

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

December 05, 2022

Attendance: Tessa Jordan, Mary Anne Cariello, Kathy Reilly, Ute Johnson, Marilyn Gilbert, Barbara Mayer, Rita Auerbach, Gerri Ganzekaufer

Minutes: Called to order at 11:30.

Treasurer's Report: We have a healthy balance. Our big outflows have been for scholarships, printing and mailings. Gerri's bank will give her feedback about accepting Zelle payments to our account.

Friendship - Notifications: We are up to date with correspondence and condolences. Norma has had knee surgery and is now in rehab. We're hoping for her speedy recovery. For the interim, notifications will be sent to Kathy and Tessa.

Membership-Directory: The directory is at the printers. It will be sent out soon.

Board of Education: The report by the district NYU outreach program of Equity and Diversity has as of yet not shared specific data. The district is in year 2 of a 5 year contract with NYU. The cost for the first year has been \$40,000. The program has two parts. Part one is a survey of existing practices Part two is a plan of action. Goals put forth so far have been: (a) more second language learners in AP classes (b) fewer suspensions. Tessa noted, that thus far, most of the goals are for the secondary school population.

PWTA: The association has successfully negotiated a 5 year contract settlement with the district. The school calendar remains the same number of days. There is a new step at 26. There is a sick day buy out. To qualify for the retirement incentive a teacher must notify the district by Dec. 1st. PWTA held an afternoon welcoming event for its new teachers at the Hilton. Fewer building reps have been attending PWTA meetings in person. Perhaps it's a carryover of Covid Zoom meetings.

PWRE Website: To date there have been 35,448 visitors since the site launch in 2007. Barbara has posted information about our planned May 4th luncheon.

Book Club: The book club met in person in September, October and November. Each meeting hosted about 8 members. The next two meetings will be on Zoom at 1pm. The books to be discussed are: January 16th Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus, and February 15th Profiles in Ignorance by Andy Borowitz.

Excursions- At this time there are no new excursions.

Vote-Cope: We will get the results of our contributions in March.

Newsletter: The newsletter is in progress.

Other:

Spring Luncheon: Marilyn has made arrangements for our spring luncheon on Thursday May 4th at the Port Washington Yacht Club. Kathy has sent an email "Save the Date" to the membership.

Next Meeting: Jan. 9th, 11:00am @ PWPL

Motion to adjourn made at 1:00.