

Minutes of CWZ Executive Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2018
The Legacy, Victor

Meeting called to order at 10:03 by Co-President Sandy Kushner. Frank Berger read a poem about the Symbolism of the Poppy and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for all those who have gone before us.

CARES AND CONCERNS-Updates of several of our members were given. Sue Nellany is recovering well from her broken hip and is starting to get out. Friendly Service Chair Barb Rosecrans is recovering from a knee replacement and is doing well. Split Club Coordinator Ann Czajkowski is at home recovering after suffering a back incident. Health Chair Betty Weber-Worden is having shoulder surgery on this day. Former By-laws Chairman Sharon White is quite ill as her cancer treatments are taking a toll on her. Notice was made of Split Club Coordinator Mary Ann Holcomb's obituary and that the Memorial service for Ellen Mapes is scheduled for May 5 in Dansville.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES-The minutes were presented by Acting Secretary Mary Beth Tyndall. There were two minor corrections-9/11/17 should be 11/9/18 and the Community Service project was being discussed but had not yet been decided upon. A motion was made by Bruce Croucher seconded by Tim Quill to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried. A copy of the corrected minutes is attached. We thank Mary Beth for stepping in to serve as our secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT===Betty Pilato- Copy attached. All bills were as usual. Betty made note that at the last meeting there were 13 people present and \$123 was collected to offset costs. A motion was made by Frank Berger and seconded by Bill Lesniak to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP—Jane Crosby- Membership remains a big problem. In January there were 1877 members and in February the number was 1859. There was 1 new member and 5 were deceased in CWZ. Jane was on teleconferences throughout the winter which focused on the people who are unit members and not NYSRTA members. Discussion ensued about ways to find out who these people are and try to get them to join. It was strongly suggested that everyone work on this at their spring meetings. We should also be sure to find out who the new retirees are and get them applications. Members in arrears get a total of 5 notices over 2 years at \$1.50 per notice. It was questioned whether this was the best use for our money.

LEGISLATION—Bill Lesniak-At the State level nothing much has changed. Lobbying forms were sent out to visit local legislators and Bill got returns from Orleans and Seneca County. One issue brought up was a bill that would put term limits on Committee Chairs. This is said to be an ethics issue. There is also talk about possible forced school mergers due to declining enrollment. Republicans remain in control of the Senate with 1 Democrat voting with them. The state budget has been approved.

On the Federal level, the Supreme Court is considering the Agency Fee issue. This ruling may come in May and would affect our current teachers and their organizations.

WEBSITE—Bill Lesniak—Webmaster—Everything is up-to-date and in pdf form. Bill issued a reminder to send in newsletters so they can be posted.

NOMINATIONS—The position is vacant so there is no report.

FRIENDLY SERVICE—Barbara Rosecrans—Report attached

COMMUNITY SERVICE-Joan Handfield—Report attached. There was further discussion about the proposed project to support Golisano's Children's Hospital at our Annual meeting in September. A copy of this project has been sent to all Community Service Chairs. A motion was made by Vicki Universal and seconded by Tim Quill to approve this project for the September meeting. Motion carried.

HEALTH CARE—Betty-Worden-Weber was absent-See attached report. Betty is in favor of all members taking opioid training as was offered in Monroe County.

BULK MAIL—Everything is going well. There is a new form to fill out as of January 2018. Be prepared to pay cash only-no credit cards.

AWARDS—Carol Lord reported there were 17 applications for the Barrie Fleegel award. See attached for the winners and their awards. She handed out packets to the counties with winners that contained instructions for distribution. She asked that you try to get a picture and Ann Czajkowski has a press release to go with it.

Any applications for the Epke-Meagher award should be submitted to Joan Irwin by July 1. It should be someone who is active in both their school and their community.

BYLAWS—This position is vacant so there was no report.

RESOLUTIONS—John Roy was absent and gave no report. Three resolutions were presented to the group by Judy Byndas. Copies of these are attached.

The School Safety resolution was presented. A motion was made by Vicki Universal and seconded by Carol Lord to submit this resolution as written. Motion Carried.

The Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief resolution was discussed. It was mentioned that we already have tax relief with the Star and Enhanced Star programs. A motion was made by Tim Quill and seconded by Bruce Croucher to defeat this resolution. Motion carried. This resolution was not recommended for submission.

The Gun Safety Resolution was discussed Several changes were proposed. We should add Retired to the name of the organization. This change in wording was also proposed: Replace “and increase the age limit for all purchases of all weapons” with “increase the age limits for the purchase of all firearms”

A motion was made By Sharon Croucher and seconded by Bruce Croucher to submit this resolution with the acceptance of the proposed change. Motion carried. The resolution will be submitted as changed.

HISTORIAN—Phyllis Dunlap—See Attached

PUBLIC RELATIONS-see attached

CO-PRESIDENTS REPORT—Jane Behnk and Sandy Kushner—Report is attached—We were reminded to bring two baskets to the convention early for the raffle. This year there will be a trivia contest after the Thursday dinner. Each group is asking delegates if they are interested in participating.

There is a state NYSRTA by-law in discussion which would change the term of state officers- see attached. This will be brought to the July NYSRTA Executive meeting for discussion.

Nominations for state offices are now due.

Someone is still needed to fill By-laws and Nominations positions.

VICE-PRESIDENT—Mary Ellen Morgan was absent and there was no report.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn made by Bill Lesniak. and seconded by Pat Dick Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a. m. Newsletters were then addressed to be sent out.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Leasure Recording Secretary