

Central Western Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers

Executive Meeting at Legacy Victor

March 12, 2015

President Tim Quill called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Thirteen members were present. The Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence were led by Orleans County President Frank Berger. Joan Handfield representing Ontario County was introduced.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Corrections were given of a sentence left off from the Resolutions report and VP report spelling correction....no "e" at the end of Behnk. A motion was made by Frank Berger and seconded by Jane Behnk to accept the amended minutes. Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Betty Pilato presented her report with a balance of \$24,439.17. She also reported that the President's Appeal netted \$8,470.00. Frank Berger moved and Pat Cheesman seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report.....approved.

The Annual Meeting of Central Western Zone will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua.

MEMBERSHIP: We were referred to the written report from Mary Prince Walter and Kitty Braddon.

FEDERAL/STATE LEGISLATION: Bill Lesniak reported that there is a movement to change our COLA base. Also, we need to watch the discussions on Social Security. Tim will represent Bill at the Utica Legislative Committee meeting. Bill handed out a list of Legislators with District and phone #'s.

NOMINATIONS: No report presented from the chairman.

FRIENDLY SERVICE: Referred to the report sent by Chairperson Barb Rosecrans.

HISTORIAN: Tim read the report sent in by Phyllis Dunlap.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Report sent by Phyllis Dunlap. March reports were needed from Livingston, Monroe and Allegany Counties. Notice was sent by email to county presidents. Any county can contribute information and send it to Phyllis.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Tim read the report submitted by chair Elaine Leasure.

RESOLUTIONS: Report submitted was reviewed. Frank Berger brought a report on needs of Special Education adults for supervised housing. Frank will contact John Roy Chairman to submit a resolution in this topic. Discussion: do we need a resolution on Charter Schools?

BY-LAWS: No current chairperson

HEALTH CARE: Betty Weber Worden, chairperson, has contacted each county chair. She did not hear back from any of them. She will contact them again to see what is happening in the counties.

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AWARDS: Currently no chairperson

BULK MAILING: Wayne County did a mailing that went ok. Spring mailing: Steuben wants to send out their newsletter by May 11<sup>th</sup>. April 10<sup>th</sup> Wyoming wants to do a mailing.

WEBSITE: Bill needs information sent to him to keep the site up to date. Counties please submit information to him.

There is a trip to China in September through NYSRTA. Lesniak's and Leasure's are going.

ANNUAL MEETING: Les Buell will present the program entitled "The Strange Case of Alexis St. Martin".

DIRECTORY: Thank you Sandy Kushner for having this printed by the ARC. Enough were printed so that all county officers could have one. Meeting dates were updated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Need newsletter, by-laws, and awards chairmen
2. Refer to the Treasurer's report for the total Annual Appeal contributions.
3. County Presidents need to give Tim meeting dates if not in the directory
4. A motion was made by Pat Cheesman and seconded by Frank Berger to have a President's Appeal again in 2015. Tim will prepare the letter. County presidents could distribute the letters to their members who are not NYSRTA members. John Hogan inquired if the Appeal money covers the cost of convention delegates. Betty Pilato responded that it does. Orleans is the only county to pay mileage to their delegates. The letter will be sent in May and prepared for mailing at the next meeting
5. Delegate procedure....Executive committee members will be asked first.
6. We signed a retirement card for Lisa Dolen to wish her the best and thank her for all she has done for NYSRTA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Update on Jane Buell...doing well, continuing therapy at St. John Fisher. Doris Whitney is in her apartment and doing well.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Lesniak would like the CWZ map logo like on the directory for our website.

Pat Cheesman moved; Betty Weber Worden seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lunch followed.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Lord

