

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES
Minutes October 9, 2023

- I. Call to order -11:10 am.
- II. Welcome Members and Guests –Today’s speaker Father Scott Seymour is with us
- III. Co-Chair Reports
Gary:
 - Anna Marie Langlois from NCCS passed away September 30, 2023. James Conley, music teacher at Moriah CS, passed away October 3, 2023
 - Voting is coming up and early voting is the week prior to election day
 - Referred to an article from Alliance for Retired Americans
 - Women receive almost 25% less for retirement than many other groups due to truncated work lives because of child care and elder care
- IV. Secretary’s Minutes for September 11, 2023
 - a. Motion to accept: Valerie Jodoin
 - b. Second: David Kenoyer
 - c. Approved
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Rod Sherman sent Annual Report October 9, 2023
 - a. Beginning Balance \$12,411.65
 - b. Income \$3305.00
 - c. Expenses \$732.60
 - d. Ending Balance \$14,984.05
 - e. Motion to accept: Nona Garrand
 - f. Second: Vicki Washburn
 - g. Approved
- VI. Correspondence: Thank you note from Makenna Stoddard for the scholarship given to her
- VII. Committees
 - a. Retiree Assistance – (no chair)

- b. Sunshine – Juanita Stone: a Get-Well card was sent to Bob Harris and we received a thank note from him
- c. Membership –none.
- d. Nominating: no need at the moment
- e. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn: no report
- f. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn:
 - Met last week. Received grant for \$190,102.
 - Approved request from Heather Walsh, board member from Willsboro to attend a tech conference in Colorado. She will teach classes on what she learns.
 - New mentor program started October 4. Melody Trombley, a board member from NCCS retired in June and is now working part-time for NCTRC. She has requested remaining on the NCTRC board as a retiree.
 - Discussion of how a person becomes the representative on the board as a retired teacher representing CVCR. Rod will communicate with her about membership in CVCR.
 - Next meeting is in January

IX. Regional and State Reports

- a. Local Reports –Elaine Rice will be inducted into the Beekmantown Hall of Fame.
- b. NERCTA: None
- c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke:
 - He attended the meeting in Albany. He shared information from the 2020-2023 NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee (RAC) Final Report. This available to you from NYSUT. Legacy Fund recognized 49 people. The NYSUT Mental Health Network has grown to over 900 members and there will be Medical Debt Seminars in October. Communications came up with many ideas on how to communicate with locals and get names of retirees. Only 17% of 250,000 members give to VOTE COPE. There are key races around the state that are important to us. Check out Member services. You can call Bill at 518-735-4426 with questions.
- d. NYSUT Director Report – Jeanette Stapley: absent
- e. Retiree Council #9 – Lynn Hunneyman: absent
- f. NYSUT Regional Staff Director –none
- g. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant

IX. Old Business: Rod Sherman:

- One obstacle to fixing Tier 6 is the cost. School districts perceive a significant cost to fix Tier 6, but do not realize that to keep someone from age 55 to age 63 on staff would cost over \$600,000.

X. New Business

- On the tables is a Proposed Amendment: Resolved that the treasurer of CVCR is hereby authorized to move our funds, at a time which is convenient, into a branch of Key Bank in Plattsburgh and be it further resolved that in addition to listing the Co-Chairs (Carlos Madan, Violet Moesch) and Treasurer (Roderick Sherman) of CVCR on the account. We shall also include the Treasurer of Retiree Council 9, Richard Morris. Motion: Valerie Jodoin and second Charlie Stone. Approved
- There were issues with the emails sent out to CVCR membership about our meeting today. This will be passed along to Carlos.

XI. Other agenda items: Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023

XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report

- 50/50 - \$18 for each. Winner was Valerie Jodoin.
- Food Shelf donation - \$60

XIII. Grace Before Meal

XIV. Adjournment at 12: 11 pm

- Motion by: Dennis Hulbert
- Second by: David Kenoyer
- Approved

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Program: Father Scott Seymour of the St. Joseph's Community Outreach Center

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kenoyer