

JLCNR Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

Present: Lynn Hunneyman, Janice Shepard, Peg Bootie, Joan Carlo, Linda Lepper, Ruth Shippee, Mike Montigelli, Carol Ashbridge, Dick Grissinger

Absent: Claudia Curley, Rick Morris, Cheryl Smith, Liz Brenon, Barb Russell

1.0 Opening and Welcome: Lynn welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30. Lynn passed around two thank you notes from new teachers who received money from us.

2.0: Minutes: Minutes from November 4, 2023 were reviewed. Janice made a motion to accept. Peg seconded. Motion passed.

3.0 Treasurer's Report: Accounts are now straightened out. Our account will be in Key Bank switched from Watertown Savings Bank. Rod Sherman worked things out with Key Bank to help with tax reporting. *See attached Treasurer's Report.*

Joan made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Trades and Labor: Rick was absent. See attached sheet with his notes.

4.2 RC 9 Bank Issues: Now resolved..

4.3 Social Events: A snail mail flyer is going out to all members regarding the May 23 Conference at the Watertown Elks Lodge. This is being done in hopes of getting a better response and higher attendance. Attendance at our functions has been low.

How can we improve this? Whatever we do we need to put in newsletters for all RC members to see.

- Do we want luncheon with speakers
- Have a book club
- Plan trips (need to have travel insurance built in to protect members)
- Jefferson Historical Society function with authors
- Casino trips
- Winery trips
- Clayton Boat Museum

4.4 Membership - Linda doesn't have a new count just yet. Generic RC form is sent out with and August newsletter. This confuses people. Jodi receives dues through RC and sends a check to Rick in December and June for our share of the dues. This money doesn't come with who paid the dues. We need to have better communication through Jodi to make sure dues and who paid them is accurate. This information will then be sent to Peg and Linda.

New retirees are given a letter from us before they retire through their union president. We also send a letter to them in July as a reminder to sign us. There is confusion regarding RENY, the other union.

4.5 Saranac Lake Meeting: This was in March. See attached sheet.

5.0 Old and Continuing Business:

5.1 JLCNR Website (www.jlcnr-rc9.org) Continue sending in articles and photos.

5.2 Recruiting New Exec. Board Members: We continue to have districts not represented. Lewis County has no representation at this time. Lynn is working on this.

5.3 NCCCT Meeting: Janice and Lynn attend as many meetings as they can. She stated that Mike Comet from Lewis County is newly elected to the Healthcare Board replacing Judy Curtis who is retiring. Janice said he is a good addition to the Board.

Healthcare Board: Mike had the following to say:

- Worker's Comp - all districts use the same insurance except JCC who is under the county
- At Monday's meeting the Board elected a chair who then appointed committees.
- The Board is still pursuing Medicare Advantage. Can they do this? What they don't pay for goes back to one's personal insurance. Is this a good thing?
- Mike also asked if anyone knows of someone who has union values, is republican from the Town of Champion and is a businessman as there is a vacancy coming up in politics.

5.4 RA April 29-May 1, 2024 in NYC: Rick Morris, Rod Sherman and Joe Vernon will attend representing RC9.

5.5 RC9 Meeting in Potsdam: June 20th. Rick and Lynn are going. They would like others to go and help represent.

5.6 Date for visit to Jefferson County Historical Society: September 17, 2024. This will go in the August Newsletter. There will be a catered lunch.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Political development for 2024: Joe Mannion for Congress. They are working on fixing Tier VI issues and APPR

6.2 JLCNR Membership Flyer: keep trying to contact new members

6.3 AFT Action Network: we're using this more to contact new members. Need Someone to take this over when Ruth retires July 1. She will train someone.

6.4 Problems with Meritain: these need to be reported to the NYSUT office.

6.5 Other:

- Ruth is retiring as of July 1, 2024. Great job with all you've done.
- Ruth asked that at the May 23 conference if we would supply door prizes as we've done in the past. The Board agreed. Also we need 2 people to work at the registration desk.

7.0 Adjournment: Mike made motion. Janice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:44.

Meeting Dates: May 23, Mini Conference, June 13, July 11, September 17 at Historical Society, November 14. October date and time for luncheon to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Carlo

Secretary