

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES

Minutes 5-13-24

- I. Call to order -11:05 a.m. / Pledge
- II. Welcome Members and Guests
- III. Co-Chair Reports
 - a. Carlos
 - If you don't receive the meeting notice via email, call Carlos or leave Google voice message.
 - Only 51 get "snail mail" now; NYSUT says to bring back mailings vs. email; will need "stuffing parties" again
 - Avoid email scams – look at return email address/ block it/ mark it as junk
 - b. Violet
 - Check the new "formulary" list given in Anthem letter for drug names no longer covered
 - Questions and confusion about Platinum Plan I (A) and Platinum Plan II (B) coverage/ ask Rod Sherman for clarity?
 - M.O.S. for Linda Carlsen (PCSD); Edith Banker (Chazy); Joan Amell (BCS); Cheryl Phillips (Westport and Upward Bound); Gale Purick (PCSD); Clark Drumm (BCS)
- IV. Secretary's Minutes for 3-11-24 (S. Kenoyer)
 - a. Motion to approve: Judy Mannix
 - b. Second: Valerie Jodoin
 - c. Approved with corrections in names misspelled in two places: **Lori** Ducharme and **Jocelyne** LaVigne
- V. Treasurer's Report – Rod Sherman
 - a. Beginning Balance \$ 740.00 *Change to Key Bank
 - b. Income \$17,114.74
 - c. Expenses \$ 2,192.08
 - d. Ending Balance \$14,922.66 *Key Bank
(\$0.00 at G. F. National)
 - e. Motion to accept: John Clancy
 - f. Second: Bob Harris
 - g. Approved
- VI. Correspondence
 - Violet reported Doris Turbide had a stroke and offered her son's address to those who want to send cards. She is in rehab in Vermont.
- VII. Committees

- a. Retiree Assistance – NEED CHAIR
 - No Report
 - b. Sunshine – Juanita Stone
 - Card sent to Doris Turbide and Bev Brown when her aunt passed away. Bob Harris sent a thank you note for his card.
 - c. Membership – Rod Sherman
 - No Report
 - Paid Members ____
 - Honorary ____
 - Total Members ____
 - d. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn
 - Applications being read this week
 - e. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn
 - State funded the Centers after having made cuts
 - Next mtg. May 15th
 - f. Nominating – No Chair needed yet
 - Nothing this year
- VIII. Regional and State Reports
- a. Local Reports – REPS NEEDED to attend local R.A. mtgs.
 - Saranac – Linda LaCount
 - Rod spoke and Union voted for MOA on insurance
 - Retirement party June 13 W. Platts. Am. Legion
 - District absorbing Helping Hands at old Cadyville school and looking to fill positions
 - “Kindness” Club, Running Club
 - Middle School needs more computers for testing
 - Negotiations
 - Hoping to make arts mandated part of CORE curr.
 - Fall - structured mentoring prog. for new teachers
 - May 16-Annual “Empty Bowls” dinner for food shelf
 - BCS – Carlos Madan
 - Dustin Relation from Malone = new Superintendent
 - b. NERCTA – Jeanette Stapley
 - No meeting
 - Bob Porter retiring; new person being elected to Consortium
 - c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke
 - d. NYSUT Director Report – Jeanette Stapley
 - Legacy Fund - Tony McCann and Lori Atkinson recognized

- Bd. Mtg. highlights:
 - Fix to Tier 6 (Change 5 yrs. To 3 final aver. Salary)
 - No cap for retirees
 - APPR on hold until after budget
 - SED considering removing Master's requirement
 - Sept. 20, 9-3, gathering about cell phones and social media impact on kids
- e. Retiree Council #9 – Lynn Hunneyman
 - Membership growing
 - FSNR active again; SAD still a struggle
 - Rick and Ron helped with bank switch for RC9
 - Thanks to Ruth, who is leaving as RC 9 & 10 consultant
- f. NYSUT Regional Staff Director – Don Carlisto
 - No Report
- g. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant – Ruth Shippee
 - Ruth.shippee@nysut.org
 - Next week- western NY conference at Watertown
 - Sept. 16- Conference in Malone
 - School Bd. votes upcoming- VOTE
 - Member benefits Legal Plan - @10 people signed up
- IX. Old Business
 - No old business addressed
- X. New Business
 - Need new chair for Legislative Comm. (keep people informed about upcoming elections)
 - Motion to elect a chair: Judy Mannix; Second: Valerie Jodoin; Passed
 - Motion to est. a comm. with Gary VanCour as Chair: John Clancy; Second: Charlie Stone; Passed
- XI. Other agenda items
 - SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, June 10, 2024 at MHAB
 - Speaker: St. Joseph's Outreach
- XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report
 - a. 50/50 - \$27 won by Gary VanCour
 - b. Food Shelf donation - \$73
- XIII. Grace Before Meal
- XIV. Adjournment at 12:20 p.m.
 - a. Motion by: Nona Garrand
 - b. Second by: Paula Cormier

c. Carried

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Program: Maria Alexander from Senior Citizens Council of Clinton Co.
She presented info on all the programs the Council offers and does.

Respectively submitted, Billie VanCour (for Sue Kenoyer)