

NFCRTA
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018

The Executive Board meeting of the NFCRTA was held at Castello's at 12:30 PM on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Present:

President: Rona Rothhouse
Vice President: Sharon Cook
Treasurer: Libby Kasimer
Secretary: Cathy Baker
Legislative Chairperson: Bill Murray
Membership Chairperson: June Jones
Scholarship Chairperson: Kay Santuro
Webmaster and Community Concerns Chairperson: Joretta Kilcourse

Absent:

Newsletter Chairperson: Rose Paonessa

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 by President Rothhouse

Announcements:

- The Spring Luncheon will be held at Anthony's Lake Club on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 11:30 AM.
- June Jones and Libby Kasimer reported that mailings had gone out for the spring luncheon and to date there are 54 people coming.
- Joretta Kilcourse reported that information regarding the luncheon is also available on the newly designed website.
- Kay Santuro reported that the Mary Edgett Scholarship for \$1500 and Memorial Scholarship for \$1000 will be awarded to two students from Brookfield School District. The students have been invited to attend the Spring Luncheon. Kay also noted that a former winner of Mary Francis Edgett Scholarship was elected as a Full Bright Scholar.
- Rona Rothhouse reported that Bob Godfrey, Danbury's Democratic representative for the 7th district and Dave Arconti, Danbury's 105th district Democratic representative have both agreed to speak at the Spring Luncheon. Issues of concern are the lack or limited funding of both our health insurance and our pensions.

Rona reported on the ARTC Meeting she and June Jones attended on May 22, 2018.

- One of the issues discussed was membership. The question is how many NFCRTA members are also members of ARTC. Discussion of how to increase membership

ensued. June stated that there is a plan in motion as to how to contact different towns to get names of retiring teachers to invite them to become NFCRTA members.

- Rona informed the group of the steps taken by the Health Insurance Committee which included the fact that an additional 16.1 million dollars was added to the Health Fund. This fully funds the Health Insurance Fund for THIS year.
- There is a bill, at the legislative level, that creates a study panel to look into the creation of a *hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan* for NEW teachers with risk sharing on investment returns. Bill Murray explained that part of the pension is based on performance of investments and part of the pension is guaranteed - pension amounts will vary from year to year. In general this is not considered a positive step forward and teachers need to monitor this development carefully.
- Rona provided information regarding the Glenn Moon Scholarship which is sponsored by ARTC. A motion was made by June Jones to contribute \$100 to the scholarship and was seconded by Sharon Cook. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Baker
Recording Secretary