

RC 12 Executive Board Minutes 17 November 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Kathlene Lyman, Cathy Picciocca, Jennifer Shaad-Derby, Theresa Kovian, Jeanette Bennett, Margaret Dafeldecker, Dolores Talmadge, Caroline Darkangleo, Vicki McGowan-Horan (Quorum 7 members)

I. President's Report

A. 2020 Election results summary - All efforts provided by RC12 were appreciated. When looking at numbers area by area there was an upswing of votes. AFT has a call in to Dr. Biden and has been doing calls and letters for Georgia election. To get connected join AFTvotes.org, The Socialist terminology seems to be confusing to many members. Editorials continue to share how a lack of a stimulus package is hurting the general public. Early election helped. It's reported that 67% of people voted. Kendra Kobb election lost 2-1. The Beridese/Tieney election close. Most of the Republicans went to polls, while Democrats favored mail in ballots.

B. NYSUT and the Board of Directors will decide whether RA resolutions will be voted on in an online meeting in January. AFT held an online meeting in the summer and it was very successful.

C. COVID and impact on future - Three vaccines are close to being available and all carry an over 90% success rate.

D. RC 12 Spring Director elections- The Director positions will be posted. Phyllis may need help and we need new volunteers to step up on the Elections Committee. Margaret may be getting ready to step down. Stacey will send an email to see if people want to rerun and ask if new people would like to volunteer. It seems like RC12 is losing membership due to the inability to connect in person.

E Retirement workshop - All of our efforts were placed into elections, but now we need to investigate connecting with those who are on the borderline of retiring. NYSUT is hosting several workshops to deal with stress. A virtual retirement workshop for late January/early February is suggested. RC13 looking to host one in January. Perhaps we could investigate hosting a ZOOM retirement workshop the first week of February.

F. RC12 2021 meetings may need to be held on Zoom.

1. General Membership - We will be switching the March 16,2021 RC12 Meeting to Zoom

Jen will cancel Holiday Inn. She will reach out to Derek Clement to speak at 11AM

II, Vice President's report - Kathlene Lyman

The continual inability to obtain names and address of new retirees continues, NYSUT will not share emails. Stacey will forward any lists available to Kathlene. The task of getting the data base going continues. Reaching out to local presidents for new retirees is suggested.

III. Secretary's report - Cathy Picciocca

Send corrections to Cathy via email. Margaret made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and Dolores seconded. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was accepted.

IV, Treasurer's report - Dolores Talmadge

#1	Savings	\$ 105.83
# 3	Social Money Market	19,307.31
#11	Business Money Market	33,112.59
#12	Business Checking	114.09
#13	Social Checking	804.77
Total		\$53,444.50

Send contributions for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 to Dolores Talmadge 206 Main Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339 Make check payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 12. (\$15 suggested)

V. 2nd VP - Bev Alves - Legislative report - no report

VI, NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Report - Jennifer Shaad-Derby

A. Cancel March Meeting at the Holiday Inn and May Meeting at Glen Sanders. Attempt to reschedule Glen Sanders for May 2022.

B. Jen volunteered to help with Preretirement Conference in January.

C. Getting newsletters out #1 importance. Ron Gross very cooperative in making it work.

VII. Outlook Report/Webmaster - Carolyn Darkangelo

A. Dates for future publication - November 23rd

B. It was suggested to put RC12 website <http://rc12.ny.aft.org/> email address on the outside of newsletter when printed.

C. Jim Marquit the first president of RC12 died on November 23 will be honored in the next issue. A letter from Stacey will be included in the next issue.

D. There was discussion about whether the Constitution needs to be clarified regarding the number of directors. At one point in RC12 there were more past presidents than directors.

E. In the past RC12 always honored founding member at luncheons. Due to the pandemic recognition can be addressed in the next Outlook issue. The next deadline will be the beginning of February.

VIII. Social Committee Report -Kathy Lyman

- A. The committee has been meeting via email. Brown Transportation sent out communication regarding going to Turning Stone.
- B. Music Man - June 9 2021 moved to February 23, 2022, 21 tickets out of 25 sold. Due to the weather, they looking into getting an April date. Refund cut off from theatre may need some clarity. Frustrating to make sure when final payment is due.
- C. Mackinac Trip moved to June 2021.

IX, RAC- Retiree Advisory Committee - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Juliette was reappointed

X, StateWide convention report - Kathlene Lyman

- A. www.nysenior.org all of the presentation available.
- B. Literacy...reading for critical purposes! <https://newslit.org/educator-subscribe/>
(newslit.org/podcast!)
- C. Outstanding presentations are available regarding Social Security.

XI, NYSARA- Karen Wojik-Hess

Sign up for Monday Alert

XII,New Business

- A, Proposed RA resolutions - The option is available for anyone who is interested in writing resolutions protesting NYSUT mutual funds investment in fossil fuels and private prisons. David O'Keefe explained that by not putting money into these investments the availability of jobs decrease. Many prefer funds which do not include oil investment.
- B. Suggestions for future presentations: Literacy Reading for Critical Purposes, David O'Keefe, and/or Behavioral Health (Drjbgoss@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Picciocca

RC12 Secretary