

NYSUT RC 9 FSNUR Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 11, 2024  
Potsdam NYSUT Office

Attendees: Tony Fiacco (President), Valerie Chiarenzelli (VP), Sarah Fiacco (Treasurer), Tom French (Secretary) Ron Day, Sheila Day, Robin Duncan, Laura Gutenmann, Mary Nocerino, Sandy Gleason, Ruth Shippee (Retiree Services Consultant), Lynn Hunneyman (RC9 President) Rick Morris (RC9 Treasurer,

1. Motion by Mary (2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie) to approve agenda and approve as amended. Passed.
2. Ruth announced that Chris Fowler will be replacing her – [chris.fowler@nysut.org](mailto:chris.fowler@nysut.org)
3. Motion to approve 2/27/24 minutes amended by Laura. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony. Approved.
4. Reports & Discussions:
  - a. Treasurer's Report:
    - i. After a reimbursement of \$700.80 from Member Dues from RC9 (half of \$20 dues goes to subcouncil), our current balance is \$1770.84
    - ii. Motion to approve by Robin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie. Approved.
  - b. Membership:
    - i. Ruth reported that renewals (Membership year turns over on June 30) are starting to come in.
    - ii. August Newsletter will have member form in it.
    - iii. Discussion on how to reach new retirees
      1. Ruth explained that local presidents are encouraged to report new retirees to NYSUT, though it doesn't always happen.
      2. Discussion of how to include PayPal link on website.
      3. Discussion of how to account for new members who may join in the middle of the membership year. (This will also be discussed at an RC 9 meeting next week).
        - a. Tom made motion (2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy): New members who join between Jan 1 and June 30 will be included in next year's membership year and not expected to renew at that time. Approved.
      4. Discussion about how to work with RENY (Retired Educators of New York).
5. Elections:
  - i. Tom Reported on the process by the Nominations committee (Tom, Laura and Sandra):
  - ii. Tony asked if there were any nominations from the three times. None made.
  - iii. Lynn made motion (2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary) to accept the slate presented by the Nominations Committee (President ~ Tony Fiacco (Canton Central), Vice President ~ Val Chiarenzelli (Potsdam Central), Secretary ~ Tom French

(Massena Central), Treasurer ~ Sarah Fiacco (Potsdam Central).  
Approved.

6. Development of FSNUR Calendar of events & meetings
  - a. Current items: (reminder emails will or have been sent)
    - i. Paint & Sip – 9 People signed up. Need 10. June 13.
      1. Agreed to pay person the \$250 regardless of whether 10 is reached. Motion to allow Sandy and Laura up to \$50 for refreshments. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie. Approved
    - ii. Power and Equipment Museum on June 17. Ron Day discussed details with optional lunch after at Hometown Cafe. 10:00. Tom agreed to send North Country Now a press release.
    - iii. Walking Tour of Thousand Island Park w/ Optional Walk to Top of Thousand Islands Bridge. July 15. 10:00 am
    - iv. Discussion of Fall Boat Cruise Option. Motion by Valerie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheila for Tom to move forward with planning for Rock Island Light.
  - b. List of Previous Ideas Below
7. Other
  - a. People Project – Their Request for help will be put in Newsletter and on Website
  - b. Implementation of Scholarship from FSNUR
    - i. Tom will write a notice to be sent to local presidents for list of new teachers
  - c. Promoting More Involvement of Retirees per district. Tabled
  - d. School Elections. Tabled
  - e. Bylaws – Current bylaws distributed for further discussion at a later date.
8. Adjournment Motion by Mary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie. Approved.

#### Potential Events

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| i. Tupper Lake Area (Wild Center, Train, Rail Bikes, Spring Pond Bog)                               | ix. Hosmer Hall Event (with dinner)          |
| ii. Plattsburgh Area (War of 1812 Museum, Air Force Base Museum, Miner Institute, etc.)             | x. Hockey Games                              |
| iii. Lisbon Musuem -- Up in Air. Lisbon not renewing Historian. (Sandra Gleason will Investigate)   | xi. Art Workshops                            |
| iv. Fire Tower Hikes  | xii. Shelburne Museum                        |
| v. Canadian Attractions – Upper Canada Village, Ottawa, Montreal                                    | xiii. Maple Weekends                         |
| vi. Pub/Beer/Wine/Coffee Shop Tours, but also perhaps single visit events for lunch and socializing | xiv. Presentations as part of meeting agenda |
| vii. Baseball in NYC Bus Tour   | xv. Hikes and/or Ski                         |
| viii. Casino  |  |