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SEFA Statewide Council Meeting – January 18, 2018 via telephone

Council members present on the call: Tom Wickerham, Cornelia Mead, Bill Ferguson, Caroline Westbrook, Nick LaMorte, also SEFA Director Laurelee Dever.

1. Tom Wickerham called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.
2. Minutes from December were approved (moved by Bill Ferguson, motion carried)
3. Report from the Chair (Tom Wickerham):
 - a. Tom Wickerham proposed a slate of officers for this year: Tom Wickerham as Chair, Caroline Westbrook as Vice Chair, Cornelia Mead as Secretary. Tom moved to accept the slate, Cornelia seconded, motion carried.
 - b. Tom reported that OGS has put out requests for RFA's for four local regions: Sullivan Ulster, Otsego Delaware, Chemung and Delaware. We've also recently received resignations of FCC's for the two areas: Long Island and Madison Herkimer (Utica). Hopefully OGS is sending out RFA's for these soon.
 - c. There is a potential new council member from Herkimer Madison Oneida. They will need to receive approval of a majority of the local committees. Laurelee will reach out to the committees.
 - d. Tom urged FCCM's and committees to work harder to recruit committee members, we can't do this from the Council level.
4. Finance Committee report (Bill Ferguson):
 - a. Invoice was presented for approval. Current account balance \$14,703.65, this is sufficient to pay the invoice. Bill moved that we pay the December invoice of \$12,135.82. Moved by Nick, seconded by Caroline, Motion carried.
 - b. Preliminary look at 2017 suggests we'll be about \$3000 under budget.
 - c. First quarter 2018 assessments have gone out Jan 10th, we should be able to maintain our cash flow.
 - d. Tom asked Bill to continue as Chair of the Finance Committee. Would also like to reappoint Furn Lorento, who has agreed to serve on the finance committee even though she has stepped down from the Council. Tom had been serving on this committee, asked for some others to volunteer and let him know.
 - e. Bill also reported that the United Way has sent its proposed 2018 budget to Bill and his committee will review.
5. Director's Report (Laurelee Dever):
 - a. E Pledge will be turned off at end of day tomorrow
 - b. Laurelee reported that she's been very busy with re-certifications and applications. About 125-130 new applications. And she continues to work on the re-certifications.

- c. Laurelee has been working with a committee to develop a form to present application information to local committees in an efficient way they can review easily. She hopes to get it out by the end of next week.
 - d. Progress in retirees joining SEFA: Discussion:
 - i. Retirees donating via SEFA. Bill urged us to continue to seek the 50 names required to start this process. Nick will work with SEFA Millie Lucas, who is a SEFA retiree representative, on getting more names signed up.
 - ii. Tom reminded us that retiree contributions is one of the new items in the proposed revision of the SEFA regulations.
 - e. Laurelee urged Coordinators to send her lists of committee members, and also to send campaign results - it has been difficult for her to get this information.
 - f. March monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled to be in Albany, face to face meeting.
 - g. Laurelee asked for volunteers to review statewide applications. Caroline Westbrook volunteered, Bill Ferguson also.
6. Discussion: Tom DeCoursey reminded Tom W that he volunteered to review the proposed changes to the regulations. Tom W urged anyone interested to review the regs and make notes and share with him.
7. Meeting adjourned at 2:25pm

Cornelia Mead
Secretary