

RASCC Executive Council and Activities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2017

PRESENT: President Bud Macy, Vice President Marilyn McCall, Treasurer Mary Donahue, Members-at-Large Doris Stratman and Maureen Clinton, Membership Chair & Website Administrator Pete Herron, Newsletter Editor Bob Stone, Immediate Past President Jim Brennan, Members Marie Hanna, Joyce Gabrielle, and Regina McEneaney

The minutes of the February 3, 2017 meeting were accepted.

1. President Bud Macy welcomed new retirees Marie Hanna, Joyce Gabrielle, and Regina McEneaney to the meeting. They, along with Maureen Clinton were awarded membership pins.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Donahue reported that we presently have a balance of \$5,311.05. The balance at the February 3rd meeting was \$6,114.78. Mary reported that since she has not received anything from the foundation office since the beginning of February the present balance of \$5,311.05 could be different.

Bob Stone questioned the two Minuteman Press charges of \$125.55 and \$140.18. Mary did not have that information on hand but would report to Bob regarding these expenses.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Pete Herron reported he sent out 32 letters to members who had paid 2016 dues but not 2017 dues. He received 27 checks as a result of that mailing. To date we have 83 paid members and 6 new retiree members for a total of 89 members in good standing. Pete reported that a mistake was made in the letter that was sent out. The letter included an old membership form where the dues were indicated at the past fee of \$25 and not the newly approved dues of \$30. All of the 27 responses included checks for \$25.

4. NEWSLETTER: Bob Stone reported that the winter newsletter was recently sent to members. Bob said that it was later than usual because of problems he had with his computer. He noted that the Newsletter included a lot of photos and very little text. He expressed hope that our next newsletter would include more information about events. He asked the new retirees at this meeting to submit information about their careers at SCC, activities, plans for the future, etc. Maureen Clinton, Marie Hanna, Joyce Gabrielle and Regina McEneaney indicated that they would submit something for the next newsletter.

5. WEBMASTER: Pete Herron reported that he is just keeping the site up to date. Most recently he put information about the Theatre Three outing on the site.

6. RASCC BANNER: Bud Macy reported that he has received a \$120 to \$150 ballpark figure for the banner. The design will be the same as on the RASCC membership pins. The Executive Council approved the purchase of the banner.

7. SPRING AND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON SITES: There was a discussion of possible sites for the Spring Luncheon and for the Holiday Party. Doris Stratman suggested having the Spring Luncheon at Stonewall's at the Woods/Cherry Creek Golf Course. Regina McEneaney suggested Cull House in Sayville. Other sites suggested were the Bellport Country Club and

Lombardi's on the Bay. It was decided that Regina will contact Cull House to see about availability for June 6,7 or 8 and whether it will be a suitable site for 40 or so potential attendees.

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> Doris Stratman indicated that once we have a date and site for the Spring Luncheon she will contact John Gallagher to see if he would be available to be the guest speaker since surgery prevented him from doing so at last Spring's luncheon.

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> Marie Hanna suggested Villa Sorrento in St. James as the site for the Holiday party. Marie said that she has attended a number of luncheons there and felt that it would be a good choice. She will contact the restaurant to get information about availability, price, menu, etc.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Marilyn McCall suggested that we explore the possibility of renewing interest in "The Tree Of Knowledge" projects on the three campuses. Bud Macy said that this will be a topic that will be discussed at the foundation/RASCC luncheon meeting to be held following the Executive Council meeting.

There was discussion about the "right to work" legislation throughout the nation and the impact that it has on public unions. Insofar as New York is concerned an immediate threat to public unions involves the constitutional convention ballot that will be on the November ballot. It was decided that information on both topics should be included in a future newsletter. Joyce Gabrielle will draft a report on the topic and submit it to Executive Council members for discussion at a future meeting.

9. ACTIVITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE: There was no formal meeting of the committee. However, Jim Brennan reported that 15 play/dinner tickets had been reserved for the Sunday, April 23rd performance of "Where there's a Will". Since checks for ten tickets had already been received and we have more than a month until the April 14th deadline, in an email with the committee chair, Ginny Trombetta, it was decided that we should reserve additional tickets. Jim contacted Theatre Three to reserve an additional 5 tickets to bring the total to 20. With two checks received at the meeting and verbal commitments for five other tickets we would appear to have 17 attending. Jim Brennan will contact Douglas Quattroch, Theatre Three Group Coordinator, to determine whether it is possible or advisable to reserve additional tickets beyond the 20 that we presently have reserved.

Respectfully submitted,
James V. Brennan