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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2023

PRESENT:

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Jeff Vitale, Lisa Manzo, Joanna Zalewski, Kevin Keane, Christine Dassler, Rob Lehnert, Rob Burger, Shannon Lehnert, Frank Saladino, Diane Boyle, Nichole Johnson, Stefanie Litchult, Beth Caiola, Gina Cerulli, Diane Boccio, John Zambriski, Jennifer Ronayne, Paul Rondinella

ABSENT:

Anita Ekstem, Leslie Sewell, Christine Constantine, Charlie Hafner

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:05 pm

- Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Shannon Lehnert to approve the April '23 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Purchase of Gift Cards 4:22 pm

- Motion was made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve up to \$1000 in Amazon gift cards for the end of the year/moving up awards): **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Retirement Gifts 4:22 pm

- Motion was made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Kevin Kean to approve up to \$3400 for retiree gifts: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Change CTA Constitution 5:23 pm

- Motion was made by Rob Burger and seconded by Paul Rondinella to change the CTA Constitution wording in sec.4 from:
"Each Officer shall be (a) a *Member* in good standing of the Association, and (b) shall have been a Member of the Association for not less than two (2) academic years prior to his / her election."

To:

" Each Officer shall be (a) an *Active Member* in good standing of the Association, and (b) shall have been a Member of the Association for not less than two (2) academic years prior to his / her election."

: **MOTION FAILED 7-16.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:05 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
 - Leaks in CHS science chemistry rooms
 - Bee problem in Bosti
- 4:07 pm: Political Action
 - Kevin Coyne reported he was disappointed in RA
- 4:20 pm: Public Relations
 - Re: CTA awards, 5th grade teachers will be contacted via email, (max 4 students per class), Amazon gift card
 - Birthday in a Box sent thank you

- Retirement flyers will be coming out soon (Party: June 20, 2023)
- 4:08 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Nothing to report
- 4:09 pm: Technology
 - Met with Alise Pulliam:
 - VMware will be gone at end of year. Teachers can access what they need through classlink. There are online versions of software.
 - In the works: updated chromebooks with larger touch screens. Student will also be upgraded after faculty
 - Existing stations will be repurposed once upgrades are complete
 - Discovery Ed will be sunset June 30th
 - Elementary schools now have SumDog
 - For future requests: curriculum based inquiries go through subject directors, general classroom based inquiries go through new technology director

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:16 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Nothing to report
- 4:16 pm: Other
 - Thanks to scholarship committee for selecting scholarship winners, ceremony May 16th at CHS.
 - Our secretary Clare still in rehab
 - Representative Assembly (RA) meeting (Chris and Ellen) report
 - NYSUT dues are going up by \$8 a year for next couple years
 - Passed resolution re: “Less testing more teaching”
 - Member benefits (shopping, pet insurance, etc)
 - Andy Pallotta retiring, Melinda Person elected NYSUT president
 - Discuss future training for building reps

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:16 pm: Proposed BOD Budget
 - Proposed Budget 2023-2024: \$215,519.08 (632 members x \$340.69)
- 4:20 pm: Other
 - Create a scholarship for our own members
 - One was in existence around 2006
 - Need to set criteria
 - Potential problems with selection
 - Something to follow up in September
 - Send out a community flyer highlighting positives in CTA/district
 - Addresses through voter lists
 - Job for our social media specialist?
 - Send out in June or September
 - NYSUT legal program workshop
 - Creating wills, protecting assets
 - Will be in CTA office June 7
 - Tony will send email with details.
 - Change to the constitution: OBMS proposed a change to our CTA Constitution

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:36 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary