



Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2019

Time: 10:42 a.m.

Location: Rutgers, 85 E. Avenue, Piscataway, NJ

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Cirilo called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM at the Life Station, 2 Stahbuber Ave, Union, NJ

ROLL CALL:

Present

- Victor Cirilo, President
- Janice DeJohn, Vice President
- Douglas Dzema, Treasurer
- Sherry Sims, Recording Secretary
- Rick Iovine, Corresponding Secretary -
- Christopher Marra, Vice President of Housing
- Bill Snyder, Service Officer
- Joseph Billy, Trustee Immediate Past President,
- John Clarke, Trustee –
- Lynn Bartlett, Trustee
- Jack Warren, JIF Representative
- Kimberly Gober, Trustee
- Anthony Feorenzo, Trustee -
- Robert DiVincent, Trustee
- Louis Riccio, Trustee
- Joseph Capano, Trustee
- Ronald Van Rensalier, Trustee
- John Mahon, Legislation
- Eric Chubenko, Professional Development

- Gary Centenaro, Member Services

Absent

- Vernon Lawrence, Community Development
- E. Dorothy Carty-Daniels, VP Commissioners
- Hector Fuentes, Trustee
- Domingo Senande, Trustee
- Randall Woods, Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 24, 2019 Minutes were approved with corrections by Janice DeJohn regarding the due date to advertise the Scholarship application starts in April and not August 2019.

Motioned: Lou Ricco

Seconded: John Clark with the amendment

All members present voted in the affirmative, none were opposed.

April not August, 2019

REPORTS

- **President Cirilo** informed us that Congress passed Appropriation bill. The operating funds will be at 93% and the Admin Fees will be at 85% for FY2019.

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Janice DeJohn reported that she has updated the application requirements for renewal applications and for new participants It was re-emphasized that all communications with program participants will be directly between the participant and the housing authority's appointee. Amendments to the application was made. Revised copies were issued.

She is still looking for FSS participants to speak about their success stories at the luncheon on Tuesday. Room and board will be provided for the one night.

Advertising will start in August, 2019 All housing authorities are encouraged to notify their residents about the scholarships. It includes the head of households, senior high schools, and interns.

- **Douglas Dzema, Treasurer, presented two bills as follows for payment: \$2,954.83**

Execu-Tech

Bill Snyder

Motioned: Kymberly Gober

Seconded: Eric Chubenko

All members present accept voted to pay the bills.

- Sherry Sims, Recording Secretary – No report
- Rick Iovine, Corresponding Secretary - No Report
- E. Dorothy Carty-Daniels - VP Commissioners – No Report
- Vernon Lawrence, Vice President Community Development- - No Report
- Eric Chubenko Vice President, Professional Development- No Report -deferred to Lou Riccio to discuss the conference.

- **John Mahon**

PHAs are required to offer a 3rd option **to** report Sex identify -genders effective February 1. 2019. No direction has been given from HUD or the State on how to address this matter on the applications. There are many unanswered questions to be addressed before total implementation can be made.

New requirements for REAC unit inspection scheduling has be amended at the federal level. Notification and scheduling of appointments must be within 15 days after the initial contact. Refer to the PIH-Notice for details .

- **Chris Marra, VP Housing** – No report
- **Gary Centenaro -VP, Membership Services**
Membership dues will increase by 2%.

After CY 2021 there will only be two National NAHRO Conferences held annually. The National NAHRO summer conference will be eliminated.

- **Jack Warren -JIF Representative** – No Report
- **Bill Snyder, Service Officer** reported that he is working on the Newsletter. He has sent out emails early to get articles. The dead line is March 8, 2019 to submit your articles.

April 7-9, 2019 is the Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Kymberly Gober contacted Senator Mendez for appointment on Tuesday at noon. Contact Bill Snyder with names of anyone you scheduled meetings with so he can coordinate visiting schedules.

The PBV Voucher training quote was received from Nan McKay. It will be a certification program. They will adjust program to include RAD program requirements. The location, date and time will be at a training sites in Newark-TBD. Waiting on them to get back to him with availability of trainers.

DCA is requiring PHA/RAD Properties to be registered with DCA. State inspection Certificates are now required and should be posted. DCA will be requesting to perform property inspections once converted.

Vendors are requesting to put Advertisement in the next newsletters. The information to solicit their Ads is already done and ready to go. It was never finalized. The process is already set up and ready to go. Will discuss the next steps at next meeting.

President Cirillo contacted Sheila Oliver requesting a meeting with NJNAHRO to discuss DCA/Rutgers mandatory training and NJNAHRO's opportunities to include as a training contractor to teach the certified state courses.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

- Approving January 2019 bill list: **\$2,954.83**

Exec-u-Tech

Bill Snyder

Motioned: Kim Gober

Seconded: Eric Chubenko

All present voted in the affirmative. No one was opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Scholarship Program Report- Report given by Janice DeJohn above.

7.2 Spring Conference – **Louis Ricco - Conference May 2019 update**

Lou Riccio gave a detailed report on the May 2019 Conference agenda, the status of his outreach for guest speakers and vendors. Sign in sheets will be in each room. \$25.00 gift cards will be raffled off at end of sessions. Vendor give away will use a “fake money” concept this year to encourage participants to visit the vendor tables and person with most money will determine the winner.

The venue will be at the Hardrock Hotel Casino on May 5-8, 2019. Room rates will be \$99.00/per night.

Additional volunteers are needed to help at the Registration Desk. Please contact Janice DeJohn or Joseph Billy to sign up.

Sheila Oliver, State of New Jersey will be invited to attend next month's meeting to discuss joint ventures and opportunities between the State and NJNAHRO. President Cirilo will follow up with her to see if she can attend.

7.3 Draft April Newsletter 2019 – Report given by Bill Snyder above.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2019-02 Set-aside funds for Videographer in the amount of \$3,500.00 to make videos to highlight our FSS/Scholarship participants

Motioned: Louis Riccio

Seconded: Gary Centenaro

All members present voted in the affirmative. No one was opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert Sobol from Brinkerhoff came to visit and learn about our organization. He is interested in partnering with housing authorities who may have environmental issues at their authorities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Gary Centenaro

SECONDED: Janice DeJohn

TIME: 12:03 pm