

The meeting was called to order at 10:15AM by President Julie Wunder followed by the Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for departed friends. Vice-President Sue Nellany then read the Thought for the Day which focused on losing “baggage” and being kind to ourselves every day.

Julie introduced the officers and recognized the past presidents of WCRTA that were present: John Hogan, Ellen Barnes, Kathy Grandjean and Tim Quill who is also the current president of CWZ. She also welcomed those senior members present that have been retired the longest: June Renner '80, Carl Hutchinson '83, Arlene Youngman '86, Gerald Weisenreder '89, Wanda Weisenreder '89 and George Cataldo. Julie also welcomed two new retirees who were present: Sandy Goehle from Palmyra Macedon and Carol Quill from North Rose Wolcott. She also shared information received from Bobbi Clifford from Newark who retired but is overseeing an after school program in Newark at the Middle School. She is looking for retired teachers who would have hobbies or interests that they could share with the students in the program. They are hoping to expand the program to Kelly elementary school in the future. Julie has the contact information if anyone is interested.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes from the June 4, 2013 meeting were distributed. Sharon Maher asked that the sentence under Health Care describing the “Yellow Dot” program be changed to read: These are to be put in your car or in your home so that first responders.... Tim Quill moved, seconded by Elaine Leasure to approve the amended minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report: Sharon White**

Balance as of June 30, 2013 was \$9359.63. Checking: \$4229.80; Savings: \$810.78; CDs: \$1280.99; DMA: \$3038.06.

There were no additions or corrections. The treasurer's report was filed.

### **Membership Report: Sharon White/Kebby Clute**

Sharon gave membership numbers since 2009. From 2009 to 2010 we had 363 total members; 2012-2013, we had 328 total County members and so far this year we have 206 members.

### **Friendly Service Report: Linda VanderBrook**

Linda gave out the lists of names to the various district representatives. She asked members to let their Friendly Service Coordinators know of illnesses and deaths.

### **Health Care: Sharon Maher**

Sharon had handouts on the tables with various health tips and websites that members can use for health information. She shared a relaxation technique with members. She reminded members about the “Yellow Dot” program and had more envelopes available if anyone didn't get them at the last luncheon.

### **Community Service Report: Elaine Leasure**

Elaine thanked the members who brought books to be donated to Literacy Volunteers in Lyons. She asked that members bring books again to the meeting in June. At the State level, a collection for victims of hurricane Sandy was done. This year at the convention, they collected \$1250 to help with Janie Buell's physical therapy costs. (Janie is home again and trying to recover what was lost during her latest setback.)

### **Federal/State Legislation: Bill Lesniak**

Bill reported that committees were working on issues for the coming year. Information can be found on the NYSRTA website. Issues should be decided on sometime in March.

### **Historian Report: Rita Lesniak**

Rita thanked everyone for all the information that they have given her and reminded people to take time to look at the scrapbook. She also asked that people watch their newspapers for death notices and any articles about retired teachers and send them to her.

## **CWZ President: Tim Quill**

Tim wanted to thank Julie Wunder, Sue Nellany and Kathy Grandjean for the work done on the luncheon. He also commented on how well Wayne County was represented at the Convention. He noted that the CWZ Appeal had been very successful. A profit of \$8200 was realized and \$1390 of that was contributed by Wayne County. He mentioned the annual meeting which was held in Waterloo this year. Tim said that next year they would move the location again to a different part of the Zone. He brought some extra programs from the meeting and NYSRTA membership forms which were available at the registration table. CWZ is still in need of a Vice-President and a Legislative Chairperson. Tim also talked about a resolution concerning NYSRTA past presidents being automatic delegates to the conventions, paid for by the organization. CWZ did not support the resolution but Tim said that another resolution may be authored without the financial aspect. He also reported that there may be changes to the convention next year in order to make it less costly. The number of days may be shortened which would save \$40 to \$50 thousand dollars overall.

## **Program**

Sue Nellany introduced members Sandra Keller and Ellie Drake who would present the program on the League of Women Voters. They shared that the local unit is only 3 years old and is a small group, hoping to grow. Sandra & Ellie gave a brief overview of the process used to take a position on an issue. They also shared information on using "Vote411" – members can go to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) and get personalized information on candidates and issues. They also asked members to volunteer to take envelopes to local polling places for 4<sup>th</sup> graders who visit the polling sites. They prepared a wonderful table display for the members to view and provided each member with a bookmark as well.

Bill Lesniak offered the blessing followed by lunch at 12:00. Buffet lunch was prepared and served by Capezios

The Williamson Senior High School Select Choir provided entertainment during lunch. Led by director Jessica Warchocki, they sang three songs that they would be performing at their upcoming concert.

A raffle was held for various items donated by members.

Sharon White read a note received from Marian Donnelly who wasn't able to attend but shared information about the Phelps Art Center.

John Hogan commented that it was wonderful to have the students come and perform again. John moved, seconded by Jan Baist to give a \$50 stipend to the Williamson Musical program. The motion passed.

## **Meeting adjourned at 12:45PM**

### **Thank you:**

Sandy Keller & Ellie Drake for the wonderful program.

Bill Lesniak for the blessing.

Wayne Central for the fall table decorations.

## **Recording Secretary – Janet Murnane**

**Next meeting - June 3, 2014**

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