**NJCSS OFFICERS MEETING**

**September 27, 2017 - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m..**

**640 Bartholomew (first room on the left)**

**Multidimensional Locations - Pascack Valley, Rutgers, Your Home**

**Google Hangouts Video Platform**

Google Hangout- Participants: Joe Orlak, Michael Kenduck, Mark Pearcy, Angela Smith, Frank Romano, Kevin Bloom, Mike Catelli, Christine Gehringer

At Rutgers University: Hank Bitten, Arlene Gardner, Fred Cotterell, Christine DeSimone

1. Acceptance of Minutes from May 10, 2017

2. Welcome to new members on our Board of Directors

               Kevin Bloom - Central Region

               Michael Catelli - Supervisors

               Christine DeSimone - Elementary Teachers

               Michael Kenduck - Vice President

               Peter Porter - Northern Region

3. Treasurer's Report- Christine Gehringer

    Better place financially than last year

    We have been investing our money in technology and resources that will help our members in the future.

    Thank you to Hank for handling deposits.

    Discussion on possible CDs and other ways to earn interest on our funds.

4. Technology Expenses Report - Total Expenditure- $746.94

               Network Solutions          $299

               Survey Monkey             $300

               Weebly                           Free

               Auth Pro - (New)             $47.95 (Members Only Page)

               WuFoo - (New)             $99.99 (Online Registration Form- limited to 9 forms per year)

* 120 members has used the form to register for the conference online

5. President's Report

            Teacher of the Year Awards- Discussion about candidates

* Board members will e-mail their top two choices to Hank.  It was felt that a vote by secret ballot would be more valid and protect board members’ privacy.

               Student Recognition Awards

* It was decided that we would develop improved criteria for the student recognition awards.  For now, we will table the award.  However, our intention is that this award will be viable for next year.  Also, there was a discussion as to when the student would be notified, so he/she could include this award on his/her resume for college.  Additionally, he/she can be recognized by his/her respective school district.
* On October 18, 2017, there will be a NJ Supervisor’s Meeting.  At this meeting, this award will be brought up in order to get feedback from the members of the association.

NJEA Convention

* Kevin Bloom will be at the NJEA Convention.  He will be able to help out with a table or booth if needed.
* Joe and Christine said that the location of the table was not advantageous for our organization (2016).  Most of the time, Christine was soliciting vendors for our conference.
* We will discuss the convention and any additional scheduling at the meeting on October 23, 2017.

     NCSS - San Francisco, CA

* Discussion on possible $500 scholarship for someone who is going to the conference.  Mark Pearcy will be attending the conference (recipient of the scholarship).

6. Executive Director's Report

               Membership has increased

* Retired Teachers- Do we want a special rate for retired members?  We can discuss this issue

               Website- 4500 visitors since January 2017

               Hotel Committee- Hyatt Hotel in New Brunswick

* $14,000 for the conference
* We would have to significantly change the structure of our conference in order to use the hotel effectively.  We would cut down the amount of workshops.
* We will definitely consider this option and go forward in investigating the Hyatt Hotel as a reasonable option.
* Eliminating lunch at Rutgers University- Busch Campus Center- able to accommodate 400 people which will help overcrowding

               Meeting on Oct. 23 with NYSSA about Teaching Social Studies Journal - Mark Pearcy reported out.

* He and Hank will find out more about the journal and the details behind soliciting articles.

7**.** Fall Conference

               Registrations**-** 192 teachers have registered

* 90 high school teachers
* 25 middle school teachers
* 20 supervisors
* 6 elementary school teachers
* 87 districts
* 24 Psychology teachers

**Help-** Hank will send out the information for people to sign up.

                               Registration  (4 or maybe 6 people)

                               Photography (1)

                               Exhibitors (may be in two locations) (2-4 people)-

                               Breakfast (replenish supplies) (1)

                               Room supervision (Help speakers, traffic flow, overcrowding, etc.) (3 people)

                               Multipurpose Room (Welcome speakers, check name cards at entrance. (2-3 people)

                               Purchase of books from Cheryl Wills.

8. **NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Museum Program with NJCSS Partnership**

Brookdale Community College and NJ Veterans Memorial Museum- Holmdel, NJ

               50th Anniversary of TET Offensive

               March/April 2018 Program

               Conference with Speaker

* Possible NJCSS Role- advertising/promotion, workshops, website resources, articles, eyewitness remembrances of domestic events
* Hank- our role should be one of education.  Also, Joe mentioned model lessons that could be offered via our website.  We should formulate criteria for these model lessons that are inquiry-based and dynamic.
* Christine- Elementary Teachers- Tie in Vietnam War to Veterans Day- this will allow the elementary teachers to participate in a meaningful way.
* We will meet with Keri Giannotti and representatives at our October 23, 2017 meeting to find out more information.

Live Streaming Event - February or March 2018

               Possible speakers:

                               Sam Mustafa (Ramapo College) Europe

                               Joanne Freeman (Yale) Hamilton of Am Rev

                               Stephen Kotkin (Princeton) Foreign policy or Russia

                               Time: (During school or after school?)

                               For teachers only or teachers and students

9. Arlene Gardner- Conferences in the Spring 2018

* Funding in place for workshops on elections
* Important resources

10. **Annual Fall Conference  - October 2018**

Possible Themes: We will vote on these themes via Survey Monkey.  Our theme should be decided in a soon.

                               1968 - Year of Monumental Changes (King, Election, Vietnam, Czechoslovakia, Space

                               1968-2018 - Landmark Events: Here, There and Everywhere!

                               1968 - 1868 - 1768 - 1668 - 1568 - Voices and Pictures From the Past

                               Historical Biography!  - People Who Changed the World!

                               Journey Through Time (world History focus)

                               This is My Story!

               Major anniversaries:

               1948 - Israel, Marshall Plan, Gandhi assassination, UN Declaration of Human Rights

               1918 - Armistice Day

               1818 - Convention of 1818 (US and Canada) and birth of Karl Marx

               1618 - Thirty years War, also, execution of sir Walter Raleigh on Oct. 29, 1618.

               1518 - Beginning of slave trade (Spain, Portugal)

11. Future Meetings- January and March 2017

    We could hold meetings at different locations such as RIder University or TCNJ.

    January 2017- RIder University- Mark Pearcy will provide information about meeting at RIder University     its availability.

Minutes prepared by Angela Smith, Secretary