Professional Association Executive Board

October 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**Present: Yue Riesbeck, Ross Wittenberg, Norma Chrisman, Patti Antanavige, Robin Saxe, Kelly McNamara, Christine Van Namee, Aaron Fried**

**Excused: Michael Kuczynski, Alison Doughtie, Erica Brindisi, Justin Rahn**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Call to Order and Approve Agenda** | Meeting was called to order by President Norma Chrisman at 3:08pm | **Call to order at** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of September 14, 2023, minutes  Motion: Aaron Fried Motion Approved  2nd: Robin Saxe | **Motion:**  **Second:** |
| **President:** | * Monthly meeting with President VanWagoner (09/15) * Board of Trustee meeting (09/18) * NYSUT ED39 meeting (09/21)   Discussed other Unions going through negotiations and their difficulties, also pushed for Community College Conference registration. We are sending 8 people.   * United Way Board of Director meeting (09/28)   Going through screening process for new Executive Director. The campaign director has resigned.   * Labor Agency meeting / Labor Council meeting (09/28)   Hosting trainings for Hispanic people to learn about trades and unions. Language is a barrier at this time. |  |
| **Correspondence:** | * none |  |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | 212 paying members (number lowered due to retirements and resignations)  3 new paying members  Same list of non-paying members  Band statement reconciled through August 2023  Mileage reimbursement: Please contact Ross for the form and please include a screen shot of google maps with the milage listed to be attached to receipts. |  |
| **Committee Reports** |  |  |
| **Benefits Fund** | Nothing new. Updating pamphlets with correct information when an error was recently discovered. The employee list has been updated through August 2023 for UNUM. |  |
| **Community Outreach** | * + - Brought backpacks to Kernan Elementary     - The basket is ready for Community College Conference next week.     - Shadow Walk next Friday.     - Selling tickets for the NYSUT Making Strides campaign as well as supplying a basket for their event at the Fall Leadership Conference. |  |
| **Education and Training** | Our committee met at the end of September, and we discussed ideas for what the committee would like to accomplish this year.  We talked about putting together some informational flyers and/or videos sharing information about lesser-known health benefits and maternity leave.  We have also reached out to members of the negotiations team to ask if they had any information, they wanted help spreading to the PA at large.  We are currently gathering relevant information on these topics before proceeding with the flyers/videos. |  |
| **Internal Communications** | * Panorama- articles requested by 10/16/23. * Sharon has sent pictures of updated officers for the display case |  |
| **Member Engagement** | * Meeting next Friday, 10/20, to set date and location for end of the year gathering. |  |
| **Political Outreach** | * Meeting with NYSUT next week to discuss helping with John Mannion’s campaign. He is the representative of   NY’s 50th Senate district in the Syracuse area.   * Looking over the Picente’s proposed 2024 Oneida County Budget, MVCC looks to have a 10% increase in base-aid funding from what I can. I’ve included links to both the adopted 2023 budget and the 2024 Executive budget below with screenshots:   2023 Adopted Budget - <https://ocgov.net/assets/Notices/2023-Adopted-as-of-11.9.2022.pdf>    2024 Executive Proposal Budget -  <https://ocgov.net/assets/CountyExecutive/Docs/2024-County-Executive-Proposed-as-of-330pm-10.4.2023.pdf>    Quick math means an increase of $869,673, which is 10% of the current budget. The problem is that I can’t find if that 10% is to actual operating aide only or if it also includes the “one-time expense” kind of stuff, i.e., $200,000 for new computers one a year. They have changed the formatting enough times that stuff gets buried. I will keep an eye out on it, however, since a 10% increase in operating revenue from the County would be incredibly impressive and possibly a source for negotiations leverage. |  |
| **Research and Records** | * No report |  |
| **New Members** | * New Member’s reception is 11/15/23, 4:30-6:00 in WH 225 |  |
| **Grievance** | * No report |  |
| **Negotiations** | * No report |  |
| **Social Justice** | We had our September meeting where we decided to move forward with planning 2 events related to our work on the topic of homelessness that we started last spring.  We will be organizing a faculty/staff/student volunteer event at one of the local food kitchens/pantries.  We have begun researching organizations that we would like to work with for this event (e.g., Johnson Park Center).  Our committee will be meeting today to share what we have learned and make a decision about where to volunteer.  We are also planning to host a panel discussion on the topic of homelessness at MVCC.  We have reached out to Michelle at C3 who gave us a lot of great contacts for potential speakers. |  |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| **New Business** |  |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting November 9th 3pm PH382 |  |
| **Adjourn** | Motion to Adjourn: Aaron Fried  2nd: Patti Antanavige | **Adjourned at** |