



Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2019
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Life Station, 2 Stahuber Rd., Union, NJ 07083

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Cirilo called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM at Life Station, 2 Stahuber, Rd, NJ

ROLL CALL:

Present

Victor Cirilo, President
Janice DeJohn, Vice President
Douglas Dzema, Treasurer
Sherry Sims, Recording Secretary
Rick Iovine, Corresponding Secretary -
E. Dorothy Carty-Daniels, Vice President, Commissioners
Eric Chubenko, Vice President, Professional Development
John Mahon, Vice President, Legislation
Christopher Marra, Vice President of Housing
Gary Centenaro, Vice President, Member Services
Bill Snyder, Service Officer
Joseph Billy, Trustee Immediate Past President,
Jack Warren, JIF Representative
Lynn Bartlett, Trustee
John Clarke, Trustee -
Grace Dekker, Trustee
Robert DiVincent, Trustee
Louis Riccio, Trustee
Randall Woods

Absent

Susan Thomas, Trustee - sick
Ron Van Rensalier, Trustee
Hector Fuentes, Trustee - auto accident
Vernon Lawrence, Vice President, Community Development

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 8, 2017 meeting

Motion; Robert DiVincent

Second: Joseph Billy

All members present voted in the affirmative, none were opposed.

REPORTS

- President Cirilo thanked Life Station for providing our meeting location for the new calendar year. He explained how the Life Station products has advantages and disadvantages for housing authority resident's safety.

In addition, he recommends we pursuing policy changes with the Governor Murphy such as boiler requirement waivers for public housing, Rutgers Executive Director educational requirements, etc.

- Vice President DeJohn discussed the Internship program and passed out updated 2018 brochures/applications; reminding us that the program is available year-round and the salary is \$15.00/hour.

Janice reported that she is currently in negotiations with Tropicana for the November 2018 Conference. They are offering room fees at \$115.00 league rate. She will get other quotes and sign a contract on or before April 1, 2018. Rick Iovine advised the board that the room rate is the same as the league rate. If you rent rooms through your municipality you pay no taxes, and save approximately twenty dollars. Janice will ask for the same waiver and if they agree, she will sign the contract for November 2018 Conference.

- **Treasurer**

Douglas Dzema reported that there was no current budget to actual report to discuss. He reviewed and 2018 budget with substantial adjustments to specific line items. He discussed the bill list as follows:

Bill List attached Jan 2018	3,420.20
Add by Joe Billy: Joe Valente speaker at meeting on 12/8/17	500.00
Added by Joe Billy: Prepaid Internship at Passaic Housing	2,100.00
Added by Joe Billy: NJAHRA holiday joint bill (hold for further discussion)	1,900.00
Added by Louis Riccio Theater tickets for the Retreat on February 3-4-2018 (30 tickets @ 79.00 each. (11 will be reimbursed)	2,370.00

Bill Snyder was asked by Bill Katchen to advise the Board that he was opposed to the purchase of theater tickets. he thinks that it is a questionable expense. It was suggested that Bill Katchen should attend our next meeting to discuss eligible 501c3 expenses.

Bob DiVincent requested we get a legal opinion from Frank Boren to review Mr. Katchen's opinion.

Joe Billy request that the board discuss the NJAHRA bill for the Holiday Party held on December 8, 2017 before it is paid. The joint meeting expenses that he negotiated with NJAHARA was not in agreement with what was originally discussed about the splitting cost for the holiday party expenses.

- **Recording Secretary** – No report
- **Corresponding Secretary** – No Report
- **Commissioners**
Vice President Daniels will plan two sessions at the next conference. She and s Lou Ricco will get together to coordinate and plan the topics.
- **Community Development** – No report
- **Professional Development**
Vice President Chubenko re emphasis the importance for our Organization to pursue working relationship with the new administration and Governor Murphy.
- **Legislation**
Vice President Mahon discussed the following topics:

HUD Washington is scheduling a Listening Sessions so if you get contacted take the opportunity to get involved.

Secretary Carson is pushing the Invasion Centers demonstration programs. There is no funding to support the extra work.

The NOFA for the FSS new performance requirements is out. The comment period ends 1/28/2018.

If you are involved with the Lawsuit recapture settlement, it is signed off by the judge. The settlement is not federal dollars do not comingle the funds and direct to your nonprofit program account.

MARC-NAHRO is scheduling a reorganization meeting with n the President. The Conference is June, Hersey PA June 24-27/2018

- **Housing**
Vice President Marra reported that the Affirmative Fair housing changes have been postponed to year 2020. HUD has offered another Lead base

paint funding and the NOFA is available online if you are interested or have a need.

- **Membership Services**

Vice President Centenaro reported the National NAHRO members are discussing the future of holding any more Summer Conferences, because they are losing money and the attendance is low. They have created a committee to review, analyze and finalize this potential change.

- **JIF Representative**

Mr. Warren reported that JIF is scheduling training sessions for members on Computer Cyber-attacks and offering discounts on the insurance premium for those who attend the meetings.

- **Service Officer**

Bill Snyder discussed the following topics:

Articles are needed for the 2018 new letters can now be submitted. Please follow the instructions on submission requirements. March 2018 is the deadline to submit articles, pictures, etc.

The Newsletters will be finished by March so it will be finished closer to the May conference dates. This will allow for more accurate information regarding the May 2018 spring conference agenda.

The Legislative Conference is April 22-24, 2018 in Washington DC, you should contact your representatives in the House and Senate and let him know in advance to schedule the meetings on the Hill. Reach out to the legislatures and plan to come and meet with the Trump Administration because they are focused on the entitlement program. Also let him know who is going to Washington, DC to meet with the senators and congressmen.

A calendar of meetings for 2018 was discussed. Several Board representatives will visit the Rutgers Piscataway site on Jan 26th to see if the location is compatible with our needs and make a decision if the Board meetings will be held at the Piscataway, NJ Rutgers campus. Parking is very bad. Meetings start at 10:30am.

JIF training sessions are scheduled for the spring conference. Steve Sacco will be the trainer.

- **Conference Planning Update**

Louis Ricco discussed the following topics:

The Retreat for the Board is scheduled on February 3-4, 2018 at the Courtyard Marriott in Central Park, NYC. The Session starts at 12:00

noon – 5:00pm and ends on Sunday at noon. The agenda will focus on the five-year plan for NJNAHRO, some team building exercises and we will invite our accountant to come discuss dos and don'ts for 501C3 funding options for non-profit organizations.

For the retreat, NJNAHRO purchased 30 tickets; of which the cost of eleven tickets will be reimbursed to NAHRO by members who bought extras tickets @79.00/ to see the Bronx Tales. Please forward check to William Snyder or William Katchen.

The Spring Conference at Tropicana is scheduled for May 21-24, 2018. Louis Ricco advised the Board he is searching for new locations for the 2019 Conference and trying to find dates in April 2019

The November Conference will start on Tuesday, November 13-15, 2018 because the holiday is on a Monday. He, Janice DeJohn and President Cirilo will coordinate all events, training and activities with the appropriate committees. He is considering utilizing talent we have on the Board to serve on panels for specific topics. Feel free to give him topics of interest to pursue. The purchase of the League Badges will be cut in half. They will be issued on first come first serve bases. Additional venue quotes are being obtained and negotiations are in process with the Tropicana.

RESOLUTIONS

President Cirilo reviewed the three Resolutions and call for a consent vote for all three resolutions as listed below

2018-01 Resolution to renew service officer contract
2018-02 Resolution to renew the Accountant contract
2018-03 Resolution to approve 2018 Budget

MOTION: Louis Ricco

SECOND: Robert DiVincent

All members present voted in the affirmative. No one present was opposed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST: December 2017 and January 2018

The total bills for approval is \$7,952.00 (see summary above)

MOTION: Louis Ricco with exception of 2 bills; the theatre tickets and the shared holiday expenses.

SECOND: Robert DiVincent

Discussion:

Mr. Billy and members discuss the NJAHRA bill in great detail before the payment was considered. Negotiations on how to structure of fees were not kept. Recommended to pay the bill under protest, but in the future, it is recommendation to not partnerships for Holiday events in the future. Mr. Billy discussed his concerns with the excessive cost for the joint Holiday party held on December 8, 2017 and felt that the agreement that was made on behalf of NJNAHRO and NJAHRA was breached. Much discussion was had by members present and it was recommended to reconsider if there would be any future joint events together and let each Organization sponsor their own events.

MOTION: Lou Ricco motioned to pay the bills, including the additional 4 bills in total amount of \$7,952.00.

Question: Louis Ricco

President Cirilo called for the vote.

All members present voted in the affirmative. No one present was opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Billy received Richard Keefe resignation letter and read it into the minutes. President Cirilo, noticed it was typed on typewriter and wants the letter preserved.

It reads as follows: (See attached letter).

Louis Ricco reported on the Nominating Committee:

He received two resumes for the 2 open positions. He discussed their interest to be on the Executive Board. They are as follows:

Kymberly Globler, Executive Director from Gloucester County HA

Anthony Feorenzo, Executive Director from Hackensack HA

Motion: Gary Centenaro

Second: Robert DiVincent

All members present voted in the affirmative. No one present was opposed.

Conference on May 20-24, 2018 He discussed the tentative agenda. Reception will be Tuesday night. Check in on Sunday. Save the date notice has been sent out to vendors. Currently 6 have already registered. He needs topics with speakers. The video session will be repeated on Tuesday. There will be a Rutgers course.

He is started contacting venues for the 2019 Conference and looking to get back to April dates. He gave overview of his plans and will keep us informed as they progress.

He discussed the Retreat on February 3-4, 2018 It will start around noon, Start at noon-5:00. Dinner and theatre. Write check too William Katchen.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Cirilo announced the next scheduled meeting will be February 22, 2018. The location will be confirmed later.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Robert DiVincent
SECONDED: Randal Wood
TIME: 11:50 AM