

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF RETIREES
Minutes September 11, 2023

- I. Call to order -11:03 am.
- II. Welcome Members and Guests – Carlos led pledge. Moment of silence for 9-11-2001. Lynn introduced Rick Morris the new RC- 9 Treasurer. New members present today are Paula Cormier and Margaret Edwards.
- III. Co-Chair Reports
Carlos:
 - Thank you certificate to Gary VanCour for his seven years as Co-Chair of CVCR.
 - Change to Google Voice registration seemed to work well for this meeting. Some used the form from online. Mailings come from the NYSUT office in Albany this year.
 - Everyone should know what contractual obligations you had when you retired. Rod Sherman and the NYSUT office have the contracts.
 - Carlos has jury duty at 1:30 today
- IV. Secretary’s Minutes for June 12, 2023 (B. VanCour)
 - a. Motion to accept: John Clancy
 - b. Second: Nona Garrand
 - c. Approved
- V. Treasurer’s Report – Rod Sherman sent Annual Report July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with the anticipated expenses for the coming year; June meeting to the end of June; and July 1 to September 11.
 - a. Beginning Balance \$12, 191.45
 - b. Income \$976.00
 - c. Expenses \$770.80
 - d. Ending Balance \$12,396.65
 - e. Motion to accept: Vicki Washburn
 - f. Second: Claudia Hornby
 - g. Approved
 - Rod explained that members over 80 do not pay dues. We will pay RC9 \$10 dues for members over 80 registered in CVCR. He anticipates we will pay for approximately 100 members.

VI. Correspondence:

VII. Committees

- a. Retiree Assistance – (no chair)
- b. Sunshine – nothing new
- c. Membership – Many members turned in dues the new way and Rod has no information from that yet. He just got envelopes from our NYSUT office today.
- d. Nominating: no need at the moment
- e. Scholarship – Vicki Washburn: no report
- f. NCTRC – Vicki Washburn: first meeting is October 4.

VIII. Regional and State Reports

- a. Local Reports –none
- b. NERCTA:
 - Jeanette said the officers met in August and there is an agenda for the October 3 meeting. Trying to streamline the meetings this year with each meeting having a theme.
 - Rod spoke to the info on the tables about the campaign to equalize the tier system. It will be a long difficult campaign. Several unions are working on fixing tier 6.
 - Tier 6 inequities are making it hard to find teachers and members of the public sector that are under this retirement system for the state.
 - NYSUT is looking at the conversation about Tier 6 to have opportunities to have conversations about the value of union membership.
- c. RAC (NYSUT Retiree Advisory Committee) – Bill LaDuke
- d. NYSUT Director Report – Jeanette Stapley
 - Forty-five members from ED9 on committees
 - Three teachers volunteered to be on the testing task force
 - Next meeting is on September 20
 - Jeanette is sponsoring a team called the Grateful Optimists to walk in the Alzheimer's Walk. We can sign up to add our support.
- e. Retiree Council #9 – Lynn Hunneyman
 - RC9 covers a huge area. There is a problem with attending meetings from each of the councils.
 - Membership is growing. But it is still a struggle to get members to take leadership positions.
 - Need a volunteer to work on the RC9 website.

- f. NYSUT Regional Staff Director –Don Carlisto/Rod Sherman spoke to health insurance. We have two platinum plans right now. Substitute personnel get a bronze plan. Discussion of making a Medicare First Plan for spouses of deceased members at a bronze level which would be more affordable.
 - Contracts being settled now are good and most are settled
 - Schools were excluded from the act that requires plans for violence prevention but new legislation has changed that.
- g. RC 9 and 10 Retiree Consultant – Remind us to call if you want to attend meetings or museum outings. Ruth.Shippee@nysut.org .
Next meeting September 19, day trip on September 21.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- On the tables is a Proposed Amendment: **Dues:** Dues of \$10 plus dues for RC-9 will be collected in the fall. Dues may be adjusted when the Executive Committee deems it necessary, with the approval of a two-thirds vote of members present at a monthly luncheon meeting.
- Rod Sherman made the motion to approve the amendment to the Administrative Guidelines. Seconded by Dave Kenoyer. Approved
- Moment of Silence for Beverly Ireland from Plattsburgh City Schools who passed

XI. Other agenda items

XII. 50/50 and Food Shelf Report

- a. 50/50 - \$28 was won by Priscilla Altizer and bottle of wine was won by Roberta Decker.
- b. Food Shelf donation - \$65

XIII. Grace Before Meal

XIV. Adjournment at 12: 04 pm

- a. Motion by: Claudia Hornby
- b. Second by: Billie VanCour
- c. Approved

LUNCH

Program: James Carlin and the Mission of Hope

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Kenoyer