

NFCRTA Executive Board Meeting
Almonte's Restaurant
April 20, 2011

President Bob Scalzo called the meeting to order at 11:40AM.

Present: Bob Scalzo, Rick Cassar, June Jones, Julianne Gallagher, Jaretta Kilcourse, Kay Santoro, Libby Kasimer and Rose Paonessa.

Absent: Louis DePaul and Jerry Hyland

President's Remarks:

Bob welcomed members of the Board to the meeting. He asked for a moment of silence in honor of several of our members who have recently passed away. He then discussed the following items:

1. Legislative alerts: Stay in touch with legislators when receiving e-mail alerts.
2. Check our website (www.nfcrt.org) and the ARTC website (www.artct.org) for information regarding the Sterling and Sterling Benefits Program.
3. Delta Kappa Gamma Presentation May 5: Bob will be doing a presentation for Delta Kappa Gamma on May 5. His topic will be "Why Should We Join Retired Teachers' Groups and other Retired Groups?"
4. He discussed the need to get newer retirees involved in order for them to learn what goes on in state and federal government regarding issues affecting us. They are more computer savvy and have more energy.
5. Lobby Day is May 4 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. We need more people to attend from here.
6. Reminder: Newsletter articles are to be sent to Rose by April 29, 2011.

Reports by Committee Chairs:

Membership: June Jones: Our new membership card was discussed. We have 354 members on our roster. Letters have been sent to newly retired teachers in this area.

Website: Joretta Kilcourse: Joretta has updated the legislator list. There is also a page devoted to activities for retirees. She needs to update the Accomplishments page and discussed the address book, which needs to be expanded. Important Health Insurance information is also on the website.

Scholarship: Kay Santoro: The Scholarship application is on the website. Applications have been given to 7 schools but only 1 school has responded. Kay indicated that she would have to call the other schools.

Treasurer: Libby Kasimer: As of this date, 34 people are coming to the luncheon. There is \$10,673.55 in the checking account and \$6,296.85 in our CD,

Newsletter: Rose Paonessa: The newsletter needs articles.

Legislation: Rick Cassar: There will be a choral group and a Mark Twain actor at the ARTC luncheon. There will be a fund drive for the ARTC PAC. Bills affecting us will be discussed at Lobby Day on May 4. Our pension fund is secure until 2032 and the Health Insurance Premium Account is ok for now.

Mary Edgett Memorial: Bob reported that the tree planting at Broadview Middle School is not getting done. It was suggested that the Danbury Museum is a better alternative. Rick Cassar made a motion to plant a tree on the Museum grounds. Kay Santoro seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julianne Gallagher
Recording Secretary