

Minutes of CWZ Executive Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 2021
Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Mary Ellen Morgan at 9:05 a.m. Since this was a conference call, a roll call was taken. The following people were present: Mary Ellen Morgan and Robyn Ballard, Co-Presidents; Elaine Leasure, Recording Secretary; Pat Dick, Corresponding Secretary; Betty Pilato, Treasurer; Barb Rosecrans, Friendly Service; Betty Weber-Worden, Health Care; Bill Lesniak, Legislation and Website; Jane Crosby, Membership and Bulk Mail; Joan Handfield, Community Service; Sandy Kushner, Past President, Hudson Kramer Award and Wyoming County President; Jane Behnk, Past President and representing Steuben County; Linda Snyder, Yates County Co-President; Mary Beth Tyndall, Monroe County Co-President; Mary Corey, Livingston County President; Bruce Croucher, Ontario County President; Joyce Pittenger, Wayne County President; and Carol Westlake, Seneca County President.

CARES AND CONCERNS- Barb Rosecrans reported that Carol Lord had broken her wrist. She has had surgery and is now recovering at home. Former President Tim Quill's father passed away. Carol Hall passed away.(YatesCountyREA) Connie Castellizzi's husband passed away. (Friendly Service committee member) A Moment of prayer and silence was held for these and any others who have passed.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - The Minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting were presented. There was one addition to the minutes. Bill Lesniak made the motion, seconded by Pat Dick, to accept the Minutes as presented with the additional information added. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-No Report. Pat did ask that all reports for the August meeting be given to her early as she will be on vacation during that week.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Betty Pilato - copy attached. The Checking Account Balance as of March 4, 2021 was \$51,795.09. The Presidents' Appeal added \$50 and Albany paid Dues Share. There were no disbursements, so the balance in the Checking Account as of May 6, 2021 was \$52,281.00. Bill Lesniak reported that he did have a bill for the website, which he would send to Betty and would be reflected in the next report. A motion was made by Bill Lesniak, seconded by Bruce Croucher to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

There was no new report on the budget as it will need to be passed at the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP Report Attached- Jane Crosby has written a letter as requested at the March meeting. She is looking for direction on how it should be disseminated. It was noted that we already spent money from our RENY grant and got no new members in return. Mary Ellen suggested we send it to unit membership chairs and let them decide how to get it to their members. Bill Lesniak suggested it could be sent with the group's newsletter.

Carol Westlake asked if there is a time limit for this. It was pointed out that incentives for membership expire on December 31, 2021. We also reaffirmed that no one is being expelled from the local for not belonging to the state.

It was mentioned that not all units are financially solvent and may need financial help. Betty Pilato suggested we could offer money to the units to do a mailing.

Jane stated that she will send a packet with all necessary information to the unit membership chairs and they can contact us by the August meeting with any assistance they may need.

Mary Ellen moved her suggestion. It was seconded by Barb Rosecrans and passed. There will be further discussion at the August meeting.

NEWSLETTER-. All reports are due to Jane by July 1 so the newsletter will be available to label in August.

We will need a new person to format the newsletter for July. Several suggestions were made, including an offer by Bruce Croucher to do it. Jane will contact him for further information. It is being printed by the ARC in Newark.

BULK MAIL- All is going well. A mailing will be done in August

LEGISLATION-Legislative priorities are now on the website. Check the most recent YORK STATE for more information.

WEBSITE -Grant applications and all reports are now on the website. Bill is working to update the directory.

On a side note, Jane Crosby and Betty Weber-Worden mentioned that they had not received a directory. Mary Ellen stated they had been sent to all unit Presidents.

NOMINATIONS -Mary Ellen read her report which is attached. All officers need to be voted on in September.

FRIENDLY SERVICE -(see attached) Barb Rosecrans had no additional information

COMMUNITY SERVICE -(see attached) Joan has chosen Coldwater House as our September Community Service project..It is a residential home for women and children connected to the Open Door Mission in Rochester. It has been open for three years and has housed over 40 families. The average length of stay is 3 months. During that time, women work to develop a plan for sustainable living with medical, vocational, and academic assessments.Their children also receive services such as tutoring. After our discussion, Betty Weber-Worden offered to deliver whatever we collect.

HEALTHCARE -(see attached) Be sure to check the requirements for traveling this summer as they are changing rapidly.

EPKE-MEAGHER AWARD for NEWLY RETIRED TEACHERS -No report

BARRY FLEEGEL AWARD- See attached-Applications were being judged at meeting time. Since then, the winners have been determined and a list is included in these minutes.

RENY HUDSON-KRAMER MEMORIAL GRANT - See Attached-Applications are due on May 14.

BYLAWS - Bruce Croucher - No changes are being proposed.

RESOLUTIONS -See attached-Two resolutions were brought before the group for 2021. Resolution 1 discussed Civics education. It was noted that the words"40 states" should be changed to many states as the number has been increasing. With that change, Jane Crosby moved to approve this resolution, seconded by Joyce Pittinger. The motion was carried.

Resolution 2 pertaining to Elder Abuse in Nursing Homes was presented. Several people stated that they felt that many of the issues involved were already being worked on by the state legislature. A motion was made by Jane Crosby and seconded by Joyce Pittinger to not approve this resolution based on recent legislative action. This motion was passed and this resolution will not move forward.

HISTORIAN-See attached

PUBLIC RELATIONS-See attached-Orleans and Seneca counties will be featured in the summer YORK STATE.

UNIT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS -

Allegheny-No report

Livingston-No report

Monroe-Mary Beth Tyndall stated that they are planning to have a luncheon in June. It will be limited to 25 people.

Ontario-They are not yet ready to meet in person. However, the Executive Board has kept in contact. They plan to put out a newsletter.

Orleans-No report

Seneca- The Executive Council is meeting tomorrow, and hope to set up an in-person meeting for the fall. They will be publishing a newsletter.

Steuben-Teresa Stephans, former President has stepped down, but has contacted all the schools about new retirees. Joanne Bennett, the Treasurer will be the contact person for now.

Wayne-A July newsletter will be sent out and plans are being made for an in-person meeting in early October.

Wyoming- They have sent a spring newsletter and hope for a in-person meeting in the fall.

Yates-They have sent a newsletter and are planning a meeting for fall.

VICE PRESIDENT - is still vacant.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-See Attached

OLD BUSINESS-An Annual meeting date has been set for September 16. At present, no other information is available. If more becomes available, it will be sent to the Executive Board for approval before the July newsletter date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) We need a new representative to the De Cormier Fund. Contact one of the Presidents if interested.
- 2) A motion was made by Joan Handfield and seconded by Betty Pilato that we select Coldwater Women's and Children's Residential Home as our community service project for the annual meeting. Motion carried.
- 3) RENY is also looking for a slate of officers for the coming year.
- 4) A RENY conference call has been shared with those necessary.
- 5) CWZ Meeting Dates for 2021 are: August 5th, and November 4th . The CWZ annual meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021. We will make a decision about the Annual Meeting at our August meeting.

A reminder: All reports need to be submitted to Pat Dick early so they can be sent out before she leaves for vacation.

Our business being completed, a motion was made by Pat Dick and seconded by Jane Behnk for adjournment. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Leasure, Secretary