

# CENTRAL SQUARE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



The Newsletter of the Central Square Retired Teachers' Association of CSTA  
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CSRTA is alive and well and looking to grow! Goettel Park was a lovely place to meet for May and we're going to do it again for September! Please join us:

When: Friday, September 16 at noon

Place: Goettel Park pavilion

Bring: a bag lunch if you choose

Many thanks go out to the CSRTA Officers who have served so faithfully for many years. President Cassie Richmond, Secretary Lauren Lalley and newsletter editor Karen Marzynski have served long and well! They will continue to support the new individuals taking on their roles.

President: Helen Bolen

Vice President: Agnes Wilk

Secretary: Dave Fries

Treasurer: Laura Turner

CSTA Rep: Joe Barbera

SPRING MEETING MAY 13, 2022  
GOETTEL PARK, CENTRAL SQUARE

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Cassie Richmond at 12:33PM. She welcomed everyone to our first picnic meeting.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The following report was issued by Treasurer Laura Turner:

Checking Account: \$2852.37

Since we have not met in two years, due to the pandemic, there have not been expenditures to note. Paid membership includes 35 members. Dues of \$10 (\$5 to local-\$5 to regional) is paid in the fall, following a school year calendar. Dues may be sent to:

Laura Turner

7237 Willow Road

North Syracuse, NY 13212

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Chair Elaine Suskin was pleased to announce the winners of this year's CSRTA Scholarship. He is Jonathan Midey, grandson of Lynn Vanderveen. He will attend Ohio State studying communications. His application was outstanding and the letter of recommendation very supportive.

Elaine Suskin made a motion to award \$500 to this year's winner. Joe Barbera seconded the motion. It was carried.

The deadline for the 2023 scholarship will be January 1, 2023.

**UPDATE FROM THE CSTA:**

Joe Barbera, our representative to the CSTA, gave the following update:

- The school budget vote in NYS will be May 17. Please vote yes. CSTA has endorsed all School Board candidates. There are 3 three year terms and 1 one year term. the candidate who receives the least number of votes will serve the one year term. All are incumbents except Mud Murphy.
- The Teachers Association and the District approved a 4 year contract, July 2022-26.

There is a 4% salary increase each year. \$150 longevity award and step increases. For retiring teachers there is a \$70 award for unused sick days, \$100 if there are over 100 days. If people opt out of the Insurance program there is a monetary incentive. Prescription prices, at certain classes, have increased. There is a Mitigation Pool of money available for people to send in receipts to get reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. This needs to be sent in by June 1.
- The CSTA End of the Year Party will be at the 916 Restaurant in Brewerton on June 10. All retired teachers are invited. There will be a basket Raffle to support the Disaster Relief Fund. This money is used to help anyone who is in need.

**NEWSLETTER**

Many thanks to Karen Marzynski for producing the newsletter for many years. Due to health concerns she is no longer able to do it. Linda Meredith volunteered to do the newsletter. She will contact Karen to get all necessary information.

**OFFICERS**

After nearly 20 years in office president Cassie Richmond and Recording Secretary Lauren Lalley are retiring from their positions. Helen Bolen will become President and Dave Fries will become Recording Secretary. They will shadow the outgoing officers for as long as needed. Agnes Wilk will remain as Vice President and Laura Turner will remain as Treasurer.

**DONATIONS**

It was moved by Linda Meredith and seconded by Elaine Suskin to donate to these local groups:

Project Bloom \$150

Divine Mercy Food Pantry \$100

Brewerton Food Pantry \$100

North Shore Food Pantry \$100

The motion was passed.

Dave Fries will check with the high school personnel to determine if there is a financial need for the back pack program or other programs.

**Next MEETING**

The next meeting will be Friday, September 16 at noon in Goettel Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lauren Lalley  
Recording Secretary

From the newsletter editor: Please sign up to have your newsletter emailed to you instead of using snail mail if possible. Printing costs are growing as are the costs of postage. Email Linda at [1745meredith@gmail.com](mailto:1745meredith@gmail.com) to update your information. Thank you!



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