

Central Western Zone Executive Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 8, 2018
The Legacy, Victor, NY

CALL TO ORDER--Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Co-President Jane Behnk and Sandy Kushner. Minutes recorder selected for meeting.

CARES & CONCERNS—Sandy thanked all those who reached out to her during the passing of her mother. Others that we are thinking of: Mariann Holcomb, Ellen Mapes, Elaine Leasure's mother. Injured: Pat Dick and Sue Nellany.

PLEDGE/SILENCE--The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for all those who have gone before us. Also considered were our service men and women.

INTRODUCTIONS—Everyone in the room shared their name and affiliation/position.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES 9/11/17— See attached-- A motion was made by Bill Lesniak seconded by Bruce Croucher to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT---Betty Pilato— See attached-- Betty explained that the usual voucher procedure was not used reimbursement for delegates in October 2017 and she rectified the situation. Bill Croucher made a motion to accept the report with the voucher clarification and Mary Ellen Morgan seconded it. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP—Jane Crosby—See attached—Jane contacted county membership chairs with a letter to report on the number who are NYSRTA members along with her email report. Numbers are slowly declining.

LEGISLATION—Bill Lesniak—See attached—Bill still needs a legislative representative from each of the counties. He felt that the meeting with the state legislators does make a difference. It may be a long shot but improving the pension COLA would be worthwhile. There was an article in the D & C dated 3/7/18 about salaries in NYS. With regard to ethics reform, there has been discussion of limiting terms on committees which could be accomplished through the introduction of a bill as opposed to a constitutional change. The NYS Health Act still has uncertainty about what they are trying to say. Health Care Insurance Payment is different depending on whether one has a hospital stay, an observation, or rehabilitation. A brief discussion of school safety took place including locking doors, presenting identification, school resource officers, and arming teachers.

WEBSITE—Bill Lesniak—Webmaster—Individuals are looking at the site but we don't know who they are. The cost for 3 years of maintaining the website is \$545.19. Bill is trying to keep the directory changes up to date and put them on the website as a PDF file. Send changes to him and also be sure that each county sends him a copy of their newsletter.

NOMINATIONS—Julie Wunder absent—no report. Sandy corresponded with Julie and she submitted her resignation. This position is now open and needs to be filled in the very near future.

FRIENDLY SERVICE—Barbara Rosecrans—absent--See attached—Sandy reported that Mary Ann Holcomb's obituary was not in the newspaper and the state is not sending Christmas cards anymore. Barb has been busy sending many cards.

COMMUNITY SERVICE—Joan Handfield—See attached—It has been difficult getting new members. Also, current members don't show. There is a zone wide project being considered to collect data of members' volunteer hours and then multiply by the minimum wage.

HEALTH CARE—Betty-Worden-Weber—See attached—The opioid epidemic is affecting so many. Betty suggests that we offer a brief, 1 hour, Narcan Training class. Her contact is willing to come and train groups free of charge and provide each participant with a Narcan kit valued at \$99.

NEWSLETTER—Jane Crosby—absent—See attached—Sandy reported for Jane. They will set dates for 2018 for training for the board.

BULK MAIL—Jane Crosby—absent—See attached—Sandy mentioned that there was a new bulk mailing form at the post office in Jan. 2018 (#3602-NZ). The price has increased a bit.

AWARDS—Ann Czajkowski—absent--See attached--Sandy reported the Barrie Fleegel Award income has increased. Joan Irwin distributed the Epke-Meagher Award applications.

BYLAWS—Sharon White was absent—no report—Sandy reported that she sent a letter to Sharon and she resigned due to lack of communications, follow through and attendance. Carol Ramsey did a great job in the past. The state would like all counties to mirror their bylaws. Carol Lord knows a lot of people. Mary Ellen Morgan suggests a detailed conversation. Judy Byndas would be another good person to connect with others though she has no email address/computer. Carol Lord and Elaine Leasure are good friends and may want to work together.

RESOLUTIONS—John Roy was absent—no report

HISTORIAN—Phyllis Dunlap—See attached--She shared scrap book pages.

FUNDRAISING/PRESIDENTS APPEAL FOR 2017--\$2,762.50

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mary Ellen Morgan—The annual meeting will be held September 20, 2018 at Abigail's Restaurant. The price is \$13.95 for buffet lunch and \$5.00 for breakfast. The program will pertain to history and the author/speaker will be Rich McAlpine.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT—Sandy & Jane—The NYSRTA Executive Meeting will be in Syracuse on April 16 & 17, 2018. Lillie Ruby has left and Kristen Cecala is taking over. Directory updates were made. See attached.

OLD BUSINESS—discussed under Bylaws and Nominations—see above.

NEW BUSINESS—A motion for the 2018 Annual Presidents' Appeal was made by Phyllis Dunlap and seconded by Betty Worden. Motion carried. It will be prepared, printed, and mailed by June. Future Legacy lunch options will include: tuna melt, spinach salad, and cold plate.

ADJOURNMENT-- Motion to adjourn was made by Robin Ballard and seconded by Bill Lesniak. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

GRACE & LUNCH--followed

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Tyndall
Acting Recording Secretary