Professional Association General Membership Meeting/Luncheon

 January 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Present: 110 Members**

**Absent:**

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| **Item**  | **Discussion**  | **Action/Decision**  |
| **Call to Order and Approve Agenda** | Meeting was called to order by President Norma Chrisman at  | **1:00 PM** |
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| **Approve of Minutes** | Approval of January 2023 General Membership minutesMotion: Aaron Fried2nd: Patti Antanavige | **Motion Accepted**  |
| **Presidents Report** | * Recognition of Retirees: Elin Cormican, Robert Chrisman, Alan Hazen
* Thank you to all of the officers, chairs and committee members for your hard work throughout the past year.
* New member committee held a new members reception.
* Member services kicked off the semesters with luncheons and ended them with dinners and provided recognition to members for years of service, promotions, and appointments.
* Our Benefits Fund continues to offer benefits, such as Davis Vision, to our membership. They assist retirees who wish to extend this benefit into their retirement. In unfortunate times, they assist families if one of our current members passes away by helping them through the paperwork to receive the Life Insurance payout.
* Grievance Committee has supported and defended our members and our contract over various issues and concerns. Those numbers have thankfully gone down.
* Political Outreach met with politicians to fight for funding for the college.
* Social Justice Committee along with Women in STEM sponsored a film recognizing International Women’s Day
* Community outreach has collected for and school supplies for Kernan Elementary, collected food, money, toys and coats for the Rescue Missions, Mother Marianne’s Kitchen and other agencies. Donated to the Oneida County Sherriff’s Child Safety. Donated to the Michele Eddy Golf Tournament. Sponsored a team for the New Hartford Teachers Association Golf tournament. Sponsored the Ted Moore Run/Walk in memory of past PA president Ted Moore. Collaborated with Team MVCC to walk in Memory of our colleague Sam Drogo for the America’s Greatest Heart Run as well as walked for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk. Donated Baskets to NYSUT’s Making Strides campaign, MVCC celebration of Success, NYSUT Community College Conference to benefit the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.
* Internal Communication published editions of the Panorama, a big thank you to Jen Fanelli for organizing that. They also aided in getting the word out about our PA scholarship.
* Negotiations team is meeting tomorrow to put together our proposal package. This package is based on the feedback from members personally provided a member of the Negotiating team or through the topic selection rating/input email. Aaron Fried, our Negotiations chair, is working with the college to get dates to begin negotiations with the college. It is both the union’s and college’s goal to get our contract negotiated and approved prior to our current contract’s expiration of August 31, 2024.
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| Presentation of PA scholarship winners: We have 2 winners this year. Amanda Kerr and Madison Haubert, $1000 each PA scholarship |

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| **New Business** |  |  |
| **Next Meeting** | The next meeting TBA  | **Adjourned at 1:30pm** |
| **Adjourn** | Motion: Aaron Fried2nd: Nick Evanoff |  |