

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES  
Minutes June 10, 2024

- I. Call to order -11:00 am. Pledge
- II. Welcome Members and Guests –No guests
- III. Co-Chair Reports:
  - Carlos: Fred Wachmeister from Peru and PHS School Board passed.
  - Violet: Drug companies spent more on other items than on research and development. Due to lack of personnel, hospitals are “boarding” patients. There is no one to speak up and get the patients to bathrooms, food, meds etc. They are not being sent to a room where there is care.
- IV. Secretary’s Minutes for May 13, 2024
  - a. Motion to accept: Violet Moesch
  - b. Second: Nona Garrand
  - c. Approved
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Rod Sherman
  - a. Beginning Balance           \$14,922.66
  - b. Income                               \$818.00
  - c. Expenses                           \$2,899.20
  - d. Ending Balance               \$12,841.46
  
  - e. Rod handed out a membership form for RC 9 and CVCR. Forms and the \$20 can go to CVCR or RC9.  
  
Motion to accept: Vicki Washburn  
Second: Bob Harris  
Approved
- VI. Correspondence: Thank you notes from the Food Shelf for the May 2 (\$107) and May 31 (\$73) donations.
- VII. Committees
  - a. Legislation: Gary VanCour: AARP and other groups are fighting the Fiscal Stability Act, which would establish a fiscal committee that could take action on a variety of things like Social Security without public input. The House Republican Study Committee stands ready to make cuts to Social Security and Medicare to the tune of roughly 1.5 trillion dollars. Ruth Shippee said that NYSUT

is organizing to combat this in the fall. There are ways of helping Social Security. Raising the cap is one. There is a lot of information available from a publication called Alliance for Retired Americans. We are all members of NYS Alliance for Retired Americans. There will be a convention this summer at the NYSUT Offices. A registration form is on back of the flyer Rod handed out. Barry Kaufmann, President on NYSARA and formally from NYS AFL-CIO will be at our October meeting in Plattsburgh and in Malone in the fall.

- b. Retiree Assistance – (no chair)
- c. Sunshine – Juanita Stone. No report
- d. Membership – Rod is looking for volunteers to help recruit new members.
- e. Nominating: no need at the moment
- f. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn said applications were sent out and we received 15 applications. Two recipients were each given \$1000. They are Alanie Denton from Beekmantown C.S. and Lia Perry from Saranac Lake C.S.
- g. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn: Met May 15 and the grant of \$190,000 was fully funded for next year. They are planning on a mentor class for next fall.

#### VIII. Regional and State Reports

- a. Local Reports: none
- b. NERCTA: Jeannette: No report
- c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke reported on the issues discussed and the subcommittee reports from the June 5-6 meeting in Albany. Retiree Recognition Week will be October 3. A Task force on insurance has been formed. Rod also spoke to Tier 6 and results from paying 6% into the retirement system and the additional cost for school districts to hold retirees until age 63.
- d. Committee of 100:
- e. NYSUT Director Report: Jeanette Stapley: shared quotes and thoughts on the new Commissioner of Education.
- f. Retiree Council #9: Lynn Hunneyman: No report
- g. NYSUT Regional Staff: Don Carlisto: No report
- h. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant: Ruth Shippee said the date of the RC 9 and 10 Conference is October 16. Watch for information in early September. You should have received VOTE COPE

information in the mail. She suggests RC9 have a meeting the first day of school celebrating *not* going back to school. Rod thanked Ruth for her many years of valuable service.

IX. Old Business: Next CVCR meeting is September 9

X. New Business:

Dan Ladue spoke about a Moms For Liberty organization. This is a far-right organization that started due to COVID. Their purpose is to destroy public education, and they are spreading into our area. Local school librarians Dan and Glenda Rowe are organizing to share information about this group.

XI. Other Agenda Items: None

XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report

- a. 50/50 – \$19 was won by Vicki Washburn. Collected \$37.
- b. Food shelf collected \$75

XIII. Grace Before Meal

XIV. Adjournment at 12:30 pm

- a. Motion by: Paula Cormier
- b. Second by: Judy Paquette
- c. Approved

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Program: Kate Gardner from Americore Seniors

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kenoyer