

**RETIRED EDUCATORS CHAPTER OF THE PWTA
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

April 19, 2022

Attendance: Tessa Jordan, Mary Anne Cariello, Fredda Meltzer, Ute Johnson, Gail Femmel, Marilyn Gilbert, Norma Ziegel

Minutes: Called to order at 11:15. Minutes were approved as written for March 8, 2022.

Treasurer's Report: No money has come in or gone out for trips and events

Friendship - Notifications: We are up to date with correspondence and condolences. Harriet Englander will be returning to Port at the end of this month. Bob Joseph is in the hospital. Liliana Bidikov's son, Damian, has died.

Membership: Membership mailing will be sent out by Tessa and Rita later in the spring.

Board of Education: Tessa reports that Kathy O'Hara presented her 5th PowerPoint about this year's \$174.8 million budget to the School Board and residents. The discussions about the budget by board members was done at the committee level. The Power Point had no indication of costs, or of items added or taken away. Staffing increases for Special Ed. And ESL were shown. No mention was made that this is a contract negotiations year with the teachers. There is a new assistant superintendent for curriculum. A new position has been created for a public relations person. In the budget vote, two incumbent board members Emily Beys and Deborah Abramson-Brooks are running against challenger Michael Tretola.

PWTA: Regina has invited teachers and retirees to attend board candidate interviews at 3:45 on Monday, April 25th and 3:45 on Wednesday, April 27th at the Teachers Center/Weber Middle School. Two candidates will be interviewed on each day.

PWRE Website: Usage continues to be good.

Book Club: Barbara Mayer continues to host our Book Club. The next meeting on May 17th, will be to discuss Faye, Faraway by Helen Fischer. It will be in a zoom format. Barbara will email members updates.

Excursions: Marilyn has scheduled our trip to Raynham Hall Museum, Oyster Bay for Tuesday, May 24th. We will arrive at 11:30 for lunch at the Café al Dente. You should check the menu at www.cafealdenteoysterbay.com. Our tour, "Slavery in Oyster Bay" is from 1:00 -2:30. The admission price is \$8.00.

Vote-Cope: Totals will be finalized by the next meeting.

RC19: Fees for 2022-23 will not be collected this year.

Newsletter: Erlyn has done a great job on the winter edition of **Port of Call**. Thanks Erlyn, for all your hard work.

Scholarships: Tessa will contact Schreiber Guidance to have them send us their scholarship applications.

President's Report:

Health Care: The district has sent out (Dec.15th) the Medicare re-imbursement (rebate) to members this is from what we paid to Medicare. Your second re-imbursement is sent in early summer, (June 15th) that is our IRMAA part.

Motion to adjourn made at 12:30.

Next Meeting will be at the PWPL, at 11:00 on Wednesday, May 18th.