



**NYSFAAA REGION III
December 2, 2022
The Sherwood Inn**

The meeting started at 10:20 with a welcome by our Executive Council Representative, Peg Stearns.

Approval of minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Patti Donahue, seconded by Kelly Kelly to waive the approval of last meeting minutes from December 2020. A vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Guest Speaker-Patti Donahue, NYSFAAA President

- Warm welcome to all and members introduced themselves
- Glad to be back in person with a region meeting
- Gave update on NYSFAAA conference-went well being in person again since COVID
- Region 3, 4, and 5 are planning for the next NYSFAAA conference in Albany-get involved!
- Has three goals while president of NYSFAAA
 1. Continue great work with NYSFAAA, which includes State Wide Training and Mentoring
 2. Work with tech team for website redo. Sean Sherwood to assist with revamp of new website.
 3. Personal goal to see fresh, young, new blood with NYSFAAA. Need to keep NYSFAAA going and wants to see those new become more involved.
- Welcome any feedback from any and all members-keep dialogue open
- Keeping coming to meetings-keep being a part of this organization.

Treasurer Report-Cynthia Roach

- Current balance = \$7012.20
- Balance will change once this meeting is paid for
- Two checks from revenue sharing of \$665.00 each

MOTION: A motion was made by Darrin Rooker, seconded by Karolina Holl to approve the treasurer's report. A vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

MOTION: A motion was made by Karolina Holl, seconded by Lisa Greenfield to approve the payment of expense for today's event. A vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

College Goal Events-LaSonya Griggs

MOTION: A motion was made by Peg Stearns, seconded by Jackie Sanborn to approve reimbursement of materials for college goal events.

Discussion following where the following points were made:

- OnPoint covered 2nd mailing with region to cover 1st mailing
 - Was able to use carry forward materials but they were all used up
 - This is a reimbursement from material purchased
 - Will need all new material next year\
 - There was subsidy from HESC in the past years
 - HESC hosted virtual events and Sonya worked at the in-person events
 - Suggestion to do the numbers earlier on so we can budget
 - Find ways for printing help
 - Going forward for next year, plan for costs prior to events
 - Suggestion for Advocacy Day is to make the State aware we need help financially with college goal materials
 - Peg will bring this suggestion up at the next EC meeting
- After discussion, a vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Remarks from Region Chair-Janet Lafata

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Gave introduction of herself and why she loves what she does
- Goal is to work together...believes in NYSFAAA

Discussions during meeting

- Summer nominations/elections-really think about becoming involved with region 3
 - Membership role, treasurer role, region 3 EC
 - Maybe have co-chairs for the roles and be able to bounce ideas off of each other
 - Region decides region items
 - Suggestion to maybe make phone calls to FA offices to get volunteers
- 2029 Conference...volunteers...involved and show them how to get involved
- FSA Conference
 - Have to report federal work study earnings
 - Different roles of FAFSA
 - No more save key on FAFSA
 - Student center
 - No spot for parent financial information for independent students
 - Formula change
 - Student aid index-did it change? EFC vs SAI
 - Pell based on poverty guidelines of state
 - CPS replaced by FPS – FAFSA processing system
- COA and budgets
 - Getting median and average of all student's housing
 - Middle meal plan-language incorporates three meals a day
 - Check out USDA website

- Counselor Workshop – tabling-will touch base with State Wide Training Committee

Future Meetings

MOTION: A motion was made by Karolina Holl, seconded by Peg Stearns to have an in-person Region III meeting on February 24th. A vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Meeting in person: Friday, February 24th

Location: Le Moyne College

Further information to come.

End of Meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Darrin Rooker, seconded by Peg Stearns to end meeting at 11:50. A vote was taken with all in favor, no oppositions, and no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attendance

Kelly Kelly	Le Moyne College
Robin Zinger	Le Moyne College
Jackie Sanborn	Le Moyne College
Donna Shapiro	Le Moyne College
Wen Huang	Cayuga Community College
Lisa Jo Greenfield	Cayuga Community College
Mariya Clemons	Onondaga Community College
Peg Stearns	Syracuse University
Janet Lafata	Syracuse University
Cynthia Roach	no institution (Region III treasurer)
Patti Donahue	Binghamton University
Laura Worley	Credit Union Student Choice
Sonya Griggs	On Point for College
Karolina Holl	Utica University
Christina Kallasy	Utica University
Darrin Rooker	NE College of Health Sciences