

Minutes of CWZ Executive Meeting  
Thursday, August 5, 2021  
Old Mill Restaurant  
Gorham, NY

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Mary Ellen Morgan at 9:33 a.m. The following people were present: Mary Ellen Morgan and Robyn Ballard, Co-Presidents; Elaine Leasure, Recording Secretary; Betty Pilato, Treasurer; Carol Lord Assistant Treasurer; Judie Byndas, Resolutions and Epke-Meagher Award; Barb Rosecrans, Friendly Service; Betty Weber-Worden, Health Care; Bill Lesniak, Legislation and Website; 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 Hanlon, Yates County Co-President; Mary Beth Tyndall, Monroe County Co-President; Sharon Croucher, Ontario County President; and Carol Westlake, Seneca County President.

CARES AND CONCERNS- Wyoming County President Sandy Kushner reported that a member of her Executive Board had passed away. He had served for many years. Mary Beth Tyndall, Monroe County Co-President reported that Ron Hoffman, a member of their Executive Board, had also passed away. Carol Lord reported that Bev Simons, a member of CWZ and nominations chair for many years, had passed away. She said that she was recovering from her accident but still had a lot of healing to do. Barb Rosecrans reported that she will be having rotator cuff surgery next week. A moment of silence and prayer was held for all those named and any others in need.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - The Minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting were presented. There was one misspelling in the minutes. Carol Lord made the motion, seconded by Judie Byndas, to accept the Minutes as presented with the spelling error corrected. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Betty Pilato - (copy attached). The Checking Account Balance as of May 6, 2021 was \$52,281.09. There were few disbursements, so the balance in the Checking Account as of August 5, 2021 was \$52,013.76. A motion was made by Bill Lesniak, seconded by Carol Lord to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Betty then presented the Budget for 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022-(copy attached). Because we had no annual meeting last year, it is necessary to present both the 2021 and 2022 budgets to our members. A motion was made by Barb Rosecrans and seconded by Carol Westlake that we present this entire package at the Annual meeting. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Linda Snyder and seconded by Judie Byndas that the Executive Board approve the budget presented for 2022. Motion Passed.

MEMBERSHIP Jane Crosby was unable to be here but is addressing the newsletters to go out. These will have membership information in them. In Steuben County Mary Ellen and Robyn sent letters to all the members in the county urging them to keep their organization going. They received no replies. Jane Benke stated that we need new people to take leadership positions, but we have little new membership. She suggested some co-county alliances. Sandy Kushner reported that when Allegheny County folded, their members were offered membership in any other county. Only a few took the offer. The Treasury had some money sent to CWZ and the rest was sent to the Decormier Fund. They are still included in awards. Mary Hanlon asked what the objective really is. Is it to revive the local and then ask people to

get involved in CWZ and the state, or to revive the state membership? Carol Lord reminded everyone that the 3 year state membership incentive ends this year.

NEWSLETTER-has been printed and is awaiting labels.

BULK MAIL- Mailing will go out soon. Jane is doing the labels.

LEGISLATION-Legislative priorities are on the website. Right now not much is happening.

WEBSITE -Website is now up-to-date. Send fall luncheon dates so they can be added. The newsletter will also be posted.

NOMINATIONS -Mary Ellen Morgan has taken on Nominations. The slate of officers for 2022 are: President: Mary Beth Tyndall, VP-no nomination (see comments), Recording Secretary-Elaine Leasure, Corresponding Secretary-Pat Dick, Treasurer-Betty Pilato, Assistant Treasurer-Carol Lord. Mary Ellen stated that many people see VP as a 6 year committment, but that is not necessarily true. Their main job would be planning the annual meeting and making the booklet for that. We only vote on this office for 1 year at a time. Mary Ellen will continue to look for someone. The slate of officers will be voted on at the Annual meeting.

FRIENDLY SERVICE -(see attached) Barb Rosecrans .stated that something will be sent for Ron Hoffman when she gets more information. She also reported that Frank Berger had surgery again.

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. There will be a cup for donations available at the meeting.After our discussion, Beetty Weber-Worden offered to deliver whatever we collect.

HEALTHCARE -(see attached)Covid is back up so be careful and use precautions.

EPKE-MEAGHER AWARD for NEWLY RETIRED TEACHERS - We have two applications at this time. Both are from Clifton Springs and both will win. Judie had a list of all the winners from 2000-2021. It would be useful to see if they are still members. judie stated that the applications for this award have dwindled in recent years and questioned whether we should continue to give it.

BARRIE FLEEGEL AWARD- No report

RENY HUDSON-KRAMER MEMORIAL GRANT -(see attached) Sandy Kushner stated that she has presented these awards to the recipients. She also said she has kept in touch with former winners.

BYLAWS - Bruce Croucher - No activity Carol Lord stated that much of the state executive board meeting was about membership and by-laws changes relating to that. There will be a large discussion about membership and by-laws at convention..

RESOLUTIONS -One resolution was presented to the state and was approved to be brought before the convention along with our resolution from 2 years ago.

HISTORIAN-(see attached) Barb Rosecrans handed out the scrapbook pages for each county which are to be filled and returned to Phyllis.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-(see attached) Wayne and Wyoming Counties are reporting for fall. Information should be to Phyllis by August 18.

#### UNIT PRESIDENT'S REPORTS -

Livingston-No report

Monroe-Mary Beth Tyndall stated that September and December meetings are planned. She said they are also having trouble getting officers..Many people enjoy the activity groups they provide but are not as active in the larger group.

Ontario-The Executive committee met and they have a new membership director. They are sending out a newsletter and have a luncheon planned for October 7.

Orleans-No report

Seneca- The Executive Council has met and planned a luncheon for October 21. They are continuing their support of the Active backpack Program in all 4 schools. They will also continue support of the Beverly Animal Shelter and the House of Concern. They are planning an ice cream social for the newly retired teachers in their county. Invites have been sent out, but so far only one response out of 37 sent has been returned. They will be publishing a newsletter.

Steuben-No report

Wayne-A newsletter has been sent out and a luncheon at the Sudus Bay Golf Club is planned for October 6. There are no candidates for office at this time.

Wyoming- The Executive Board met and scheduled a luncheon for September 8. They will be making a donation to the Autism Trail which is being built in Letchworth State Park.

Sandy also noted that a member, Janice Weitz, is turning 100.

Yates-The Executive Committee met this month and planned a meeting for October 4. They have sent out a newsletter. They have created a scholarship for future educators which was presented for the first time in June. They are continuing their support of the Active Backpack program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-See Attached

OLD BUSINESS-An Annual meeting date has been set for September 16. It will be held at Woody's in the Quality Inn in Waterloo at a cost of \$20 per person. Each county should bring a basket for raffle. A speaker is still needed for this event. Invitations will go out in the newsletter.

All reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet should be sent to Mary Ellen Morgan by August 30. Any awards for certificates of appreciation should be sent to her by August 30 as well.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations have already been discussed.

The RENY Annual Convention will be held on October 13-14 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany NY. All delegates names should be reported by August 12. Reservations for the convention need to be in by September 13.

At this point, a motion was made by Barb Rosecrans and seconded by Carol Westlake to table discussion until after lunch had been served. Motion passed.

After the meeting was recalled to order at 11:40, the following were named as candidates for delegates: Robyn Ballard, Carol Lord, Mary Beth Tyndall, Elaine Leasure, Bill Lesniak, Jane Crosby, Sharon

Croucher, Bruce Croucher, Betty-Weber-Worden. Alternates nominated were Rita Lesniak and Mary Ellen Morgan. A motion was made by Bill Lesniak and seconded by Judie Byndas that the secretary cast one ballot for those nominated. Motion passed.

Treasurer Betty Pilato stated that because it is only one night, we will be spending less than other years. She suggested we also pay mileage to the drivers at \$.32 a mile and tolls. A motion was made by Betty Pilato and seconded by Jane Behnk to do this. Motion passed. Vouchers will be available at convention and checks will be mailed.

Our business being completed, a motion was made by Carol Lord and seconded by Jane Behnk for adjournment. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Leasure, Secretary