Professional Association Executive Board

October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Present: Norma Chrisman, Patti Antanavige, Alison Doughtie, Justin Rahn, Justin Wilcox, Robin Saxe, Aaron Fried, Kelly McNamara, Sergey Myalik, Jennifer Fanelli (excused), Sharon Zohne, Carolyn DeJohn (excused), Ross Wittenberg**

**Absent: Melissa Bartlett, Kathy Kotary**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Call to Order and Approve Agenda** | Meeting was called to order by President Norma Chrisman at 2:26pm |  |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of Sept 26 2019 minutes  Motion: Aaron Fried  2nd: Patti Antanavige | **Motion Accepted** |
| **President:** | * 1. Meeting with VP Kahler (10/8): RE: member issue. Very open to solution. Waiting for approval from Randy and Human Resources   2. Samuel Gompers Dinner (10/18): Small class. Only 8 Honorees.   3. BOT Meeting (10/21): Tom Squires stated there will be an 18% increase in Health Care costs this year. |  |
| **Correspondence:** | * 1. none |  |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | 1. 231 paying Members, 5 Nonmembers. 2. Reminder to please fill out expense forms they are very helpful to Ross for keeping track of budget costs. 3. Because of the amount of people that have moved to different areas or retired from eboard we need new signatures on file for the Bank of Utica. Motion to approve 8 different people to have signatures on file for both the Professional Association and the Benefits Trust Fund. Members are the President, the 1st vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Benefits fund chair, Past President and the Benefits Fund Treasurer.   Motion: Patti Antanavige  2nd: Justin Wilcox | **Motion Accepted** |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | Continuing to monitor and update member list and Davis Vision List to keep everything current. |  |
| **Community Outreach** | 1. Intergenerational cleanup went well with 30 participants that included members and students. 2. Basket is being donated for the community college conference raised money goes to the NYSUT disaster fund 3. Looking into a paint night 4. Coat drive for Kernan School starting soon. Looking for sizes 4T – youth 14 5. Rome rescue mission: volunteers not needed at this time but monetary donations are. Motion to Donate $100 to the Rome Rescue Mission. Motion: Alison Doughtie, 2nd: Justin Wilcox 6. November 4th “Pay to Play” Movie is being shown. Lindsey Williams will do that along with Bill Perrotti 7. December 3rd “Inequality” movie is being shown. Robin Saxe will do that along with Bill Perrotti. | **Motion accepted.** |
| **Education and Training** | No report |  |
| **Internal Communications** | Scholarship advertising and vote before next meeting. Panorama out by the end of the semester. Need Articles. |  |
| **LAP** | 1. We were approved for the amount of money requested from NYSUT. 2. Creating leadership/unionist training program 3. Partnered with C3 for bus passes for students 4. Updating new member binders 5. Personal hygiene drive for Utica Central Schools: donations to be requested for January Luncheon 6. Summer retreat to keep LAP momentum moving forward a project that we are working on. |  |
| **Member Engagement** | Meeting on 10/25/19 to discuss Holiday party and years of service.  Possible Holiday party dates: 12/13, 12/16 or 12/17.  Community outreach would like to partner with the Holiday Party in collecting donations for a Humane Society this year. |  |
| **Political Outreach** | 1. The committee met with candidates running for County Legislator and OC Executive positions 2. It is suggested to back Anthony Picente and Emile Peperella. Motion for a vote: Alison Doughtie 2nd: Justin Rahn \*abstained from endorsements vote: Alison Doughtie. | **Motion accepted** |
| **Research and Records** | Assistance offered to negotiations. Working on continuing to scan old contracts. |  |
| **New Members** | No report |  |
| **Grievance** | 1 Arbitration filed. No outstanding issues |  |
| **Negotiations** | 1. Retreat was in Clayton, NY this year. Had 3 very good sessions to discuss various proposals 2. Used the retreat to prepare our document for Contract negotiations 3. Lew Kahler is meeting with County lawyer and will let us know when he is ready to meet with us. 4. The making strides basket raffle was won by 4 out of the 5 participants that attended the conference in Clayton and one of the baskets was full of lotto tickets and the money won from those was donated to the textbook fund totaling $75. |  |
| **Old Business** | none |  |
| **New Business** | 1. Determine meeting dates for November and December: Dates chosen were November 21 and December 12th both stating at 2:15pm 2. Aaron Fried is having an “Empty your pockets Jar” which he is bringing to any meeting he attends. If you have money in your pocket you would like to donate and put in the jar it will profit the textbook fund. |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting will be November 21 at 2:15pm in AB 145 |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion: Erica Brindisi, 2nd: Robin Saxe | **Motion carried** |