

RC 12 Board of Director's Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017 – Holiday Inn, Johnstown

Attendance: Kathy Lyman, Carolyn Darkangelo, Don Harris, S. David King, Margaret Dafeldecker, Sandra Bliss. **Excused:** Jeanne Williams Bennett, Karen Wojcik-Hess, Alex Boschi, Dolores Talmadge, James Marquit, Phyllis Van Steenburgh, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Joe Bernocco. **Guest:** Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Before the meeting was called to order, it was noted that we did not have a quorum. According to our constitution, seven voting members constitute a quorum.

1. **Call to Order:** Sandy Bliss called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.
2. **Announcements:** Guest Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, NYSUT ED 12 Director, was present. Beth Roberts is no longer on the executive board.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Kathy Lyman
 - a. The minutes of November 17, 2016 stand as reported.
 - b. There was no correspondence.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dolores Talmadge (in absentia)
 - a. The heading of the Executive Board Meeting report of March 9, 2017 was changed to read "Holiday Inn, Johnstown". The account balances total \$18,914.66.
 - b. It was noted in the 2016-2017 Budget Report that contributions are down.
 - c. The RC 12 Social Committee Financial Report dated March 9, 2017 was distributed. The social committee checking account balance is \$103.27 and the social account money market balance is \$8,856.16. The report included the status of pending trips.
 - d. An updated expensed voucher was distributed.
 - e. All reports were filed for audit.
5. **Legislative Report:** S. David King
 - a. Dave reported on the 2017 Committee of 100. Dave had a summary sheet of the issues presented to the legislators. Additionally, there was information addressing "State Revenue".
 - b. On May 1, 2017 there will be local events for AROS (Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools). The idea is to choose an issue related to that school and involve the community.
 - c. A NYSUT Constitutional Convention Workshop was held on March 6, 2017. Sandra Bliss, Kathy Lyman, Dave King, and Bev Alves were trained at this workshop. Information will be shared at the general membership meeting.
 - d. There is another event on Con-Con on April 25 at Shalmon. Kathy will attend.

- e. Sandy appointed Kathy to lead a Con-Con Committee. Committee members include Stacey, Kathy, Margaret, and Sandy. Ideas such as postcard campaigns were discussed. There will be discussions at our March, May, and September membership meetings.
 - f. Two issues of utmost importance are public education and pension protection.
- 6. NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant's Report:** Jennifer Shaad-Derby
- a. The regional conference and the general/elections meeting will be held at the Glen Sanders on May 31.
- 7. Outlook Report/ Webmaster Report:** Carolyn Darkangelo
- a. NYSUT has changed its policy and we will now be allowed only five issues per year.
 - b. In addition there will be one first class election mailing every three years.
 - c. The website is updated and in color. A volunteer is needed to help.
- 8. Nominations/Election Committee Report:** Sandy Bliss, chair
- a. Elections will be held at the Glen Sanders on May 31 between 10:15 and 10:30.
 - b. Positions to be filled include: all directors (6), 1 SRP Director, First Vice-President, co-2nd Vice President.
 - c. Candidate statements will be in the OUTLOOK.
- 9. Social Committee Report:** Kathy Lyman
- a. Many trips are scheduled: Azalea Festival (Apr. 27-30, 2017), Maine (June 26-30, 2017), Hello Dolly (Aug 2), Lake Placid (Sept 18-20), It's a Wonderful Life, Seneca Falls (Dec), Mohonk House (July 11), Glimmerglass Opera (Aug), West Point (Oct), and for 2018 Alaska Land Tour and Cruise.
 - b. The committee continues to respond to ideas presented on evaluation forms.
- 10. Civil and Human Rights Committee Report:** Sandra Bliss
- a. There is a Fair Trade Table available for set-up at local events. Perhaps, it will be available at Glen Sanders in May.
- 11. Capital District Chapter of NYSARA Report:** Karen Wojcik-Hess (in absentia)
- a. There will be a forum on "Reversing Runaway Inequality" on May 3, 2017. The event is sponsored by the CDC of NYSARA. It will be held at the Saratoga Springs Public Library from 5:30 to 8:30.
- 12. StateWide Senior Action Council Report:** Kathy Lyman
- a. Kathy reported on the Campaign for New York Health. In support of the New York Health Act, Kathy will bring postcards to the March general membership meeting to be sent to state senators asking for their support of this bill.
 - b. StateWide is also organizing conference calls regarding the State Budget. StateWide will continue to advocate for sufficient resources to provide services to the aging population and to fiercely defend Medicare, Social Security, food stamps and Medicaid, among other important safety net programs.
 - c. The annual convention will be in Saratoga Springs October 10, 11, & 12, 2017.

13. NYSUT Grant Proposal: Sandy Bliss

- a. \$1,000 of the VOTE/COPE money will be used to buy magnets and pins regarding the “Vote No” campaign for the constitutions convention. These will be distributed at our general membership meetings.

14. Committee: Forming a Retiree Chapter:

- a. The process must start with approval from the local president.
- b. Again, congratulations to Middleburgh’s chapter.

15. 2017 NYSUT Representative Assembly:

- a. Discussion was held over lunch.
- b. Resolutions are now online.
- c. There is a double slate for officers.
- d. There will be an ED 51 meeting in Utica in March.
- e. ED 12 had a meeting in February. NYSUT is looking at fiscal issues. There is a potential to lose agency fee through the Supreme Court. NYSUT is rewriting frameworks. NYSUT employees are not being replaced.

16. Fall General Membership Meeting: (Otesaga), Sandra Bliss

- a. Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017
- b. Another Social Committee event following the meeting?
- c. Con-Con will be discussed.
- d. Suggestion for speaker: Pete Savage?

17. March 30 General Membership Meeting: Margaret

- a. One speaker: Gail Myers, Deputy Director of StateWide
- b. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Morning refreshments are also needed.

18. Lifetime Membership: Discussion is on hold.

19. Next Meeting: May 4, 2017, NYSUT Headquarters 9:00 Coffee, 9:30 business meeting begins

20. Meeting Adjourned 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathlene Lyman