

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES
Minutes June 10, 2024

- I. Call to order -11:00 am. Pledge
- II. Welcome Members and Guests –
- III. Co-Chair Reports:
Violet:
- IV. Secretary’s Minutes for May 13, 2024
 - a. Motion to accept:
 - b. Second: Charlie Stone
 - c. Approved
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Rod Sherman
 - a. Beginning Balance \$16,100.26
 - b. Income \$715.00
 - c. Expenses \$587.52
 - d. Ending Balance \$16,227.74
 - e. Motion to accept: Laurie Ducharme
 - f. Second: Nancy Glode
 - g. Approved
 - h. Since RC9 uses Key Bank we must move our funds to Key Bank.
Resolve: The Champlain Valley Council of Retirees, at its meeting on March 11, 2024, hereby authorizes our Treasurer to close our account at the Glens Falls National Bank in Plattsburgh and transfer funds to our account at Key Bank on Route 3 in Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

Motion to accept: Gary VanCour
Second: John Clancy
Approved
- VI. Correspondence: Thank you from the Food Shelf for the January donation. Thank you from the Food Shelf for the total 2023 donation of \$766.
- VII. Committees
 - a. Retiree Assistance – (no chair)
 - b. Sunshine – Juanita Stone: Thinking of you and sympathy cards to Val Jodoin and card to Bob Harris.

- c. Membership – Sally Clancy has concerns about members getting the information about the CVCR meetings.
- d. Nominating: no need at the moment
- e. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn: Sending out packets to the schools this week. Applications are due in May.
- f. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn: Meet this week.

VIII. Regional and State Reports

- a. Local Reports
 - Saranac talked with new retirees about joining
 - There is a meeting held by our health insurance carrier for the Peru teachers on March 15. The Peru District and teachers are working to comply with the Workplace Violence Act. All steps need to be completed and in effect by May 3, 2024.
- b. NERCTA: Jeannette:
- c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke
- d. Committee of 100: Rod shared the Governor’s Foundation Aid 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 for Clinton and Essex counties. The Essex County schools were losing \$1,982,404.
- e. NYSUT Director Report: Jeanette Stapley: The Committee of 100 was a huge success. Everything went smoothly. The North Country was well represented and increased its percentage donation. Rod Sherman attended and we want to thank him for representing us. Subscribe to the weekly www.allianceforretiredamericans to get valuable information. She passed around material from the RA for us to look at and recommends reading an article from the NY Times “Hurry Up and Wait” by Maria Jesus Contreras.
- f. Retiree Council #9: Lynn Hunneyman
- g. NYSUT Regional Staff: Don Carlisto:Boquet Valley tour went well. Consensus was that there are not a lot of places to cut costs even though student enrollment is declining. Schools are being asked to do a lot more than they have been asked to do before.
- h. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant: Ruth Shippee: 10 members signed up for Legal Plan from the newsletter. If you are still interested, you can still sign up. May 23 will be the spring conference in Watertown. Watch for a flyer. Last week a virtual retirement informational event was held. Over 240 members signed up for the event. There is an app called the Member Action Center (<https://mac.nysut.org>) that can be used on your phone

or computer. It lets you know which politicians represent you and provides letters for you to easily forward to those representatives.

g. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

-April's meeting is cancelled due to the solar eclipse at that time, date, and location. Travel is expected to be challenging. Your interest observing the eclipse and travel safety comes first. (*a suggestion*)

XI. Other Agenda Items:

XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report

- a. 50/50 - \$45 so \$23 goes to Joselyne LaVigne, who donated it to the Food Shelf
- b. Food Shelf donation - \$77 plus the \$23, for a total of \$100 goes to Food Shelf.

XIII. Grace Before Meal

XIV. Adjournment at 11: pm

- a. Motion by: John Clancy
- b. Second by: Charlie Stone
- c. Approved

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Program: Master Gardener Program presented by Linda Noyes and Barb Stednicki

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kenoyer