

Minutes of CWZ Executive Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2019
The Legacy, Victor

Meeting called to order at 10:00 by Co-President Robyn Ballard. Judie Byndas led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in memory of our departed members. Introductions were made as there are many new representatives present.

CARES AND CONCERNS -We are saddened with the passing of Sharon White and John Roy. Both were CWZ committee chairs for a number of years and committee members at the state level as well.

Mary Ellen Morgan was present after a long recovery from several medical issues. She thanked everyone for their help, especially her family.

Betty Weber-Worden has had shoulder surgery and is recovering nicely.

Jane Behnk was unable to have her knee replacement as a cardiac issue arose. This is being addressed.

Sharon Mahar had back surgery in December and has had many complications She is recovering very slowly.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - The minutes were presented by Secretary Elaine Leasure A motion was made by Bruce Croucher, seconded by Carol Westlake, to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Betty Pilato- Copy attached. Receipts for this period were \$2858, and disbursements were \$1,757.98. This includes \$200 received from the state which is earmarked for Friendly service and has been disbursed to them along with our \$200 contribution. The balance on hand is \$40,918.76. The President's Appeal has raised \$8390 so far.

There was a long discussion about bulk mail. Some counties do not use it and do not think they should have to pay for it. We collect \$50 from each county-\$20 for bulk mailing and \$30 for the alternate delegate to the convention. The \$20 enables CWZ to send out their bulk mailings.

It was stated that recruitment best takes place at the local level and yet the state does not financially support this.

A motion was made by Vicki Universal and seconded by Mary Beth Tyndall that we encourage the state to pay support for recruitment at the local level. This motion was approved. Sandy Kushner stated that our, President Kevin Mulligan, is working on this right now. They are hiring a firm to do recruitment underwritten by the Insurance Trust. Mary Ellen Morgan stated that a marketing firm has been hired for \$20,000. More information will be available at the President's meeting in April. Bill Lesniak also noted that a change in our name and logo may be forthcoming.

A motion was made by Bill Lesniak and seconded by Judie Byndas that we accept the Treasurer's report as presented. This motion was approved.

MEMBERSHIP Jane Crosby-report attached. There was a further discussion of our dwindling membership. Bill reported that the state is looking at people who are local members only. Mary Ellen stated that those people can be encouraged to move up after a few meetings. Judie said that this takes personal attention and interest. Carol suggested that it may be a financial issue for some who are watching finances closely. Bill stated that many feel they are already a NYSUT retiree so they don't need another organization.

The discussion ended with several people reiterating the advantages our membership has in travel, hearing aids, and legislation.

Jane Crosby sent out a letter to all the new retirees as given by local units to encourage them to join.

LEGISLATION - Bill Lesniak- Report attached The Legislative committee will be conducting their visits to local legislators soon. Bill submitted the names of those who have helped the last two years but would gladly accept more.

WEBSITE - Bill Lesniak—Webmaster The Website carries all reports for Executive meetings as well as county meetings. Be sure to send newsletters to Bill and he can post your information. Reports and dates are loaded as they are received. Several people expressed disappointment with the state website, stating it is difficult to find information and that it is often outdated.

NOMINATIONS - The position is presently vacant. In November, Carol Lord suggested that this should everyone's job. We are asking for a representative from each county as for other committees. Presently there is still a vacancy in our slate of officers for Vice-President. We need someone to fill this position or to volunteer to chair the Annual Meeting as this would be the VP's job.

FRIENDLY SERVICE -Barb Rosecrans- Report attached Her balance is \$677.33.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Joan Handfield—Report attached. She is pleased that some people are still contributing to the Golisano NICU. She is looking into ideas for the Annual Meeting and will have suggestions at the May meeting.

HEALTH CARE - Betty Weber-Worden-report attached. Our new state President is still gathering information from surveys about health care which have been completed to establish a new Health Care Insurance Information Network. More information will follow.

BULK MAIL - Jane Crosby Everything seems to be working well. If you are mailing after January 1, be sure to check to see the form has not changed.

NEWSLETTER-No report

AWARDS - CWZ will be able to give the Hudson-Kramer Memorial Award of \$1000 this year. Sandy Kushner will send out applications. The deadline is April 15. She already has 4 applicants. (See Attached)

Joan Irwin has retired from chair of the Epke-Meagher Award. Judie Byndas agreed to take on this role assisted by Phyllis Dunlap. Anne sent out applications for the Barry Fleegeel Award in January and has received 11 back so far.

BYLAWS -Bruce Croucher has heard nothing from the state but will search the website to find them.

RESOLUTIONS -Judie Byndas reported that we have none so far. She stated that they must be submitted by our May meeting to be considered, as they must at the State level by June 1. All Resolutions should be sent to Judie.

HISTORIAN - Phyllis Dunlap-report attached

PUBLIC RELATIONS -Phyllis Dunlap-report attached

OLD BUSINESS- A motion was made by Sandy Kushner and seconded by Carol Westlake to continue the CWZ President's Appeal. This motion was approved.

It was suggested that the program for our Annual Meeting be secured so that it can be advertised. We will be looking to finalize a place at our May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Several counties reported dates for their spring and fall meetings.

The Convention dates were given as October 9,10, and 11.

Calendars and Directory information were given out. It was decided not to have a phone tree at this time.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn made by Sandy Kushner. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. Next meeting will be May 2, 2019 at the Legacy at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Leasure, Recording Secretary

