

Minutes of CWZ Executive Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2022
Legacy at the Fairways

ATTENDEES: Mary Beth Tyndall, Pat Dick, Betty Pilato, Carol Lord, Bruce Croucher, Barb Rosecrans, Betty Weber-Worden, Bill Lesniak, Judie Byndas, Jane Crosby, Ann Czajkowski, Eugene Czajkowski, Laura Janas, Frank Berger, Carol Westlake, Sandy Kushner, Linda Snyder, Jane Spiwak, Karen Moretti

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President Mary Beth Tyndall. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Beth led the group in "Check In" and "How are you doing?" by asking each person in attendance to introduce themselves, their role in the CWZ Board, and tell how they have been faring since our last meeting.

CARES AND CONCERNS:

1. Mary Beth wished a Happy Cinco de Mayo Day and Educator Week to everyone.
2. Barb Rosecrans reported that Clarice Coggins received 97 cards for her 100th birthday.
3. Thoughts are with Elaine Leasure, who is absent today due to Covid.
4. Kathy Bassett's brother passed away.
5. Joann Bennett's mother passed away.
6. Bill Lesniak reported that Larry Ruth from Wayne County passed away.
7. Janice Reed, from Yates County passed away.

Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by Jane Crosby and seconded by Betty Pilato to accept the Minutes of the March 3, 2022 Zoom Meeting with spelling corrections for Betty Weber-Worden and Joanne Bennett. Carried.

Corresponding Secretary:

Pat Dick is clarifying email addresses for Board members.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Pilato

1. Balance in Checking Account as of May 5, 2022 Balance - \$51,882.83.
2. One check has been written for \$500.00 to Nolan's on Candaigua Lake to reserve a room for the CWZ Annual Meeting on September 15, 2022.
3. Frank Berger moved we accept the Treasurer's Report, with thanks, to Betty. Copy attached.
4. Carol Lord made the motion to increase the mileage for attending meetings from \$.32/mile to \$.40/mile seconded by Laura Janus. Carried

Unit Presidents' Reports:

Ontario/Laura Janus - The spring meeting will be held on May 12, 2022, at Warfields in Clifton Springs. Barb Rosecrans, CWZ Friendly Service will be the speaker.

Livingston/Mary Corey - Absent

Monroe/Mary Beth Tyndall - Marge Wood and Mary Beth Tyndall are still Co-Presidents until December 2022. The many special activity groups continue to meet and are still very active in Monroe County.

Seneca/Carol Westlake - The spring meeting will be held May 19, 2022 at Woodsy Grille in Waterloo. Author Jeff Hoffman will be the speaker, and he will donate one third of what he collects in sales that day to us. We will donate that amount to World Central Kitchens for Ukraine food relief. We will be introducing the Seneca County Retired Teachers Facebook page for members to join. It will be only open to our members and be used to share group information about meetings and dates to remember. We plan to offer small group activities for members to enjoy together. VP Karen Moretti is working on a special tour of the Women's Hall of Fame.

Orleans/Frank Berger is still President. A meeting for June has been proposed, but no firm plans at this time.

Steuben/Joanne Bennett is still the contact, but no meetings have been held and none are planned at this time.

Wayne/Bill Lesniak - The spring meeting will be held on June 7, 2022, at a winery in Williamson.

Wyoming/Sandy Kushner - The spring meeting will be held May 17, 2022 at the Bryncliff Resort. The speaker will be the Director of Charlotte House, an end of life facility in Wyoming County.

Yates/Linda Snyder - The spring meeting will be June 6, 2022. The local Director of Hospice will speak. Linda reports that many retired educators are volunteers for Hospice.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membershsip-Jane Crosby

- The total membership for March 2022 was 1429.
- members under 90-640
- Delinquent members-95
- The remaining membership are over 90.
- I have contacted county membership chairs to have them get a message in their newsletters re: the benefits of membership. I also sent them the delinquent list for them to contact individuals.
- Any ideas of ways to sell membership by any of you would be gratefully appreciated.

Newsletter -Jane Crosby

Articles for the CWZ Newsletter need to be received to me between June 30-July 5, 2022. We will affix mailing labels at the August meeting.

Bulk Mail-Jane Crosby No problems have been reported.

Legislation - Bill Lesniak

Bill provided a detailed Legislative priority list from RENY for both the State and Federal.

Website- Bill Lesniak

Bill tries to post reports for CWZ meetings prior to our meeting date. He will also post county newsletters and invitations to meetings. It is best to email details to him in PDF format.

Friendly Servie-Barb Rosecrans

- Cards were sent to the Trudeau Family in the death of Marcella, dedicated wife of Terry Trudeau, former NYSRTA President. She always helped at convention. A donation from CWZ was made in her memory to Hospice of North Country who thanked us and will miss her contributions.
- A get well card was sent to: Agnes Hudson, whose late husband, Ross, was another dedicated NYSRTA President. Agnes was State VP for Friendly Service among other positions throughout the years. She was hospitalized last I heard.
- A 100th birthday card was sent to Clarice Coggins, whose special birthday was April 10, 2022. Her address is 1400 Rt. 96, A-2, Waterloo, NY 13165. A belated card would still be appreciated by this very sharp Waterloo retiree. Seneca County RTA will honor her at our May 19 meeting.
- Welcome to Barbara Sergent, new FS Co- Chair for Monroe. Please keep me in the loop if FS unit chairs change. Name and pertinent info. would be greatly appreciated.

- I look forward to speaking about Friendly Service, at the May 12, 2022, meeting of Ontario County Retired Teachers.
- Checkbook balance: \$556.60.

Community Service-Joan Handfield (absent-written report provided prior to the meeting)

Joan has contacted the Community Service Chairs of each county for suggestions for the CWZ's Community Service Project for the fall meeting. She received one idea for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation out of Staten Island. This organization accepts only cash donations, not donations of goods. It has programs for veterans and first responders and their families. These programs include: Smart House Program, Fallen First Responder Home Program and Gold Star Family Home Program as well as a Help Ukrainian Kids and Veterans Homelessness program.

Healthcare - BettyWeber-Worden shared the KHN Healthcare newsletter that she sends to county Healthcare Chairs Monday-Friday. Betty is stepping down from her position.

Awards:

Epke Meagher Award-Judie Byndas stated that the Epke-Meagher Award will not be given this year. There have only been three submissions in the last five years. However, the application is still available on the CWZ website if anyone wishes to nominate a newly retired teacher for the award.

Barrie Fleegel Active Memorial Educator Award-Ann Czajkowski

- The committee is comprised of Ann Czajkowski, Gene Czajkowski, Carol Lord, Judie Byndas, and John Hogan.
- There are 12 winners for 2022 from eight of the 10 counties. No applications were received from Allegany or Seneca counties.
- Letters of awards and regrets have been mailed out. Carol Lord has prepared certificates of award for each winner and a packet of information for each county president for presentation.
- Grant checks for 2022 will be mailed out when the proper documentation is received.
- Ann is stepping down from her position.
- Ann is willing to guide a new Chair or Co-Chair.
- The committee is willing to continue scoring the applications if the grant is continued by others.

Bylaws-Bruce Croucher will look over the Bylaws for the CWZ to identify any areas that need to be updated, especially for holding meetings via teleconference and zoom. He encourages units to revise their Bylaws, if needed, as well.

Resolutions-Judie Byndas reported that no resolutions have been submitted at this time.

Public Relations- Phyllis Dunlap absent

Historian-Phyllis Dunlap absent

CWZ President's Report:

1. Ann Czajkowski will be stepping away from her role as Chair with the Barrie Fleegel Active Educator Award. Many thanks for her 17 years of dedicated service. Please suggest individuals who may be able to assume this role. Ann will gladly train the new person and continue working with the committee on scoring applications.
2. Betty Weber-Worden will also be relinquishing her position as Health Care chairperson at the end of this year. Her years of commitment to this position are greatly appreciated. Suggestion of a replacement are welcomed.
3. RENEY Ad Hoc Committee for Health Insurance - Joan McClure reported that the RENEY Board held a brief zoom meeting/conference call on March 15, 2022 with regard to RENEY offering their own Medicare Advantage plan. Discussion was tabled until the July RENEY Board meeting. In the meantime, a survey will be sent out to all RENEY members to gauge interest in pursuit of the idea. Please take the time to answer this survey.

4. County Unit visits this month include Ontario on May 12th, Wyoming on May 17th, and Seneca on May 19th. Share your dates for upcoming gatherings, and I will make every effort to attend.
5. CWZ Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Nolan's on Canandaigua Lake from 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Details will be forthcoming. Suggestions for speaker or entertainment are welcomed.

Old Business:

1. Annual Meeting suggestions for speaker/entertainment
2. Healthcare, Barrie Fleegel Active Educator and VP vacancy

New Business:

Bruce Croucher made a motion, seconded by Pat Dick, to make two donations in the amount of \$250.00 each for Ukrainian relief.

- One check will be sent to World Central Kitchen. (WCK is first to the front lines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate and community crises.)
- The second check will be sent to Stacia Plum, personal friend of Jane Crosby. (The money will be sent to Father Flip, who directs it to his family in Poland. They help the refugee Ukrainian women and children with food, clothing and blankets.) Carried.

Announcements/ Adjournment:

Please keep Mary Beth informed of upcoming county meetings, and she will make every attempt to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Kushner
Acting Recording Secretary

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

August 4, 2022 CWZ Board
September 15, 2022 CWZ Annual Meeting Nolan's on Canandaigua Lake 10:30-2:30
October 12-14, 2022 RENY Annual Meeting
November 3, 2022 CWZ Board