

**Official MINUTES**  
**STANYS Western Section Board Meeting**  
**April 25, 2018 @ 4:00pm**  
Heritage Heights Elementary School

The STANYS Western Section Board meeting was held at Heritage Heights Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Timothy Coughlin. The following board members were in attendance: Jeff Salerno, Rod Doran, Lowell Sylwester, Jeff Arnold, Susan Sullivan, Timothy Coughlin, Cheryl Aldrich, Karen Lester, Sandi George

**Minutes:** A motion to review last meetings minutes was tabled as most of the attendees were without a smart device to access the previous meetings minutes. February's minutes will be reviewed with this meetings minutes at our May meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** -Karen Lester

- \$8201.62

**Membership Report** - provided by Tim Coughlin

- 175 via email from Bruce Hall

**SAR Reports**

- Elementary - Mary Kay Flett/Cheryl Aldrich
  - Elementary Institute is moving forward for the November Conference. Content driven. Communication is moving via email.
- Intermediate/BOCES- Susan Cyrulik
  - No Report
- Earth Science - Kelly Bohlen
  - No Report
- Living Environment – Katie Sugg
  - No Report
- Chemistry - Dr. Sarah English
  - No Report
- Physics - Jeff Salerno
  - Dr. Demarco presented on Nuclear Physics at last Saturday WNYPTA
  - Sat May 12 next WNYPTA meeting
  - Physics Institute is moving forward for the November Conference. A general session with 3 breakouts: Waves Energy and Engineering and a closing session on phenomena.
  - AP Physics Exam coming up and Jeff was asked to grade. Will be going to Kansas City for 8 days.
- College - Dave Henry
  - No Report
- Retiree – Rod Doran/Susan Sullivan
  - 7 individuals going to the State Conference and will be attending the Awards Dinner
- Special Education – Mary Ann Bolles
  - No Report
- At-large - Rose Cianciosa and Lowell Sylwester

- Workshops coming in for the State Conference. Closes in about 2 weeks.

### **Old Business**

1. Mini-Conference, March 28, 2018 - great turnout, more discussion to be had in future meetings
2. State Science Fair Leadership/Local Science Congress - John Paul Martin/Sue Sullivan - still no one in place to take over for Sue as of yet, please let her know if you or someone you know is able/willing to take on this task
3. Website Updates - Cheryl has been diligent with updates, blog function looks great
4. Spring Science Leader Events (Penn Dixie Quarry, Tiff Farms, and Reinstein Woods)  
Tiff Farms event was very well presented by Megan Dye, but low turn-out. We will send out reminder emails more frequently for the next event at Reinstein Woods.

### **New Business**

1. Spring Awards Dinner at Daemen College  
Things are moving forward. Jeff will be completing the flyer and brochure and Tim will email the flyer next week. The nominees were discussed and approved for the K-8 Outstanding Teacher Award (Beth Swierski, Christen Lawicki). A nominee was determined for the Section Service Award as well in Helen Domske.
2. Elections  
Elections were conducted via google form again this year. More than 30 replies. There were no write-ins. All that ran will retain their position on the Board.
3. Future Social Events
  - a. Tim was contacted by Corey from Lockhouse for holding another event.
  - b. Tim will put together a potential informal social event at Lockhouse with a Pub Olympics theme if there is an available date in June. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Need for Judges for the June 2 State Science Conference  
Potential Nominees for Fellows

4. Report from the State Treasurer - Sandi

April 21 Strategic Planning Meeting - well run meeting, 3 sessions, 3 committees of 9, just scratching the surface and more discussion to come

Paul Andersen Workshop coming up this summer with Master Teacher program (Days 3 and 4) - register soon

NYS Science Consortium meeting with SED in August to discuss shift in language on Assessment, looking into 3-D Testing Models used in other states, asking board for a \$7K reserve fund to expand into assessment summit, create a new special director as Conference Treasurer, expand organizational planning meeting

Future Discussion: Western Section Fellows Candidates  
Consortium WNY for August Meeting

**Next Meeting;**

May 9

May 23- Award Dinner

June 6

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 by Tim Coughlin , seconded by Cheryl Aldrich

Adjournment