

RC 12 Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010  
NYSUT Headquarters – Conference Room of Albany Regional Office

Jeanne Williams Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. The following members were present: Carolyn Darkangelo, Judy Schultz, Alex Boschi, Karen Wojcik-Hess, Jeanne Williams Bennett, Royanne Rogerson, Mary Pritchard, John Mazur, Don Harris, Betsy Batchelor, Bill Schultz, Dave Sammons, and David King. Jeanne proposed that we revise the agenda to move the Social Committee report to follow the Treasurer's report and add Margaret's proposal to change the agendas of our meetings and streamline the meetings to new business.

**Secretary's Report** -- Carolyn Darkangelo presented the minutes from August 25, 2010 Board of Directors meeting (sent via email). The date on the top of the page was amended to read August 25, 2010 and the minutes were approved as amended. Carolyn then presented the minutes from the October 1, 2010 general membership meeting at the Otesaga (sent via email). The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** -- John Mazur presented a written financial report. The balance as of November 5, 2010 was \$17, 553.29. He noted much of the money moving in and out of the accounts is for social committee trips. The number of contributing members was 463.

**Social Committee Report** – Don Harris thanked the members of the committee for all of their hard work. He noted that Bruce Haight and Rita Moore have resigned from the committee. He proposed the addition of replacement members Julie Martin from Gloversville and Kathlene Lyman from Rexford. They had volunteered on their contribution form. Don also noted that all trips this year have been well attended. The Stockbridge trip set up by Marlene Towne on December 5<sup>th</sup> has 48 participants. The Lion King excursion March 8, 2010 is sold out at 50 tickets and there will be 72 people at the dinner. Don Harris's Ottawa trip for July 29-31 had 32 participants so far. He wanted to get 40 people and can accommodate as many as 55 on the bus. The \$200 deposit due date is November 19, 2010.

He presented the following resolution from the Social Committee: *When a trip makes over \$5.00 per person profit, the full amount of profit will be refunded to the participants to the nearest lesser dollar.* John Mazur made a motion to pass the resolution and Sandy Bliss seconded. The motion passed with one person voting against it.

Don Harris made a motion that we table the following motion tabled from the last meeting: *If at the end of the fiscal year there are profits from trips, the profits be split among the persons in charge of the trips based on the number of days of the trip.* John Mazur seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next social committee meeting will be in January 2011. The committee is planning to develop a survey to check the interest level for possible trips and to get ideas from RC 12 members for future trips.

**Legislative Report** – Dave King stated a lot is up in the air, because the control of the State Senate is still unknown. The insurance issues have been resolved in Johnstown; Broadalbin/Perth and Gloversville have had litigation postponements. Mary Pritchard asked us to watch out for the GOP targeting the funding of the health care reform legislation. She showed the film "The Dark Side of Chocolate" during lunch and passed around a petition (Raise the Bar, Hersey!) on the issue. Information can be found on the following link.

[www.facebook.com/NewYorkFairTrade](http://www.facebook.com/NewYorkFairTrade)

**NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant's Report** – Bill Schultz shared Alliance For Retired American Polling data that showed Union Retirees actively supported democratic candidates in the election. He also stressed the importance of retiree chapters going through their local in-service chapters to sponsor events. There are not too many new issues at NYSUT since everyone has been working on the election.

**Outlook Report** – Betsy Batchelor reported the next issue goes to editors on January 21. It will be a short issue with the names of contributing members. The articles for the spring issue should be to editors by April 14.

**Webmaster Report** – Carolyn Darkangelo noted that issues of the Outlook are in color on the web. There is also an enhanced issue with pictures added. She asked that those who send pictures give her a short label for each picture since that is required by the website. Karen Wojcik-Hess suggested that Carolyn do a demonstration of the website at a general meeting to help increase use of the site.

**Report on September 21, 2011 conference for Gloversville, Johnstown, and Amsterdam Retired**

**Teachers** – Betsy Batchelor and Dave Sammons reported that the conference will be at the Raindancer. The main speaker will be Benita Zane. Retired teachers from Mayfield and HFM BOCES will also be invited. There will be workshops on physical fitness, travel, photography, wine. They asked Bill Schultz to help them look into having a speaker on estate planning who participated in his last NYSUT conference.

**Report on Upstate Coalition Meeting** – Karen Wojcik-Hess reported that 17 attended the meeting. The chance to share common interests and problems makes these meetings valuable. The next will be meeting: Thursday, November 18

**Report on CDARA Bi-annual Conference** – Judy Schultz presented the minutes from the meeting. Presenters included OFA Ex director Mike Burgess. Professor Eric Kingston spoke on Social Security. Judy said it is an important meeting that brings labor together with community.

**Report on October At-Large Meeting** – Karen Wojcik Hess reported that the group acted on the resolutions for the RA. Kathleen Donahue spoke to the group.

**One Nation March Report** – Sandra Bliss presented a written report. This was rally for an economy that works for all: more good jobs, fair jobs, safe jobs, reforming Wall Street. Speakers included labor and civil rights leaders. AFL-CIO estimated 175,000 people participated.

**Labor-Religion Coalition Conference** – Sandra Bliss presented a written report on workshops on Fair Trade and Immigration. Betsy Bachelor remarked that the information on immigration would make an excellent article for the Outlook. Sandy and Mary will draft an article.

**October 1 General Membership Report** – Sandy Bliss reported 100 people attended. Dr. Streck's presentation was video taped and 5 DVD's were made. \$400 was raised for the Mott Strikers of UFCW. It included \$100 from Frankfort-Schuler TA and \$100 from RC 12. October 11, 2011 has been booked at the Otesaga for the fall General Membership Meeting. It was decided that we have only one speaker for general membership meetings to keep the length of the meetings down.

**Labor Walks Reports-** Sandra Bliss participated and stated is important to support candidates who are favorable to our issues.

**Unfinished Business – RC 12 grants to in-service locals.** Judy Schultz moved that we table the issue until the March meeting, which is after ED redistricting. Carolyn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 dissenting votes.

**New Business**

- The **Spring Board of Directors** meeting will take place at Judy Shultz's house in Scotia on March 16 with March 17 as a snow day. Please arrive at 9:00AM and meeting will begin at 9:30AM. Reports ahead of time by email will make the meeting shorter.
- The **General Meeting will be on March 23 or 24.** Dave Sammons will research Raindancer, Perthshire, Lanzi's, and Crystal Restaurant for the meeting. It was agreed that we should only have one speaker to shorten our meeting. We will make sure lunch is served at the published time.

- The **May board meeting** will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at NYSUT headquarters. Bill Schultz will handle the arrangements.
- **Annual meeting/Election of Officers** will be on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Riverstone Manor. Royanne Rogerson described prices for the luncheon. Judy Schultz made a motion that we set the price at \$20 and subsidize up to \$3.00. Carolyn Darkangelo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. RC –12 will provide coffee and tea in the morning. We will work on the agenda at the March meeting.
- **Schedule for nominations and elections for 2011** were discussed. The nominating committee is Karen Wojcik-Hess, Sandra Bliss, and Jim Marquit. The nomination notice will go out in the February Outlook and the slate of directors will be selected by March 23. The nominees will be published in the April Outlook.
- **Sandra Bliss presented redistricting.** RC12 will lose area. There was a discussion of issues to be addressed in implementing 2011 redistricting and loss of members for RC 12. Sandra Bliss made a motion that Article VII A of the constitution of RC 12 be changed to read **six** directors instead of **seven**. Karen Wojcik-Hess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Carolyn will write an article on the amendment for the next Outlook.

**2011 RA resolutions** Judy Schultz moved that we pass the packet from 2010 NYSUT Retiree Contiguous ED meeting. John Mazur seconded the motion. The resolutions passed unanimously.

**Awards: Nominee (s) for 2011**

- Award of Excellence – Mike Corn (decided at last RC 12 board meeting) There will be a video presentation on Mike Corn. He will be asked whether he would like the presentation made at the March or May meetings.
- Community Service Award – Peter Petrollolise will be contacted by Judy Schultz
- There were no nominations for Sandra Feldman “Not for Ourselves Alone” or NYSUT Retiree of the Year.

Elizabeth Batchelor made a motion to adjourn at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Darkangelo, Secretary RC12