

Present: Cathy Picciocca, Dolores Talmadge, Marge Dafeldecker, Kathlene A. Lyman, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Sue Proctor, Susan Naple

Meeting called to order by President Stacey Caruso Sharpe

### 1. President's Report

A. Election results summary – We did better than we expected. The Board of Regents will not be using test scores for one more year. The flipping of Congress is huge success. Hopefully Medicaid will not be cut. 70% of Medicaid involves seniors in nursing homes. Under Affordable Care Act people have insurance. The rate of increase is lower because everyone has doctors instead of going to the emergency room.

B. Representative Assembly Award deadlines December 3– for award criteria go to [www.nusut.org/ra](http://www.nusut.org/ra) 2019 NYSUT Constituency Award Nomination Form, "Not for Ourselves Alone" Sandy Feldman Award Nomination Form, Sandy Feldman Leadership Grant Application, Community Service by Local Union, Community Service by Individual Member or Members, Community Service by Individual Member or Members, NYSUT Life Line Honor Roll Nomination Form,

### C. Future meetings

1. General Membership – March 14, 2019 –Holiday Inn, Johnstown, Kathlene Lyman

Speakers – suggestions needed for topic- possibility elder issues- planning funeral, hospice care/palliative care/ another topic for presentation is opioid problem. Menu will be fish/chicken/vegetarian (change of venue via email notification 11/29 to Hales Mills Country Club, 146 Steele Road Johnstown, NY 12095 [halesmillscountryclub.com](http://halesmillscountryclub.com) )

2. Executive Board – April 11, 2019 – NYSUT headquarters-order out for lunch

3. General Membership – May 16, 2019 - Glen Sanders – Jennifer Shaad-Derby

Possible presenters on Opioid crisis, emergency preparedness, lyme disease, NYSTRS, yoga/tai chi/dietary, dreams

4. Executive Board – August 1, 2019 – Holiday Inn, Johnstown

5. October Membership Meeting - Otsego-September 24,25,26, or Oct 1,2,3, Oct 8,9,10 (try to avoid Jewish Holiday)

### D. RC 12 Committees

Budget – Dolores Talmadge (chair) Margaret Dafeldecker, Jeanne Bennett, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Constitution – Phyllis VanSteenburgh, Marge Dafeldecker, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Sue Naple, Jeanne Bennett, calls for revision - Terms of office possible three years to coincide with NYSUT

Election – Phyllis VanSteenburgh(chair) Vickie McGowan-Horan, Sue Proctor

History – Sue Naple, Margaret Dafeldecker, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Peter Kim and Megan O'Brien set a meeting for November 14 to engaging newer members. Ideas include the following: Union mentors. NYSUT Women's Committee interviewing retired leaders like Bill Shults RC12. Vickie McGowan-Horan volunteered to be chair. The committee would come up with template for locals to use.

Membership – Kathlene Lyman, Sue Naple

Social – Linda Zilka (chair) Kathlene Lyman, Wendy Wilson, Phyllis, Gloria Kimble, Dolores Talmadge

2. Vice-President Report - Kathlene Lyman is ready for a list of names from locals for membership. A pamphlet for Pre-Retirement Seminar is being developed. Retiree Advisory Committee is responsible for approving the colored pamphlet. About 40 individuals attended the 2018 Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar that was held on Saturday November 3, 2018 and nine districts were represented.

According to evaluations it proved to be a successful workshop. Attendees requested an online registration for the next fall. The plan is to travel east to present the 2019 seminar.

3. Secretary's report - Cathy Picciocca shared that August and October minutes will be sent out in email for the Executive Board to review.

4. Treasurer's report (October 1 – October 31, 2018) Dolores Talmadge presented the report and corrections will be sent to the Executive Board via email.

5. Legislative report – Stacey Caruso-Sharpe - APPR is now the number one issue. Total local control may be presented. Committee of 100 will be held on March 5.

6. Second Vice President - vacancy open.

7. NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Report – Jennifer Shaad-Derby – no report

5. Outlook/Webmaster Report -Dates for future publication – Carolyn Darkangelo October/November draft was sent out via email

6. Social Committee Report – Linda Zilka report given by Kathlene Lyman. Committee will be meeting at Fonda Reformed Church. January 10,2019. Members of committee are Kathlene Lyman, Wendy Wilson, Phyllis, Gloria Kimble, Dolores Talmadge. Pickup places for trips will be discussed at the January meeting.

7. RAC- Retiree Advisory Committee – Stacey Caruso-Sharpe There is a need for ways to generate funds to pay for retiree activities. There never seems to be enough money to cover activities. Looking for ways to generate funds to help. One possibility would be to pay for brick for retirees. Dues for retirees may be going up.

8. New York State Alliance for Retired Americans (NYSARA) Convention Report – Kathlene Lyman 2018 topics: Protecting Your Future- Avoiding Senior Scam, Medicare Benefits Update, Documentary & Discussion: Coming of Age in An Aging America, Senior Medicare Patrol: Program to step Medicare Fraud, Ageism As a Source of Health Disparity, Getting the Care You Need at Home, The Opioid Epidemic and the Older Population, Heal Care Crisis, NY Health Act, State Wide Bill Tracker

9. American Labor Studies Center Annual Award Celebration – (ALSC) Jeanne , Kathy Lyman, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe attended the celebration which honored Sandra Bliss with the Mullany Legacy Award.

### New Business

A. The audit committee recommended that the Social Committee have a separate treasurer account. Our treasurer finds having two bank accounts is not convenient. It seems easier to keep banking in one place. Keeping a separate line account seems to be working.

B. Amendments to RC 12 Constitution – Constitution Committee will be meeting to review

C. Proposed RA resolutions

1. Resolution 1 Retiree Integration– submitted By RC 15-16 Motion to support by Dolores Talmadge/second Kathlene Lyman. Motion passed.

2. Resolution 2 – submitted by RC 15-16 Combatting the SALT Tax Cuts - Motion to support made by Marge Dafeldecker, Seconded by Kathlene Lyman. Motion Passed

3. Resolution 3 Submitted by RC 21 Supporting a Strong Union Movement - No action taken

4. Resolution 4 submitted by RC 19 Medicare Premium Reimbursement Part D - No action taken

5. Proposed NYSUT 2019 Single Payer Resolution – No action taken

D. Special election for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president to be held at March Meeting

E. Directors' Elections will be presented by Phyllis

Motion to adjourn made by DoloresTalmadge Second by Vickie McGowan-Horan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Picciocca

RC12 Secretary