

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES

Minutes 1-9-23

- I. Call to order -11:04 a.m. / Pledge
- II. Welcome Members and Guests –
 - Gary led us in singing Happy 81st Birthday to longtime member and former Chair of CVCR, Sally Clancy.
- III. Co-Chair Reports
 - a. Gary
 - MOS for local educators who have passed: Anne Simays (Hawkins Elem. and Davis Elem.); Linda Letson (NAC); Raymond McIntyre (Lake Placid and Paul Smith's); Rita Bedard (Altona HS/NAC); Ken Cring (Malone); Diane Smith (BOCES/Schroon Lake)
 - Billy Jones Newsletter
 - ADK Foundation accepting grant applications due 2/1
 - NYSUT RA asking NYSUT
 - Support COLA reform for teacher's pensions (from \$18,000 to \$27,000)
 - Increase base to reflect full rate of inflation
 - Rod Sherman and Ron Gross featured in NYSUT United paper re: fixing Tier 6
 - Alliance for Retired Americans ALERT: Far Right House members want to use debt limit to force spending cuts (Medicare and Soc. Security)
 - b. Carlos
 - Thank you letter from Food Shelf for Nov. donation of \$163
- IV. Secretary's Minutes for 12-12-22 (S. Kenoyer)
 - a. Motion to accept: Valerie Jodoin
 - b. Second: John Clancy
 - c. Approved
- V. Treasurer's Report – Rod Sherman
 - a. Beginning Balance \$14,809.66
 - b. Income \$ 1,414.50
 - c. Expenses \$ 1,018.89
 - d. Ending Balance \$15,205.27
 - e. Motion to accept: Vicki Washburn
 - f. Second: Sally Clancy
 - g. Accepted

VI. Correspondence

-See Carlos' thank you from Food Shelf

VII. Committees

a. Retiree Assistance – NEED CHAIR

-No Report

b. Sunshine – Juanita Stone

-Nothing to report

c. Membership – Rod Sherman

Paid Members 213

Honorary 98

Total Members 290+

d. Nominating – CHAIR NEEDED

-New Co-Chair is the ONLY position needed by May. All others have agreed to stay on in their positions.

e. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn

-Applications will be sent to all schools soon.

f. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn

-Dec. 12 mtg.

-Finances in good shape due to \$190,000 grant

-Winter classes sign-up open; tightening of registration deadlines; lower class size of 3 to run

-Retirees being used to help answer phones on days Denise is out of office and work/study unable to be there

-Looking for a member to attend Committee of 100 in Albany on March 6, 2023

VIII. Regional and State Reports

a. Local Reports – REPS NEEDED

-BCS (Carlos Madan)

-Will attend mtg. in January

-Reminder (from Gary) to upgrade your Medicare compensation payment with Jennifer Coughlin in the Business Office by taking in your statement from Soc. Sec. with your new benefit amount (Saranac does not have this.)

b. NERCTA – Jeanette Stapley

-No mtg. until 2/2

c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke (and Rod Sherman)

-Statewide zoom mtg. Jan. 23

- 3 members of RC9 on RAC. (3-yr. positions end this year)
 - Job is to make recommendations to Bd. of Directors
 - d. NYSUT Director Report – Jeanette Stapley
 - Mtg. Jan. 20
 - Next ED 9 Jan. 13
 - Andy Pallotta (NYSUT Pres.) not running again
 - New slate of officers: Melinda Person, Philippe Abraham, Ron Gross, Jaime Ciffone
 - e. Retiree Council #9 – Lynn Hunneyman
 - Lynn’s knee still a serious issue for him
 - John Clancy – Audit soon
 - Rod Sherman – RC 9 also looking for officers (treasurer)
 - f. NYSUT Regional Staff Director – Don Carlisto
 - Fix Tier 6 campaign 10-year process/”moving the needle”
 - g. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant – Ruth Shippee
Ruth.Shippee@nysut.org No Report
- IX. Old Business
- Bill to protect our health care rights in Court once retired vetoed by Hochul/NYSUT working to get it passed (State claims it’s a budget issue, but it’s not.)
 - Committee of 100 working on school issues and budget issues
 - NOMINATIONS Chair needed (CVCR) by FEBRUARY
 - Does insurance pay for a gym membership?
- X. New Business
- XI. Other agenda items
- SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, February 13, 2023 at MHAB
 - Speaker will be Jackie Madison, No. Country Underground RR Assoc.
- XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report
- a. 50/50 - \$32 won by Doris Turbide (donated \$20 to Food Shelf)
 - b. Food Shelf donation - \$103 (+ \$20 from Doris Turbide) = \$123
- XIII. Grace Before Meal
- XIV. Adjournment at 12:22 p.m.
- a. Motion by: Charlie Stone
 - b. Second by: Violet Moesch
 - c. Carried

LUNCH

Program: Jamie Sutton, Senior Planet: Program and Services offered

Respectively submitted,
Billie VanCour (for Sue Kenoyer)