

NY COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT 4-7-22 Meeting Minutes on zoom

Present; Michelle A, Joe Kissel, Mary Harris, Maria Tisby, Sonia Dusza, Ed Schneider, Carol, Janet Vito, Lawrence Vito, Casey Jones, Darlene B., Pat Irving, Mike Franklin, David Siffert, Cory Morris, Paul Wolf, Alberta Roman(recorder)

Meeting called to order; Paul Wolf President called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes from 3-10-22; This is included in agenda packet. Motion to accept made by Janet Vito and seconded by Michelle A. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report; Janet Vito reported \$4,433.12 on 3-31-22 with dues coming in now. Full report attached in agenda. Motion to accept this Treasurer's report made by Sonia Dusza and seconded by Michelle A. Motion carried.

Calendar 2022 part of Agenda packet; Our projects and events included in every agenda packet.

OML Committee with minutes in meeting packet: Annual meeting may be rescheduled due to no response to 2 emails to Gubernatorial Candidates by Paul Wolf.

Much discussion on open government law issues and actions to be taken. There is a split opinion among Coalition members around enforcement between or in some combination of utilizing the state Attorney General or Committee on Open Government with providing the Committee with enforcement powers. The Committee is not effective as currently constituted, partly due to who chooses and controls its current members.

FOIL Committee with minutes in meeting packet;

The FOIL Committee heard from a web site vendor. Currently our Committee is working on survey of private email use and policies for email use. 18 County Legislatures across NYS have been selected to be sent FOIL request re this issue.

Currently there is work being done on draft law to change FOIL Law.

Membership Renewal; Membership renewal continues with about ½ of members already renewed. Reminders to go out. Go to our website for renewal.

Public Relations/Education Committee; There was much discussion about forming a Public Relations/Education Committee. Some expressed concern about adding another committee as we recently created two. Perhaps we can consider the issue of public relations and education at each meeting without forming a new committee? Perhaps the committee if formed, does not have to meet monthly? This discussion to be continued next meeting per motion by Michelle A and seconded by Alberta Roman.

New Business;

Next Meeting Coalition May 12 at 6:30pm.

Next OML meeting 4-21-22 4pm.

Next Foil meeting 4-27-22 1pm

Meeting ended 7:57 pm on motion by Janet Vito and seconded by Maria Tisby.