Professional Association Executive Board

February 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Present: Norma Chrisman, Erica Brindisi, Robin Saxe, Alison Doughtie, Patti Antanavige, Yue Riesbeck, Justin Rahn, Melissa Barlett, Kelly McNamara, Ross Wittenberg, Aaron Fried**

**Excused: Justin Wilcox, Kate Polivka, Sam McManus**

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| **Item**  | **Discussion**  | **Action/Decision**  |
| **Call to Order and Approve Agenda** | Meeting was called to order by President Norma Chrisman  | **Call to order at 3:05PM** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of December 13, 2022, minutes | **Motion: Aaron Fried****Second: Robin Saxe****Motion approved** |
| **President:** | * CNY Labor Council Legislative Breakfast meeting (2/14)
* Board of Trustee meeting (12/19)
* Board of Trustee meeting (01/16)
* United Way Hiring Committee Interviews (01/23, 01/24)
* -An offer was made to an individual to fill an open position. Name to be announced at another date.
* United Way Board of Trustee meeting (01/26)
* CNY Labor Council meeting (01/26)
* Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (01/27)

-Budget meetings coming up. Please attend if you can.* United Way Hiring Committee Interviews (02/01)
* NYSUT Higher Ed Policy Committee meeting (02/04)

-Discussion Regarding Florida Governor and budget. Norma has been invited to talk about this at the next faculty caucus.* NYSUT Higher Ed Lobbying (02/06, 02/07)

-NYSUT is calling for a “New deal for higher Education”. Currently funding is being offered at 100% but the fine print indicates that NY will hold 20% of it. No indication of when that money will be given out.* CNY Labor Council Legislative Breakfast (02/10)
* Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (02/13)
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| **Correspondence:** | * MVCC Foundation – 26th Ted Moore Walk/Run – THURSDAY, April 27 6pm – Annual sponsorship of $500?
* **Motion: Alison Doughtie**
* **2nd: Kelly McNamara**
 | **Motion Approved** |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | * Bank statement is reconciled through January 2023
* Paying members 222
* Non Paying members 11
* 1099 NEC’s have been distributed. If there are any questions about how to put these on 2022 taxes please ask Ross Wittenberg
* Currently there is over $1000 in the Textbook scholarship fund.
* The current fiscal year ends 4/30/23
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| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | * A new chair was elected. Christine VanNamee will be the new chair. Justin Wilcox will be available to help Christine with any questions or concerns.
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| **Community Outreach** | * + - $310 was raised for The Center along with many hats/gloves/scarves.
		- Paint n Sip was a success again raising just over $100. Will reach out to C3 regarding textbook fund needs
		- Looking to start a food drive for Kernan School for the kids for their April Break.
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| **Education and Training** | * No report
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| **Internal Communications** | * Gave out both scholarships at the luncheon.
* Pano coming out with the essays from the scholarship winners
* Articles needed for next Pano by mid March
* Elections timeline discussed
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| **Member Engagement** | * At the luncheon swag was given out to members with years of service and promotion accomplishments. Many were not there and still trying to catch up to everyone.
* Something different in the works for spring fling. See new business
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| **Political Outreach** | * March 2nd meeting with Brian Miller for a legislative breakfast. Key points on properly funding Community Colleges
* March 9th in Albany for NYSUT Community 100 lobbying day
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| **Research and Records** | * No report
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| **New Members** | * Continuing to give out binders to new members
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| **Grievance**  | * No report
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| **Negotiations** | * Meeting soon to discuss issues for next negotiations
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| **Social Justice** | * Collaborating with WISE: March 8th showing the film “The Jane” on International Women’s Day
* Meeting this coming week regarding conversations on the homelessness issues
* Committee will be taking over part of the session on DEI
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| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **New Business** | * PA Office space (PH382)
* 50th anniversary – affiliation with AFT and NYSUT
	+ Legacy awards?

-Originally thought NYSUT with this but going with our own Legacy Awards to honor some of our own retirees* + Dinner? (in lieu of End of semester gathering) tentatively May 15th which is still during obligation but after classes and finals.

Aaron Fried brings up how in November we voted to buy bags for C3 and the foundation matched it. This time working with Jen Fanelli discovered Hannaford does this every month for a food pantry and this March our C3 was chosen. The catch is it must be the New Hartford Hannaford on Commercial Drive and you must buy the “Stop Hunger Bags”. The other trick is that the display of these particular bags aren’t necessarily in the front of the store. You have to look for the display. If you do this then $1 for every bag will go back to our C3. No other bags or stores will count for this. |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting Mar 14, 3:00 PH220 |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Aaron Fried2nd: Patti Antanavige | **Adjourned at 3:52 PM** |