

CNY AFNYST JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

The CNY meeting was held on June 21, 2022 at the New Hartford American Legion. Prior to our meal, a prayer was given by our Chaplain, Reverend Stephen Maddox. Following our meal, the meeting was opened by President Rood, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Rood requested a moment of silence for our sick and departed members. Reverend Maddox followed with a prayer for our sick and departed members.

The meeting was attended by :Ted Palmer, Harold Peck, Michael Gilmour, Dick Novier, Dan Caputo, Pete Boxall, Bill Loveric, Donna Walsh, Bob Malecki, Junior Laracuenta, Frank Lawrence, Sam Jess, Frank Peo, Zack Friedman, Tom Malone, Philip Rougeux, Jay Pristash, Mike Slade, Art Ellis, Sammy Serrano, Michael Dolly, Al Wagner, Steve Rood, Russell Gritsch, George Hopper, Ed Rood, Stephen Maddox, Don Barker, Jeff Brown, Ed Kurish, Bob Shaver, Wayne Rockwell, Warren Hurd, and Jim Jecko.

The Treasurer Report was given by George Hopper. George advised that Ted Palmer had mailed out letters to those that were delinquent in paying their dues, and there was a good response back. However, there are still some that have not paid their dues. Treasurer Hopper reminded everyone that there is a 'lifetime member' option available to some members. If you are at least 65 years old, AND have been an AFNYST member for at least 5 years you can become a 'lifetime member'. There is a one time charge for this... \$80, and you never have to worry about dues again.

Old business : President Rood discussed the scholarship / stipend program that Ted Palmer has been working on. This was discussed at our last meeting, and tabled for further discussion at the June meeting. The proposal is to give a college level \$500 stipend to the child, or grandchild of a member of the CNY AFNYST, current Division member stationed in the Troop D, or Troop C (Zone 3) as well as the parts of Troop E and Troop T that the CNY chapter encompasses. There would be a random drawing of those that apply. The plan is to offer this for 5 years beginning in 2023, and reevaluate it at that time to see if it should continue, cease, or change. President Rood recommended we name the stipend in memory of Albert Skeaney, who died in December 2012. Al Skeaney left \$15,000 to the CNY chapter when he died.

President Rood opened the subject to discussion. Mike Gilmour stated that he does not want to criticize the officers, or the charity...just doesn't think we can afford it financially. Mike advised that when he was Treasurer in January 2003 we had \$5,606, and when he left in 2013 we had \$17,888...which did not include the \$15,000 donation from Al Skeaney. It would be over \$31,000 with the donation, and now we are around \$26,000. Mike stated that our dues income has not supported our organization. Mike advised that the state by-laws state that anyone that is in arrears for 4 months should be suspended, and he did it when he was Treasurer. He added that Al Skeaney was one of those that was behind on dues, and was suspended !

Ted Palmer asked Mike where the money was going, to which Mike replied that the books would need to be audited to figure that out.

VP Don Barker stated that one of the purposes of this stipend is to get our (CNY AFNYST) name out to the current Division members, and this could be used as a tool to recruit current members when they retire. VP Barker also stated that the Treasurer is only spending money on items voted on by the

membership, and to pay our bills. VP Barker also stated that if the stipend is not approved, he would donate \$100 toward it and hope that others would make up the difference.

President Rood stated that the 50/50 money does not go into the treasury, but has been kept in a separate fund and used for an open bar at the Christmas party. President Rood stated that he would like to see this money go toward the stipend.

A motion was made by Frank Peo that we proceed with the scholarship / stipend program with a \$500 award starting next year. Motion seconded by Jay Pristash. Motion carried.

Al Wagner made a motion that we use the 50/50 income for the scholarship / stipend program. Motion seconded by Phil Rougeux. Motion carried.

Ted Palmer stated that to operate the program a committee of three is required. Ted volunteered, and was looking for two other volunteers. Phil Rougeux and Jay Pristash both volunteered.

New member : Donna Walsh was voted in as a new member.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at the Cavalry Club, 4801 Troop K Rd. Manlius. Social hour at 6 PM, followed by a hot and cold buffet and meeting at 7 PM. RSVP an officer by Monday July 11, 2022 via email or telephone if you plan on attending, as we need to give the Cavalry Club a number attending.

President Rood advised that the CNY clambake will be held on Saturday August 6, 2022 from 1 PM to 5 PM at the Liverpool Elks, 3730 Cold Springs Rd. (intersection St. Rt. 370 and Hayes Rd.) Baldwinsville, NY.

The price is \$57.00 per person. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, NO WALK-INS, and can be made by mailing a check for the appropriate amount to Edward Rood, 2793 St. Rt. 69, Camden, NY 13316-3376. Checks should be made payable to CNY Chapter AFNYST. RESERVATIONS / CHECKS DUE BY July 26th.

50 / 25 / 25 raffle winners : Mike Dolly and Tom Malone.

Member attendance drawing....this was something started a few years ago to promote members to attend meetings. Each member is assigned a number, 3 numbers are picked randomly via computer, and the 3 numbers are picked randomly at the monthly meeting. The first number picked would win \$100 if they are at the meeting. If there is no winner, a second number is picked and that person wins \$50 if they are at the meeting. If there is still no winner, the person with the third number would win \$25 if they are at the meeting. This month there were no winners.... The numbers picked belong to : Gail Orchard, Herb Longtin, and Bob Jureller.

A closing prayer was given by Chaplain Maddox.

Motion to adjourn by Junior Laracuenta, seconded by many. Meeting adjourned.

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