

CSEA Local 635 Membership Meeting – August 11, 2010

Present: Veronica Diver, Margaret Monaco

Absent: John Frankl, Pete Waterhouse, Mary Moubray

Members: 145 signed in

Veronica called the meeting to order at 12:20 by welcoming the members and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Margaret gave the Secretary's Report, a recap of the minutes from the June 2nd Members Meeting.

Veronica covered the following agenda items:

- Early Retirement Incentive – deadline 8/13/10 to turn in interest letter. Does not mean that you have to retire if you turn it in and if job is targeted, you also do not have to act on it.
- CSEA Local 635 Scholarships – deadline is 9/1/10 for seniors (children of CSEA Local 635 members). Will award 4 - \$250 or 2 - \$500 awards.
- New Local 635 website: www.csealocal635.org – mentioned the “events” tab which shows the upcoming events and “contact us,” which is a link to the email address for our local chapter. Any questions/concerns may be addressed using this email system.
- Member t-shirts – order forms will be sent out next week and if a size is not selected, an X-Lg will be ordered. A question later came up about larger sizes (3X and 4X) and they were told to write down their size and we will try to accommodate them. The t-shirts will be long sleeved, royal blue, with red lettering.
- Fall trainings available: Steward: 10/12-13 in Delhi; and 12/11 (which is the date of our December Members Meeting) in Oneonta. Grievance: 9/21-22 in Clifton Park; Family Medical Leave Act: 10/13 in Saratoga; and Disc & Interrogation: 10/30 in Rome.
- Fall events: Region 5 Fall conference will be held on Sept 24-26 in Fairport, NY. Attending: Veronica Diver, Margaret Monaco, Mary Moubray, Darlene Duncan.
- Annual Delegates Meeting will be held on October 17-22 in Albany, NY. Veronica Diver will be representing Local 635.
- New York City Bus Trip will be on Saturday 12/4. The cost will be \$40/person.
- Our Local 635 December Member's Meeting will be held Saturday, 12/11.
- CSEA/UUP Saturday's Bread, date TBA – please volunteer. Would like to have a good CSEA representation.
- Additional items not on agenda: PAC (Political Action Committee) is supporting Senator Seward because he has shown support in the past for labor and CSEA supports those who support labor.

Voter registration cards are available to fill out if members are not registered. Information is available on the first floor of Hunt Union. Exec. Committee Mtg agenda items: 2 laptops were purchased for Veronica and Margaret to use for minutes, reports, answering emails. L/M training meeting is scheduled for the end of September. Both teams will be trained to have effective L/M meetings together. Darlene Duncan and Billy Grimes were asked to join the Labor side, because we need to better represent our members and currently we represent only the secretaries and the powerhouse. The Stewards and Grievance Officers recently had a dinner together and we will be doing this more often. Be sure to go to these activists with your issues.

A time of Questions & Answers ensued:

Q. Why not more for Scholarship, with our huge budget?

A. this is the first time it has been offered. We may possibly offer more in the future, once we see the interest.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Monaco

Local 635 Secretary