

Retiree Council 9 Executive meeting

Friday, October 20, 2023

Lake Placid, NY

Attendees:

Lynn Hunneyman - President

Rodo Sherman - Vice President

Rick Morris - Treasurer

Robin Duncan - Secretary

Ruth Shippee - NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant for RC 9 & 10

- A. Meeting called to order at 1:50 pm by President Lynn Hunneyman
- B. Approval of previous minutes
 1. March 6, 2023
 2. June 14, 2023
 - Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
 - The minutes may be posted on the RC-9 website once they have been approved.
- C. Treasurer's Report:
 1. Current balance: \$31,409.50 as of Oct 20, 2023
 - Motion made (Rod) and seconded (Robin) to accept the Treasurer's report as presented pending any file audit. Motion carried.
 2. There was some discussion about the way the membership checks were made out and where they were sent.

- Checks made out to the sub-council go to the sub-council directly. At June and December's end, RC-9 sends \$10.00 for each membership received by it to the sub-council; at the same time, the sub-council sends \$10.00 for each membership received by it to the RC-9.
3. Resolutions for Key Bank: Consolidating RC-9 and sub-council accounts.
- Rod did a lot of legwork and conversations to get the bank situation cleaned up and arranged so all sub-council accounts are under one RC-9 umbrella. RC 9 is the main account and each of the sub-councils will have its own account. All will use the same EIN for tax purposes. He presented the resolutions (required by the bank) for vote.
- a. Motion made (Rod) and seconded (Rick) authorizing the Treasurer to move RC9 funds to the Key Bank in Watertown. Names on the account: Lynn, Rick, Robin/ Motion carried.
 - b. Motion made ((Rod) and seconded (Robin) to appoint Tony as Chair of NYSUT FSNUR and Sarah Fiacco as Treasurer of NYSUT FSNUR. Motion carried.
 - c. Motion made (Robin and seconded (Rick) to accept the resolution including Rick and Rod on the SANR Key Bank account in the Southern Adirondack area. Motion carried.
 - d. Motion made (Rod) and seconded (Rick): Resolved that Treasurer Sara Fiacco move funds to a Key Bank in Potsdam and add Rick Morris and Rod Sherman to the account. Motion carried.
 - e. No motion needed for CVCR as all approvals were complete.
 - f. No motion for JLCNR as the paperwork goes there for signatures and approval.
 - g. Motion made (Rod) and seconded (Rick) that the RC9 Treasurer write checks of \$1000 each to FSNUR and SANR accounts to be deposited in their Key Bank accounts when the accounts are open. Motion carried.

4. Rick requested the same spreadsheet format to be used by all the sub-councils for their Treasurer activities.

D. Membership

1. Numbers of members since the June 2023 membership was sent to the Watertown office:
 - a. JLCNR - 40
 - b. FSNUR - 60
 - c. CVCR - 52
 - d. SANR - 18
2. Method of collection: Members receive notices from JLCNR, CVCR, and RC9. Discussion followed about the timeliness of updating and sharing member contact information and method of receiving membership forms from different entities.
 - a. As long as the entity is specific about who and what the membership is for, receiving them through different venues is fine.
 - b. Updating NYSUT database (including deaths) can be done by sending notices to Ruth and she will send them to NYSUT. Sub-councils need to send changes to NYSUT directly to NYSUT via email: memberrec@nysut.org

A. Old Business

1. Status of RC9 and Sub-councils
 - a. Member Benefits of NYSUT offer many perks
 - b. Continue to offer mini-conferences and social events
 - c. Goal for each sub-council is to increase membership and aid them in becoming active.
2. Ruth reported the Website has 3 new volunteers.

B. New Business

1. Resolutions from ED 51-53 (Banned Books; Quality Health Insurance...; Improved R.C Communication and Support; Monitoring Medicare Advantage Plans; Recommendation for Appointing NYSUT Members.... - all adopted or adopted as amended) (Advocacy for a Single Payer... - Referred back to RC 17)
 - a. Copies were handed out for perusal. Motion was made (Rick) and seconded (Rod) that RC9 endorse all the resolutions except the one "Referred back to RC 17." Motion carried.
 - b. Donation to NYSUT legacy honoring John and Sally Clancy. Motion was made (Rod) and seconded (Rick) that for their outstanding contributions, \$500 be donated in honor of John and Sally Clancy to the NYSUT Legacy Fund. Motion carried.
 - c. Ruth made the suggestion to be able to use PayPal for people pay for their membership or registrations for events. Discussion ensued. No decisions were made.
 - a. Ruth notified us that NYSUT is reducing their spending by sending out electronic newsletters. Starting September 2024 people must opt in to receive a hard copy.
 - (1) We need to make sure that retirees know how to opt in if they want a hard copy.
 - b. Rod would like locals union units to give RC9 new retirees' names in May and keep them on the active list, not drop them.
- B. Dates for General Meeting and location (Ruth requested other than Wednesdays or Fridays)
 1. Proposed that the Executive Board meets in May at NYSUT office in Potsdam
 2. Proposed Annual meeting in July at NYSUT office in Potsdam
- A. Adjournment:
 1. Motion made (Rick) and seconded (Rod) that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.