



MEETING SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Three meetings for the 2010-2011 year have been scheduled:

Friday, September 24, 2010 (luncheon 11AM)

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

The meetings (and related social functions) will take place at Diana's Restaurant in New Windsor (SEE FLYER). Updated information will be provided in advance of the other two scheduled meetings.

SEPTEMBER 24TH LUNCHEON MEETING

During the time scheduled for our business meeting beginning at 11AM, we will provide members with a Chapter report, including a financial report for 2009-2010. Under new business, members will be asked to vote on a recommendation to amend our bylaws to allow retired teaching assistants and per diem subs to join the Retired Teachers' Chapter as social members. Amending the bylaws requires a 2/3 vote of those present, assuming we have a quorum. Following the chapter meeting, we will convene a required meeting for members of the Retired Teachers' Action Fund primarily to receive a financial report of the Fund's activities.

VOTE/COPE REPORT: 2009-2010

Two hundred fifty-six (256) members of the RTC contributed a total of \$11,441 to the 2009-2010 VOTE/COPE Drive. Some members contributed by check, others by payroll deduction through their pensions. Thank you to those who contributed. We look forward to the new drive and we hope to improve on both numbers. Dennis Morano has agreed to chair the 2010-2011 VOTE/COPE Drive.

WEBSITE

The Newburgh Retired Teachers' Chapter maintains a link on the NTA's website at www.newburghta.org. A copy of our constitution, the latest retiree newsletter,

periodic updates, and contacts and resources (AFT and NYSUT) are available for your convenience and use.

VOTING RIGHTS UPDATE

Returning members will recall that over one year ago we announced an agreement with the NTA that would have resolved the last remaining voting rights issue. That agreement, however, has yet to be ratified by the NTA's Board of Directors. The RTC ratified the agreement last December. In June 2010, Mr. Colone presented our case directly to the Board of Directors. Earlier in April 2010, retiree leaders presented their case to the NTA officers. We are doing all that we can to avoid another legal conflict. We hope that the Board of Directors will finally ratify the agreement this fall. We will update you at our meeting on September 24th.

CONTRACT RATIFICATION VOTE

As has been reported, the members of the NTA (including retirees) voted overwhelmingly to approve a new contract for 2010-2011. Three hundred ninety-eight (398) retirees voted (397 yes, 1 no) to accept the contract. While the turnout was impressive, it still means that approximately 100 members failed to vote. Since the contract is for only one year, we hope for a 100% participation in the next referendum. Thanks to all who voted!

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP(July 1, 2009-June 30, 2012)

Executive Committee:

Frank Colone	Chairperson
Barbara Fogarty	Recording Secretary
Lenore Smith	Corresponding Secretary
Peggy Colone	Member-at-Large
Flip Gertler	Member-at-Large

Delegates: Frank Colone, Barbara Fogarty, Flip Gertler, Dennis Morano, Ray LeDuc, Ed Winfield

Alternates: Bette Coughlin, Russ Coughlin, Dottie Davidson, Steve DeMarco, John Panzetta, Lenore Smith

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