

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

**May 18, 2022**

**Attendance:** Tessa Jordan, Mary Anne Cariello, Fredda Meltzer, Ute Johnson, Gail Femmel, Marilyn Gilbert, Norma Ziegel, Barbara Mayer, Lois Baslow

**Minutes:** Called to order at 11:25. Minutes were approved by MaryAnne as written for April 19, 2022.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara has paid the GNet bill.

**Friendship - Notifications:** Per Norma, we are up to date with correspondence and condolences.

**Membership:**

The membership mailing will be sent out by Tessa and Rita between now and early June. Included will be the flyer for the "Not going back to School" brunch at **Ayhan's Fish on Main** and one for the Breast Cancer Walk.

**Board of Education:** The budget passed with 2,150 residents voting "yes" and 762 voting "no". Board of Ed. President Emily Beys and Trustee Deborah Brooks were re-elected, earning 1,970 and 1,758 votes respectively. Challenger, Michael Tretola received 1,325 votes. A proposition establishing a capital reserve fund for a facilities improvement program was approved by 2,150 voters.

**PWTA:** The negotiating committee has had two meetings with the district this month. No news.

Mary Anne and Tessa noted nothing has been done about class size. Larger classes are at Weber and Schreiber. AP classes have been quite large.

**PWRE Website:** To date there have been 35,000 visitors since our site launch in 2007. Usage continues to be good.

**Book Club:** Barbara Mayer continues to host our Book Club. The next meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be to discuss "The Testimony" by Anita Schreve. Barbara will email information about the format of the meeting. The next meeting date will be Tuesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, following the PWRE brunch. Details as to time and format will be sent out by Barbara.

**Excursions:** Marilyn has confirmed our trip to Raynham Hall Museum, Oyster Bay for Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will arrive at 11:30 for lunch at the Café al Dente. You should check the menu at [www.cafealdenteoysterbay.com](http://www.cafealdenteoysterbay.com). There will be one check which includes the gratuity. The bill will be divided evenly among diners. Payment is cash only. Our tour, "Slavery in Oyster Bay" is from 1:00 -2:30. The admission price is \$8.00 (cash only as well).

**Scholarships:** Gail met with Jean Zeh and the Schreiber Guidance department. PWRE will award \$2,000 to Cloe Andersen and \$1,000 each to Sadie Mandel, Alexandre Papa and Mollie Tashlik. Marilyn will make the presentations on our behalf at the June 6<sup>th</sup> graduation. Mary Anne will write the bios for the presentation.

Marilyn Gilbert, who has served for many years as the presenter, will be passing on this position to someone else next June. Additionally, Marilyn will be "retiring" from her position as trip organizer extraordinaire after our May 24<sup>th</sup> trip. So, we have two vacancies to fill.

**Contributions:** Tessa proposed that PWRE continue their usual annual contributions to PWPL and Community Chest. The motion was seconded by Norma and Marilyn.

**Annual Brunch:** Norma has made arrangements for "Not Back to School" meeting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. It will be brunch at Ayan's Fish House (Lobster and Fish House). The menu will be the same as we had at our last brunch, two years ago. The June membership mailing will include more detail.

Gail suggested we make sure to include this year's retirees, as well as those from 2020 and 2021.

**Other:**

**Spectrum:** Marilyn shared her visit with Spectrum Designs of Port. 80% of the work force (older kids and young adults) is autistic. They design T-shirts and make tote bags for corporations. They also have a moving service for inhouse moving. Marilyn wants to make connections to local school theatre groups so that Spectrum could make their promotional products. Motion to adjourn made at 12:28.

Next Meeting will be at the PWPL, at 11:00 on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.