

NYSUT RC 9 FSNUR Meeting: Monday October 22, 2023

Lobster House Norwood, NY

Present: *Robin Duncan, Sarah Fiacco, Tony Fiacco, Kathy Forbes, Carrie French, Tom French, Sandra Gleason, Laura Gutenmann, Rose Preston, Ginger Storey-Welch*

1. Welcome by Ruth Shippee, NYSUT Retiree Services Consultant
 - a. Appoint secretary for this meeting- Sarah Fiacco volunteered
 - b. Resolutions from Retiree Election District 51-53 conference were passed around. RC 9 Board voted to support those resolutions approved and sent forward to be acted on at the Representative Assembly (RA).
 - c. Announced that Sarah Fiacco will receive gift card for completing RC 9 Conference evaluation online
 - d. Tony Fiacco has been named FSNUR chairperson.

2. Previous Minutes:

- a. Ginger made a motion, with Tony 2nd, that since FSNUR has not been active for a period, reading of the previous minutes would be dispensed with. Motion passed 11-0.

3. Reports & Discussions:

a. Treasurer:

- i. Updating new RC Treasurer found issues with EIN that were being used. RC 9 board has decided to move all accounts to KeyBank (RC 9, FSNUR, JLCNR, CVCR, SANR) with RC 9 treasurer: Rick Morris, also having access.
- ii. To complete this, Tony Fiacco was appointed temporary Chair of FSNUR and Sarah Fiacco was appointed temporary Treasurer of FSNUR on October 20 RC 9 Board meeting.
- iii. FSNUR account will have \$1000 put in it to begin with: from old account and memberships in the last few years.
 1. Robin asked what amount was turned over to RC 9 and how much has come in from Membership in the last few years. Ruth will research and report back.
 2. Tom asked where the \$20 fee goes: \$10 to each FSNUR and RC 9
 3. Tom also asked how the money gets spent: Ruth responded that some goes to conferences, meetings for the president- mileage, door prizes, etc. Ruth mentioned that her travel expenses that are covered by NYSUT travel around 2 RC's is about \$600. FSNUR will decide how its money is spent.
 4. Also asked how many members there are in FSNUR: FSNUR retirees number are 771, those who have sent in form and participation fee for 2023-2024: 69.
- iv. FSNUR will need to hold elections for officers chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

b. Creation of Nominating committee for spring elections-

- i. Information to be put in January 2024 newsletter that we need a committee and nominations
 - ii. March 15, 2024 newsletter should have nominees and date, time and location of vote
- iii. Tom began discussion about how many meetings there should be during the year. Tony said it is up to us on how active we want to be. Robin also mentioned we are trying to draw in other retirees. Ruth stated many retirees are unaware of FSNUR and RC 9. She also discussed that some local unions may have deleted members when they retired or dis-associated people from the local when they retired. Robin was looking for an activation response and how we get contact information. Ginger noted that knowing about school board elections is so important.
- iv. Tom French volunteered to serve as VicePresident/Secretary- group unanimously accepted.

c. Development of FSNUR Calendar of events & meetings

- i. December 5 at 10 am at NYSUT Potsdam office
 - ii. Goal for meetings will be to set social events, help keep retirees connected to their local, keep 'ear to ground' for issues regarding retirees and NYSUT members in the area.

4. Adjournment

- a. Robin moved to adjourn and Kathy 2nd.
- b. Lunch followed with a presentation from Dr. Shelby Connolly of 5 Elements in Colton

Some brainstorming ideas to follow up on:

- Scholarships: high school and/or new teachers from the two counties
- Pub/beer/wine tour (one day or one a month)
- Baseball in NYC bus tour
- SOAR program (senior program at SUNY Potsdam) 315-267-2690
- Casina
- Hikes (Tom did cross-country in February)
- Ottawa- one of the festivals like Tulip or Winter, Brockville
- Hosmer Hall- include dinner
- Hockey: Clarkson, St. Lawrence, SUNY Potsdam and Canton
- Art workshops like 3-D Photography, Pottery
- Remington Museum
- Shelburne Museum- (spring for lilacs)
- April 8, 2024 Eclipse- SUNY Potsdam and Tupper Lake