

NYSUT RAC 12 Executive Board - 1 August 2019 Holiday Inn, Johnstown, NY

In attendance: President-Stacy Caruso-Sharpe, 1st Vice President – Kathlene Lyman, Secretary- Cathy Picciocca, Treasurer – Dolores Talmadge, RC12 Director- Theresa Kovian, Web/Newsletter- Carolyn Darkangelo, Social Committee-Linda Zilka, Director- Vickie McGowan-Horan, SRP- Sue Proctor, Immediate Past President- Jeanne Bennett, RC 12/13 NYSUT Consultant- Jennifer Shaad-Derby

I. Call meeting to order – Presidents report

a. Constitution update- The procedure used to amend the Constitution was questioned. The changes were sent in Outlook and it will be brought up at the next membership meeting to see if it needs to be voted on again. In the future changes will be sent out in Outlook and then presented at the next general membership meeting and voted on for approval. Motion made by Delores, Seconded by Vickie McGowan Horan. Motion carried.

b. Retiree Council Profile sheet requested by NYSUT. Review and discussion Motion made to keep confidential bank information by 1st Vice President and Treasurer. Motion carried.

c. NYSUT Conflict of interest policy. NYSUT document explained, reviewed, discussed and signed by all in attendance.

d. Open Executive Board positions - JoMarie DiTata connected with Treasurer and volunteered to get involved with RC-12. President will call her and invite her to our next meeting. May help with transition.

e. MOI- MOI – ROI training – NYSUT membership update Member Organizing Institute- meeting of individuals knocking on doors of members. For more information email MOI@nysutmail.org

f. Retiree workshop(s) Kathy will head up the next workshop for RC12.

g. Committees- President requested that the members in attendance head up a committee.

a. RC 12 Award of Excellence – Motion made by Jeanne Bennett to nominate Sandra Bliss, RC 12 Award of Excellence and Stacey Caruso-Sharpe -The Sandy Feldman Outstanding Leadership Award Recipient Seconded by Motion carried.

b. Continuing attacks on union

c. House passage of \$15 hour minimum wage is happening but not in our area.

II. Vice-President's Report – Kathy Lyman

a. New membership report – Stacy will pass on new list.

III. Treasurer's report – Dolores Talmadge May 13, 2019 – July 31, 2019 – There was an outstanding check that wasn't in the May report, but everything is correct at this reporting. John Mazur the chair of the audit committee (Phyllis VanSteenburgh, Jean Sekel, and Gloria Kimball) will meet before the October membership meeting.

IV. Secretary's report – Cathy Picciocca – corrections made. Will be sent to all via email

V. Legislative Report –

- a. Phone banks
- b. Endorsement conference
- c. APPR – where we stand
- d. Possible person for 2nd VP

VI. Committee Reports - It was requested a Board Member volunteer to chair each committee.

- a. Budget – Dolores Talmadge
- b. Constitution – not needed for another year
- c. Election – Vickie McGowan Horan
- d. History – Jeanne Bennett
- e. Election – Vickie McGowan Horan
- f. Membership/forming retiree chapters- Kathlene Lyman
- g. History – Jeanne Bennett
- h. Women's committee – Cathy Picciocca/ Stacy Caruso-Sharpe

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

VIII. Outlook Report; Dates for future publication – Carolyn Darkangelo

August 29/October 29/January 29/March 29/May 29

IX. Webmaster – Carolyn Darkangelo – Need pictures

X. Social Committee Report – Linda Zilka went to NYC **Play TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** and eight went to see **Tootie**, too

August 29, 2019: **Gavin's Country Inn & More, AMISHLANDS PA** probably will be cancelled.

October 3, 2019, Boston Trolley,

October 23, 2019, Oklahoma NYC...room on the bus for people who want to go to NYC for the day. (\$40)

June 14-20, 2020: Mackinac Island will happen

September 25-October 5, 2020 Mt. Rushmore (11 days, 10 nights)- waiting list

XI. RAC- Retiree Advisory Committee – Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

1. New Member Report – Welcome letter, Invitation to Otesaga
2. Calendar for 2019 – 2020 – Dates, Times, Locations for future meetings
 - a. 8 Oct 2019 - General Membership meeting #1– Otesaga 9:30 Social
Time – 10:00 Membership Meeting
Speakers – 11:10 Keynote Speaker Steve Kramer
Raffle – Dinner for two from Otesaga/ 50/50 to charity of choice of Sandy Bliss's sister
Director in Charge – Doloras
Honoring Sandy Bliss and Stacy Caruso Sharpe, families will be invited Jeanne Bennett made motion and seconded by Vickie McGowan-Horan Will keep cost at \$26.
 - b. Executive Board Meeting #2
Date: November 14
Location: Holiday Inn Johnstown
Time: 8:30 Coffee/tea Meeting 9AM
Director in Charge – Dolores Talmadge
 - c. General Membership Meeting #2
Date: March 5, 2020
Location: Winner Circle, Fonda
Time
Director in Charge: Theresa Kovian
Speakers/Topic
Raffles
 - d. Executive Board meeting #3
Date: April 9, 2020
Location: NYSUT
Time: 9:30 snacks/10:00 Meeting

Director in Charge: Kathy Lyman

e. NYSUT Regional Membership Meeting #3

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Location: Glen Sanders Scotia

Time: Coffee/Tea 8:30/ Meeting 9

Director in Charge: Jennifer Shaad-Derby

Speakers/Topic: Randy Gunther

Raffles

f. Executive Board meeting #1 2020-2021

Date: August 6, 2020

Location: Holiday Inn Johnstown

Time: 8:30 coffee/tea

Director in Charge: Dolores Talmadge

XII. Alliance for Retired Americans – Karen Wojcik-Hess (report via text)

1. A spirited group of NYSARA dodged a band of area thunderstorms to publicly recognize the 54th birthday of Medicare at a TriValley Cats game in Troy on July 30. The CDNYSARA Board distributed 250 cupcakes to an animated crowd who were very appreciative. They also gave information about the importance of keeping Medicare strong.

2. On the birthday of Social Security August 14 we will be visiting nursing homes and bring cake for the residents present.

3. Stephen Madaraz, Executive VP of NYSARA and I have met with a woman, Andrea Weaver from Massachusetts. She is a specialist in intergenerational programs and we are planning a workshop with training of valued area groups to discuss the topic of economic security that we hope will be successful enough over the next year and one half to stimulate much action from all age groups before the November 2020 election!

XIII. Statewide- Kathy Lyman

1. Summer edition of New York StateWide Senior Action Council provided.

2. Kathy expressed desire to go to the Statewide Convention in Saratoga (October 15-17)
Motion made by Jeanne Bennett to pay for Kathy Wednesday that will cost \$180 (2 meals) Also

approved to attend Carolyn(dinner), Jeanne(lunch), Stacy (one meal) Second by Dolores. Motion carried to cover costs of those specified to attend.

2. Statewide does have a graphic designer
3. Possible fraud alert that Medicare would pay for genetic testing. This is not true.