

NYSUT RC 9 FSNUR Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Potsdam NYSUT Office

Present: Ron Day, Sheila Day, Sarah Fiacco, Tony Fiacco, Carrie French, Tom French, Sandra Gleason, Ruth Shippee

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of the October 23, 2023 Minutes:

- a. Motion to Accept Made by Tom French; 2nd by Sarah Fiacco. Motion passed.

III. Reports

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** No Official Report. See Minutes of October 23. Ruth Shippee explained that RC 9 VP Roger Sherman is working to connect various accounts with correct EINs. Expects work to be done in January.
- b. **Membership:** 74 FSNUR retirees have officially joined by mail through the Watertown Office. In addition to today's meeting attendees, 8 people indicated they were interested in attending, but couldn't make it.
 - i. Ruth will supply the group with a list of the 8 people so we have a sense of who is interested in being active
 - ii. Ruth also volunteered to make a special email distribution list of people who have attended recent meetings
 - iii. Memberships are through the June 30th fiscal year.
- c. **Nominating Committee:** Discussed timeline for elections and Bylaw issues
 - i. Can an individual hold more than one office? (Noted that Bylaws need revision, general agreement that pairing of certain offices makes sense).
 - ii. Timeline
 1. January Newsletter will include call for Nominating Committee volunteers and officers
 2. March Newsletter will announce officer candidates
 3. Tentative June Election
- d. **Development of FSNUR Calendar of Events and Meetings:**
 - i. Schedule Through July
 1. Higley Flow Ski/Snowshoe – February (Tom French)
 2. Remington Museum – March (Ruth)
 3. Eclipse – April 8 (Tom French)
 4. St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum – May 24 (Ron)
 5. SOAR Presentation at June Meeting (Tony)
 6. Tour of Thousand Island Park – July (Tom French)
 - ii. Other Potential Events for Next Few Months
 1. Carrie French will investigate an event Third Wheel Pottery in Potsdam
 2. Sandra Gleason will investigate Paint & Sit

- iii. Longer Term Potential Events
 1. Tupper Lake Area
 - a. Wild Center, Train, Rail Bikes, Spring Pond Bog
 2. Plattsburgh Area
 - a. War of 1812 Museum, Air Force Base Museum, Miner Institute, etc.
 3. Boat Tours (Tom French will investigate)
 - a. Raquette Lake, Boldt Castle, Singer Castle, Rock Island Light, Dinner Cruises
 4. Lisbon Museum (Sandra Gleason will Investigate)
 5. Fire Tower Hikes
 6. Canadian Attractions – Upper Canada Village, Ottawa, Montreal
 7. Pub/Beer/Wine/Coffee Shop Tours, but also perhaps single visit events for lunch and socializing
 8. Baseball in NYC Bus Tour
 9. Casino
 10. Hosmer Hall Event (with dinner)
 11. Hockey Games
 12. Art Workshops
 13. Shelburne Museum
 14. Presentations as part of meeting agenda
 - iv. Discussion of Ways to Promote including Single Issue Emails and North Country Now in addition to regular Newsletters
 - v. People doing research on an event or “hosting” one were asked to have information to Ruth Shippee by January 1.
- e. **FSNUR Sponsored Scholarship:** Discussion of setting up a Scholarship for new teachers beginning in the fall. Also discussed a scholarship for graduating high school seniors, but thought it was better to support new teachers just entering their careers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 27th at 10:00 at the Potsdam NYSUT Office

Topics for future meetings:

- Review Nominations
- Continued Activities Organization
- Promoting More Involvement in the Group by Other Retirees
- School Elections

Sarah Fiacco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Gleason 2nd. Motion Passed.