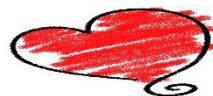


New York State Retired Teachers / Retiree Council 8
 NYSUT Regional Office
 7 Ellinwood Court
 New Hartford, New York 13413
 Steering Committee Minutes
 Election District 51 / AFT #9508

Meeting Date: February 14, 2023



Time: 10:08 am

Attendance: X = in Attendance

Steering Committee Member Representing School District		Steering Committee Member Representing School District		Steering Committee Member Representing School District	
Bender, Nancy <i>Utica</i>		Fiacco, Jim <i>Oneida</i>	X	Sandford-Ferrick, Barbara <i>Oriskany</i>	X
Byrne, Mary <i>Rome</i>	X				
Carey, Wanona -Treasurer <i>Rome</i>	X	Foote, Kathy – Co-Secretary <i>Clinton</i>		Voutsinas, Anne Marie <i>NYSUT Consultant</i>	X
Cartwright-Cox, Keri <i>Oneida</i>	X	Furgal, Janet - Newsletter <i>OHM BOCES</i>	X	Wood, Florence <i>Whitesboro</i>	X
Chomin, Helen <i>Whitesboro</i>	X	Gehrig, Carole – RAC <i>Whitesboro Excused</i>		Woodarek, Barbara <i>Canastota</i>	X
Corbett, Peg <i>Rome Excused</i>		Hauprich, Stephen <i>VVS Excused</i>		Zaleski, Carol <i>Holland Patent</i>	X
Corn, Jan – President <i>Remsen</i>	X	Johnson, Claudette <i>Holland Patent</i>	X		
Cortright, Ylva <i>Sauquoit</i>	X	LaFave, Howard – Vice President <i>Adirondack</i>	X		
		Maciag, Dorie <i>BOCES Excused</i>			
Drake, Ken <i>VVS Excused</i>		Markson, Doreen <i>New Hartford</i>			
Dunn, Linda <i>Stockbridge-Valley</i>		McQueen, Sarah <i>Oriskany Excused</i>		Rob Wood Vote Cope	
Emery, Yvonne <i>Adirondack</i>	X	Moran, Kathy – Co-Secretary <i>Clinton</i>	X		

I. Meeting Called to Order:

- 10:08 am by ***President Jan Corn***
- Notetaker, Kathy Moran.

II. Attendance: attached

III. Secretary's Report:

- Corrections / Additions / Deletions: None
 - Motion to accept the minutes by: Florence Wood
 - Seconded by: Helen Chomin
 - Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report: - *Wanona Carey*****

- Checking Account Balance: \$ 465.80
- Savings Account Balance: \$17,622.41
- Other Treasury Information:
- January was a quiet month
- After newsletter ~ \$ came in, Thankyou's have been sent
- Reminders for dues will go out
- Nona and Jan transferred \$8000 to CD at First Source

V. President's Report: - *Jan Corn*****

CORRESPONDANCE:

- SIHP Thank You 5/20/22: \$800, 1/11/23: \$500
- NYSUT Disaster Relief Thank You 1/27/23: \$500

OBITS:

- Elizabeth Thomas Francis, bus driver, Remsen
- Beverly Jean O'Connor, bus driver, Whitesboro
- Helen Conklin, cafeteria, Whitesboro
- Evelyn R. Hurst, TA, Vernon, Verona, Sherrill
- JoAnne Ashforth, teacher, Waterville
- Tammie A. Crumb, Computer Program Analyst, MO BOCES
- Frances S. Lenart, bus driver, Remsen
- Ann P. Allen, Guidance Counselor, Utica
- Ronald A. Covet, Oneida County BOCES

- Donald Edick, teacher, New Hartford
- Sandy Candido, teacher, Oneida

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- ARA, 1/13/23, Helen Hudson: Community Services Liaison & Syracuse Common Council President
- 2/10/23, Commissioner Director for the Office of the Aging (couldn't attend)
- Next meeting: 3/10/23
- Labor Council, 1/26/23, legislative breakfast, BOCES, Utica TA, and Utica University gave reports, St. Patrick's Day parade
- Oneida County Presidents Meeting, 2/2/23, Reports: PAC, ED8, Regional, Local
- Labor Council Legislative Breakfast, 2/10/23, Speakers: Lt. Governor, Congressman Williams (22nd District), Picente, Senator Gillibrand, Josh Pearlman (Schumer's office), Tish James, BJ (United Way), Matthew Martini (Comptroller's office), Jolene DiBrango (NYSUT)

UPCOMING DATES:

- Meet the Candidates 3/6/23 5:30-6:30, Syracuse NYSUT Regional Office
- ED 7/8 Meeting 3/6/23 6:30-7:30, Syracuse NYSUT Regional Office
- Committee of 100 3/8-9/23 Hilton, Albany
- ED 51 Meeting 3/29-30/23 Delta Hotel, Utica
- Presidents, Delegates, Consultants

Friday, February 17 8:30am - 12:30pm the AAUP at Utica College will hold a rally~

- *Transparency! Share the Data!*
- *Release the Reports!*
- *Follow Proper Procedure!*
- *STOP THE CUTS!*

VI. NYSUT Consultant: - Anne Marie Voutsinas

- 3/10~ Budget changes in Charter School funding~ lowers public school funds
- Tier 6 Campaign~ Give 6 for Tier 6
- RC 7,8~ 9/21 Conference, Syracuse DoubleTree
- NYSUT Will be sending mailers for new retirees w/ QR\$ code to scan
- If in contact with Locals- please ask them to check "CODING" for new retirees
- Florida Snow Bird meetings ~ 3/20
- Facebook page is connected to website

VII. Retiree Advisory Council (RAC): - Carole Gehrig

- Final report~ will be sent the end of February
- Committee on Revenue continues

- Member Benefits, Dues proposal
- Rod Sherman~ retirement differences in Tiers (possible luncheon speaker?)
- NYSUT represented in Gov't Task Force on Aging
- Peer Support going well

VIII. Newsletter: - *Janet Furgal*

- Deadline for the next newsletter is: March 1

Old Business:

- Canal Walk or Bike Ride~ Lock 20~ June 21, 10:30 – 12:30, Bring lunch~ RC 8 will provide paper products and beverages
 - RSVP to Carol, Rain Date: June 28
- RC 7~ Coastal Trip to Massachusetts, June 6 -9 ~ there can be a pick-up in Clinton

Committee Reports:

A. Luncheon Committee: - *Keri, Sarah, Jim, Howard*

- Spring Luncheon: Location: Hart's Hill Inn
 Date: May 21, 2013 Time: 11:00 Cost/Person: \$25.00
 Speaker: Mary Byrne Topic: Health Insurance, Metal Plans
 Donation~ Motion by: _____ World Central Kitchen
 2nd : Jim Fiacco
 Passed: Unanimously

B. Brunch / Luncheon Speaker: - *Jan, Carole*

- Possible Fall~ Rod Sherman~ Tier disparities

C. Legislative Issues Committee: - *Howard, Carole*

- See above

D. Labor Council Representative(s): - *Jan*

- Labor Council Legislative Breakfast, 2/10/23, Speakers: See President's report

E. CNYARA Representative(s): - *Florence, Carole, Peg, Jan*

- No Report

F. Membership Committee: - *Wanona, Florence, Ken, Jan, Helen*

- No Report

H. Educational Issues Committee: - Jan, Carole, Doreen

State Ed Report:

- Advisory panel re: graduation issues
- Board of Regents~ Thank you to Governor for Foundation Aid
- Elementary Math tournament

I. Election Committee: - Florence, Helen

- No contentions for offices

J. Public Relations Committee: - Jan

- Jan is going to HP luncheon
- NH ~ cancelled ~ low attendance

K. Political Action (PAC): - Carole, Ken, Jan, Wanona, Doreen, Stephen, Barbara W., Nancy

- Fliers with legislators contact information~ Annemarie will update

L. Social Action: - Carole, Howard, Jan, Ken

- No Report

M. Sunshine (Joys & Concerns): - Janet

- Card sent to Carol G.

N. Mike Corn Award: - Howard, Jan

- Will be looking for candidates

Discussion Topic(s):

- _____

New Business:

- NYSUT ~ gave Jan 500 business cards
- Utica University Rally
- Rob Wood ~ Vote Cope Guy?
- Anyone interested in attending Committee of 100? No new volunteers so Jan, Carole, and Howard will attend
- Send card to Ed Blake~ sign next month

Questions and Comments:

- Mary Byrne will possibly attend an Oswego County meeting to present insurance metal plan info.



Local Reports: (see separate sheet)

Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned at: 12:10

Next Meeting: March 14

School District	Local Reports / Shared Information:
Adirondack	
OHM BOCES	
Canastota	Doug Salati (mom was teacher) won Caldecott Award for <u>Hot Dog</u>
Clinton	Contract approved
Holland Patent	
New Hartford	
Oneida	
Oriskany	
Remsen	
Rome	
Sauquoit Valley	
Stockbridge Valley	
Utica	Tentative contract settlement
VVS	
Waterville	
Whitesboro	

Others:	
Camden	
New York Mills	