

NYSUT RC12 Executive Board Meeting August 2, 2022 Holiday Inn, Johnstown NY

Present - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Kathlene Lyman, Cathy Picciocca, Maggie Bouck, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Sheryl Delano, Theresa Kovian, Margaret Dafeldecker, Jeanne Bennett

Stacey called the meeting to order and shared the following updated information.

President's Report - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

NYSUT LAP (Local Action Plan) Program is available and stresses Communication with Community. Community School Models provide a benefit to our students, especially with hearing and vision updates for students.

Stacey was not available to attend the AFT Convention in July. However it is available online. <https://www.aft.org/convention>. Following issues presented and discussed:

- Apprenticeship and the use of internship programs utilizing CTE (Career Technical Education)
- The shortages of teachers and staff members across the USA.
- The use of the NYSUT Pipeline to Take a Look at Teaching is being utilized to attempt to get new individuals interested in the education system.
- AFT supports meals for all kids.
- Attempting to provide higher education accessible without debt is an important factor to consider.
- Living wages for all AFT members is necessary. Right now this is not funded.
- 70% of college adjunct faculty do not receive benefits. Bringing this to the attention of the United States Department of Education may help this cause.
- AFT is involved with providing solidarity with Ukraine.
- Attention was given to women's rights.
- Professional development is a necessity for all.

Vice President Report - Kathlene Lyman

Sheryl provided updated lists of retired teachers to Stacey who will share them with Kathlene. Many of the emails are school emails which are no longer valid to utilize. Stacey announced that RAC may be providing training for officers of Retire Councils.

Treasurer - Dolores Talmadge report given by Stacey

An emergency meeting of the RC 12 Executive Board was held to discuss the prices of lunch for our general membership meeting at the Otesaga Hotel in

Cooperstown for September 20 to \$35 per member. NYSUT RC 12 proposed to offset the cost via electronic vote conducted by Stacey and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report May 11, 2022 - July 28, 2022

Accounts:

#1 Savings	\$	153.43
#3 Social Money Market		8,930.84
#11 Business Money Market		47,667.64
#12 Business Money Market		1,451.04
#13 Social Checking		2,293.48
Total	\$	60,496.43

RC 12 Executive Board discussed the proposed 2022-2023 budget. There were numerous suggested changes due to traveling expenses and price increases that are currently occurring across the USA. There is an estimated \$5,000 increase from the 2021-2022 budget. Stacey will review the revised budget with the Budget Committee which will be chaired by Dolores including Stacey, Margaret, and Jeanne. An electronic vote will be conducted prior to the September membership meeting so the attendees can vote to accept the 2022-2023 budget of RC 12.

Secretary Report - Cathy Picciocca

Minutes from the April 2022, May 2022 Membership Meeting, and an emergency online meeting were sent to everyone via email. Spelling changes were addressed. Vickie McGowan-Horan made a motion to accept the April Executive Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Theresa Kovian. The motion was accepted.

Jeanne Bennett made a motion to preapprove the May membership meeting minutes, Seconded by Maggie Bouck. The minutes will be approved by the membership at the September meeting.

Kathy Lyman made a motion to accept the minutes of the emergency online Zoom meeting held in June. Vickie McGowan-Horan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all in attendance.

2nd Vice President Bev Alves - Legislative Report (absent)

Stacey reminded everyone that when we experience challenges in our government, we have the choice to fight back. Currently members are writing postcards to the swing states regarding the November elections. NYSUT is hosting an endorsement conference to offer suggestions of educationally minded candidates. Regional

Political Organizers (RPO) are involved with this procedure. <https://www.nysut.org/news/2022/august/primary>

NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant Report - Sheryl Baker Delano

Sheryl is working on a retirement guide to political action which she will present at our September membership meeting at Otesaga.

Jen Caseman is working on an education piece for local presidents to help educate in-service officers regarding retirement.

A new retirement workshop will be held on ZOOM stressing Union For Life in October or November. Educating pre- and new retirees online makes it easier for inservice members to attend.

RC 13 is developing a brochure to distribute to retirees and another one could be made for RC 12 to distribute.

Sheryl is exploring prices and possibilities for the May general membership meeting at Riverstone Manor or Water Edge Lighthouse Restaurant. Juliet Benequiste may be asked to present, along with NYSUT benefits and Social Security.

Sheryl is also looking into all local retiree chapters in RC 12. Most local chapters request membership to NYSUT.

Outlook/Website - Carolyn (absent..sent in email)

Dates for Outlook:

October 2022 - Fourth Week - Monday

February 2023 - Second Week - Friday

April 2023 - Second Week - Friday

June 2023 - Second Week - Friday

Five newsletters are sent out every year by RC 12.

The Print Shop meeting notice needs Save the Dates for the Conference Flier.

Social Committee - Kathlene Lyman

The Social Committee really needs to meet. Some members will be stepping down. Kathy is hoping to schedule another play before December. New trips will be announced at the September meeting.

NYSUT RAC (Retirement Advisory Committee) - Stacey Caruso Sharpe

A new helpline, an answering service program, is being set up to answer calls.

StateWide - Kathlene Lyman

Kathy has attended leadership training via StateWide. She passed out two handouts titled "The Goal of Palliative Care" and "The New York Health Act, Guaranteed Healthcare for All." Bev Alves has presented on this in the past via NYSARA.

Kathy suggested reading the book *Being Mortal* written by Atul Gawandi. This could be very helpful, especially if you are taking care of aging parents. This text goes into detail with end of life choices.

Calendar for 2022-2023

September 20, 2022 - General Membership Meeting - Otesaga

9:15 registration Meeting 9:45

Director in Charge - Dolores Talmadge (reservation money sent to Treasurer)

RC 12 Award of Excellence - GERALYN O'REILLY

Speaker - Identity Theft - Todd Friehaber from Cambridge Credit Counseling

For the 50/50 Raffle, the Otesaga will contribute a gift certificate for Brunch for Two.

Executive Board Meeting #2 - November 16, 2022

Location- Holiday Inn Johnstown

9:15 Coffee, Meeting begins 9:30

Director in charge - Vicky McGowan-Horan

Executive Board Meeting #3 - January 12, 2023

Location - ZOOM

9:30

Director in charge - Stacey

General Membership Meeting #2 - March 13, 2023

Location - Johnstown Holiday Inn

Time - 9:30

Director in Charge - Kathlene Lyman

Speaker/Topic - Social justice, bias training

Raffle -

Executive Board Meeting #4 - April 19, 2023

Location - Amsterdam Teachers Association

Time - 9:30

Director in Charge - Stacey

Everyone is invited to bring food to share.

Regional Conference/General Membership Meeting #3 - May 9 - 11/ 16-18

Location - TBD
Director in charge - Sheryl Delano
Election of Directors
Raffles

Executive Board meeting #1 - 2023-2024
Date - August 3, 2023
Location - Holiday Inn Johnstown
Time - 9:15 Coffee, 9:30 Meeting begins
Director in charge - Stacey

Committees 2022-2023

Budget - Dolores Talmadge, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Margaret Dafelecker, Jeanne Bennett
Constitution - Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Kathlene Lyman, Jeanne Bennett, Cathy Picciocca, Margaret Defaldecke
Election - Kathlene Lyman, Phyllis VanSteenburgh, Jeanne Bennett
Membership/forming retiree chapters - Kathlene Lyman, Maggie Bouck, Vicky McGowan-Horan, Sheryl Delano
Information for Website - Carolyn Darkangelo...need new volunteers to help

Future Dates

August 16, 2022 - State AFL-CIO COPE Convention - NYC
August 23 - NYS Primary Elections
September 12 - 14, 2022 - StateWide Senior Action Council Annual Conference - Saratoga Springs, NY
September 20, 2022 - NYSUT RC 12 General Membership Meeting - Otesaga
November 4-6 - NYSUT's 44th Annual School-Related Professionals Leadership Conference at the Hilton in Albany

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Picciocca
RC 12 Secretary