 with 1 additional year consultant), VP May 2019, Secretary May 2019, Treasurer, May 2017. It was amended to have the Secretary's term until May 2020. Anne Hasler made the motion and Dick Gillard seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 4 proposed that our Community Service project be the Walkers program. Linda Brewer and Gayle Stout volunteered to chair the Walkers program. Our organization's name will be on participants' shirts which individuals will purchase.

Regarding dues, it was suggested that the lifetime membership charge change from \$50 to \$75. No action taken.

We had a 50/50 drawing won by Barb Hellwig which added \$105 to our treasury.

Panel Discussion about our mission:

Friendly Service people send cards to members, visit retired teachers in nursing homes, may provide other services. There is one person for each town. Some reimbursement for expenses is given. Dave and Ellen Mapes service Dansville, Mary Rose Zupparo for Mt. Morris, Bette Amico for Caledonia, Catherine Schwalenstocker and Virginia Vellekoop for Livonia, Betty Grant for York, Joan Irwin for Geneseo, Carolyn Hark for Nunda, and Sue Moses and Ginny House for Avon.

Central Western Zone (CWZ) is our area for the state. Sandy Kushner and Jane Behnk are Co-Presidents. The state convention is October 25 at Turning Stone. Volunteers are needed to attend.

Ellen Mapes gave a report on membership. We have 146 lifetime members and 12 who pay yearly.

Sue Moses is our Historian and Public relations person.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Dantz, Secretary