

NYSUT RC 12 Executive Board Meeting Minutes - 11 April 2019 NYSUT – CDRO

In attendance: Stacey Caruso-Sharpe - President, Kathlene Lyman - 1st Vice President, Delores Talmadge - Treasurer, Cathy Picciocca - Secretary, Carolyn Darkangelo - Webservant/Newsletter, Karen Wojcik-Hess - President CDNYSARA, Sue Proctor - SRP, Vickie McGowan-Horan - Schenectady Rep BOD At-large Director, Phyllis VanSteenburgh- Nominating Election Chairperson Outlook, PR, Jennifer Shaad-Derby - NYSUT Retiree Consultant

Refreshments were served prior to the beginning of the meeting.

I. The meeting was called to order by President Stacey Caruso-Sharpe at 9:37. President's report

A. Elections – We still need 2 or 3 Directors and a 2nd Vice President. It seems we are having difficulty getting people to commit for a position. If anyone knows someone who would like to commit, please let Stacy know. Need someone from Herkimer area as a director.

B. Proposed RC 12 Constitution Amendments were provided. Noted proposed changes were identified in red. Treasurer agreed with changes to that position. Two-year term seemed reasonable to get new member to commit. Discussion revolved around whether to have seven voting members of the board. It was decided to have a minimum of six voting members. Kathy Lyman made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the Constitution. A summary will be presented to the membership at the May meeting, it will be published in June Outlook, and voted on during the October meeting. The motion was second by Vickie McGowan-Horan. Discussion revolved around not presenting the entire Constitution at the May meeting. Members need to be presented a copy of changes 14 days before a vote. Motion carried.

C. Legislators recently approved APPR legislation in the state budget. A piece of APPR student test score not kept in student records. In the Assembly Natalie McKay proposed eight locals signed onto and resolved dismantled 3012D. All aspects of evaluation will be determined by on bargaining units. This is basically going back to the way it was. We wonder if the Commissioner's duties would change. This Will be discussed at RA.

D. MOI training (Member Organizing Institute) is looking for volunteers//ROI.(Retired Organizing Institute) to share stories about benefits of being a member of the union. This idea was well received. We are looking for commitments to going out to other members and attempt to bridging the gap. Determining availability dates would be helpful to become involved.

E. VOTE/COPE forms will be available at the May general membership meeting to deduct contributions from pension. Send Pension Deduction Authorization Card to VOTE/COPE, PO Box 5190, Albany New York 12205-0190

F. Upcoming RAC meeting June 5 – access to new retirees. Due to privacy issues difficult process.

G. AFT is putting out more workshops that are free on line that members can sign up.

II. Treasurer's report – Dolores Talmadge March 1 – March 31 Treasurer Report .58 mileage

A. Proposed budget -Budget 2018-2019 TOTALS \$19,720.00 YTD \$ 6,806.17 Proposed 2019-2020 \$18,400.00

- B. Audit committee – John Mazur will review records before the October meeting.
- C. Budget approved Vickie 1st/Kathy 2nd approved to be presented at May Meeting.

III. Legislative Report – Stacey

- A. NYS Budget passage
- B. Other bills being worked on

C. AFT process for presidential endorsement (handout) – AFT Executive Council approved a presidential endorsement process to ensure unprecedented member input and engagement in deciding who will receive the union’s support. On March 19 AFT President Randi Weingartin joined 30,000 AFT Members and local leaders to announce the launch of AFTvotes.org. Email requests were answered with an email response. NYSUT does not publicize a national endorsement.

III. Vice-President’s Report – Kathy Lyman

- A. New membership report –
- B. ED 51 meeting

IV. Secretary’s report – Cathy Picciocca

- A. Minutes from Nov 8 - Exec bd mtg St Vincent de Paul – Cobleskill approved
- B. Minutes from March 14 general membership meeting approved

V. NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Report – Jennifer Shaad-Derby

- A. May 16, 2019 Conference and General Membership Meeting
- B. Raffle contribution will go to The American Labor Studies Center in Troy, NY in support of the production of "Don't Iron While the Strike is Hot!"

VI. Elections Committee – Phyllis VanSteenburgh

- A. Nominations form approval
- B. Election – May 16, 2019 Glen Sanders 10:15 AM
- C. Open Positions

VII. Outlook Report – Carolyn Darkangelo//Webmaster – Carolyn Darkangelo

VIII. Social Committee Report –Linda Zilka, Kathy Lyman

Met in March. July 24 play in NYC Pretty Woman or To Kill a Mockingbird (To Kill a Mockingbird decided)/ August 5 – Showboat/, August 29 -Gavin’s Country Inn and more Show

Overnight - September 16-18 PA Amish Sight and Sound’s Jesus/Trolley trip in October.

Overnight – Nova Scotia, PA Amish Sight and Sound, June 14-20, 2020 Mackinac Island Michigan//September 2020 Mt. Rushmore

New Hampshire trip was cancelled due to lack of interest. Omni was requested and expensive.

IX. Statewide Senior Action Council – Kathy Lyman

- a. Annual Convention – October 15 – 17, 2019 in Saratoga

X. Capital District Chapter of NYSARA – Karen Wojcik-Hess

A. Dr. Costello spoke on Monday at their meeting about ageism. At ARA Convention Robert Roche spoke how younger people need to know that social security will be there and there is a need to define benefits. By 2025 people over 65 will outnumber individuals between 11-64. There must be more initiatives that encourage intergenerational contacts. Karen will be speaking on NYSAR board on May 7 about creating a needs assessment to reach young adults who are working to survey about what they know about help reduce ageism. (Vickie recommends book Atul Gawanday book “Being Mortal”

B. Single payer moves are gaining in popularity. April 23 in Schenectady Library 5:30-7:30.

C. NYS Health Act – sending out updated information

D. May is Labor History Month – the governor made a proclamation. Karen will now be on the board of Kate Mullany House in Troy 350 8th St, Troy, NY 12180 Phone- 5183314744 National Historical Landmark which was the home of Kate Mullany (1845–1906), an early female labor leader who started the all-women Collar Laundry Union in Troy

E. May 16 7PM \$25 – Play about Mother Jones and Labor History at Cohoes Music Hall

F. May 29 - starting at noon open house at Mullany House from noon until 8PM. Wallpaper and windows are all exact replicas of the time period.

G. Movie – Fire and Ice about Frances Perkins

H. RC12 \$100 donation from general budget to Kate Mullaney House

XI. 2019 NYSUT RA – Albany, NY Stacey and Jeanne are attending

XII. Committees –

- A. Budget
- B. Constitution
- C. Election
- D. Membership/forming retiree chapters email Natalie and Dawn
- E. History – a committee is being formed

XIII. Important RC12 Meeting Dates:

A. Date for Summer Executive BOD meeting – August 1 9:00 AM Johnstown.

B. Fall general membership Meeting – Oct 8, 2019 Otesaga – Dolores Talmadge. Steve Kramer will be speaking.

C. Inservice Pre-Retirement Meetings with RC 8 and RC 10 – Check with RC president about a fall pre-retirement workshop Employment Retirement System and Teachers Retirement System
– Jim Stolis

Future Dates

April 18 – Annual NYSARA Conference

April 24 – RC 12 Trip – Dear Evan Hansen

May 2 – NYSUT BOD

May 3 – Retiree and Local Presidents Conference

May 4 – NYSUT RA

May 9 – HCPC meeting

May 14 - FACTS meeting

May 16 – RC 12 Social Committee

May 16 – RC 12 General Membership meeting

May 29 – FulMont Presidents Group

June 5 - NYSUT RAC

June 27 - NYSUT BOD

July 24 RC 12 Trip – NYC show

August 5 – RC 12 Trip to Showboat