

Retirees Association of Suffolk Community College
Executive Council Meeting
Minutes from April 6, 2018

In attendance;

President-Bud Macy

Vice President-Marilyn McCall

Treasurer-Mary Donahue

Webmaster-Pete Heron

Newsletter Editor-Bob Stone

Doris Stratmann-Member at Large

Terry Blanz-Member at Large

Maureen Clinton-Member at Large

Joyce Gabriele

Marie Hanna

Bud called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

The minutes from the March 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer report:

Mary reported we currently have \$9,753.61

Membership report:

Pete Heron reported on the paid membership; as of now 41 people have not renewed. It was agreed that all paid and unpaid people would be kept on the email list, but would not be included in the directory. He said the directory would go out with a cover letter sometime in May.

Maureen mentioned she had left messages for the AME President in reference to their members joining our group, but had not gotten a return call. Mary said there had recently been elections and she would contact them and give them my number to discuss this issue.

Newsletter report:

The first aspect of the conversation was on the merits of sending out a memorial newsletter this fall to celebrate 15 years of it. There was general consensus that it might be a good idea to do the mass mailing to anyone we had addresses for as a means of encouraging renewals and possibly cleaning up the mailing list.

It was decided that it should be more pictorial to stimulate memories from when our members were here. Bob commented that the cost for additional newsletters, over our regular run of 130, is negligible.

Items to be included in the commemorative newsletter need to be given to Bob by June for inclusion in this fall publication.

Another suggestion for the newsletter in general was for a column on “Senior Alerts.” This would be about things such as scams, health info, etc. that would be of interest to our membership.

Webmaster report:

Pete asked for recommendations/changes. There was mention that some people are still having problems opening the graphics in email notices, but at least we get a record of who opened the email when we use Mail Chimp.

Institutional History project:

Bob had brought in some items to start with such as the old yearbooks and encouraged others to do the same. Maureen said she had made contact a group of alumni who had offered to work on cleaning up the Long Island room and she had already started to gather items from them. Bob said he would meet with the alumni group to go through the contents of that room, especially for items to include in the memorial newsletter.

Spring Luncheon:

The next area of business was the May 15, 2018 luncheon at the Cull House. Pete inquired from the group if there was a better way of collecting the monies than having all the checks sent to him. When the suggestion of using the Foundation was brought up both Pete and Marie reminded the group of the trouble they had with trying to use it for the Holiday Luncheon. There were issues raised from last year’s luncheon, such as far as seating configuration and lack of coffee and tea, in the price. Changing the cost from \$30. to \$35. was discussed to be able to include the coffee & tea. Doris suggested instead of long tables we have smaller tables seating 6 to 8 people. Pete said he would speak to Regina about the areas we discussed.

Nominating Committee:

Joyce, Bob and Pete volunteered to nominate people for the positions that will be vacant.

The list of nominees for the positions so far is;

Marilyn for Vice President, Regina for secretary, Mary for treasurer, Doris, Terry and Marie for Member at Large and Maureen for president.

The schedule is for the ballot to be sent out in July, the vote will be done in the fall and the new terms would start in January.

The meeting concluded at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Clinton,

Member at Large