Professional Association Executive Board

December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Present: Erica Brindisi, Patti Antanavige, Yue Riesbeck, Aaron Fried, Norma Chrisman, Ross Wittenberg, Robin Saxe, Kelly McNamara, Michael Kuczynski**

**Excused: Alison Doughtie, Justin Rahn, Christine Van Namee**

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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 2:04** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of November 9, 2023, minutes | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Erica Brindisi**  **Motion approved** |
| **President:** | * Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (11/15)   + Follow-up to incident   + Talked about state funding.   + SUNY Chancellor is not as supportive of Community Colleges as originally seemed. * United Way Board meeting (11/16)   -Susan Litera appointed as CEO/ Executive Director recently.   * CNY Labor Council and Agency meetings (11/16)   -trying to get more people involved  -Invited Stacey Abrahms to Legislative Breakfast 2/9/24   * Board of Trustee meeting (11/20) * Submit NY Board of Election report (12/04) * Monthly meeting with President Van Wagoner (12/11) |  |
| **Correspondence:** | * Thank you letter from the American Cancer Society * Information from NYSUT for Peer Support Line: can call to get help with mental health support among other things. Coordinated through Rutgers University * Information regarding Leadership Institute from NYSUT. 8/4-8/9/24 at the Desmond in Albany. |  |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | * 215 Paying members, 2 new added in the last month. * December stipends were paid in early December. * Tax forms are coming soon, if you have a change of address, please let Ross know. * Bank statement reconciled through November 2023 | **Motion: Patti Antanavige**  **Second: Aaron Fried**  **Motion approved** |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** |  |  |
| **Community Outreach** | * + - Collecting for The Center at the PA Holiday Party. Please bring a toy for Newborn to teenage to the dinner on 12/19/23. Also, would like to donate $100 in addition to collections.     - Shannon Crocker brought to our attention an article from WKTV on Mother Mariannes Kitchen being in dire need. PA would like to donate $1000.     - Robin also delivered our gifts to Public Safety and the Resident Directors for their hard work during this semester’s lock down. The RD’s were very grateful. | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Ross Wittenberg**  **Motion approved**  **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Ross Wittenberg**  **Motion approved.** |
| **Education and Training** | * + - Offering to negotiations for helping deliver information to membership. |  |
| **Internal Communications** | * PA Scholarship winners: Amanda Kerr and Madison Haubert each receive $1000 scholarship each. * Scholarship winners will be invited to the spring luncheon on 1/12/24 | **Motion: Aaron Fried**  **Second: Michael Kuczynski**  **Motion approved.** |
| **Member Engagement** | * Dec 19 Twin Ponds 5-8 End of Semester gathering. So far 90 RSVP’s. The cost of food has gone up considerably. This year it will be an open bar 5-6 and a cash bar 6-8. Dinner to be served at 6. * January Luncheon: date and room were reserved but now needs to be changed due to January Institute. Erica is looking to move it to 1/12/23 and is checking on room availability. |  |
| **Political Outreach** | * No Report |  |
| **Research and Records** | * No report |  |
| **New Members** | * New member reception had about 50 attended. Gave out $50 amazon gift cards for the new members that went. |  |
| **Grievance** | * No Report |  |
| **Negotiations** | * Meeting with the college and hoping for the new contract to be on time. * Update on the Committee Consolidation with College Senate. The PA will be taking over the elections of what the Senate considers the Human Resources type committees. This is to include: Career Appointment, continuing Appointment, Sabbatical Leave, and any Promotion Committees |  |
| **Social Justice** | * Setting up a volunteer opportunity to prepare and serve food at Hope House. Date will be sometime in the beginning of Spring semester. If there is a lot of interest, they can set up multiple days. * Also looking to invite a speaker to come to the college to speak about the homelessness in Utica. |  |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **New Business** | * Mother Marianne’s kitchen (See Community Outreach) |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting TBA |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Michael Kuczynski  2nd: Robin Saxe | **Adjourned at 2:47pm** |