

Minutes for Nov 8, 2011

CSEA/SEIU 418/4Cs

10:00 – noon

907 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00.
2. Attendance: Ray Mercik, Herb Gerguoy, Bette Marafino, Bill Searle, Felipe Flores, Suzanne Flores, Mushiba, Len Yannielli, Greg Hager
3. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.
4. Treasurer's report skipped, although Bill S reported that Bill T said no extraordinary expenses or income for the past month.
5. Speakers: Marsha McCarthy from Transamerica Insurance (a state preferred provider for long-term care insurance under the Connecticut Partnership for Long Term Care) and Aldo Pantano from the state Office of Planning and Management. An extensive presentation and lively discussion ensued. Bill will follow up with material for our website and a note to members after the holiday. Additional information is available at www.ctpartnership.org or through the state OPM at 860-418-6365. This seems like an important issue for all members to consider carefully.
6. Old Business – CSEA news. After discussion regarding the many attempts by conservatives to cut back or even eliminate Social Security, we discussed urging CSEA to contact Senator Kerry and others on the “Super Committee” to express strong support for the program and the wish that they NOT cut Social Security. It was moved, seconded, and passed
That Chapter 418 urgently requests CSEA Retiree Council leadership to actively engage in the campaign to influence Senator Kerry and others to secure Social Security and Medicare. Further we strongly request that CSEA leadership join the ARA campaign to influence the ‘Super Committee’. Also, we request that our own leaders send a letter to this effect to CSEA and to bring the issue up at the next leadership council.
7. The “Retiree” section of the 4C's website has been extensively reworked. Bill urged all members to visit and provide feedback to him. Also, members are encouraged to write a short piece on some aspect of retirement aimed at either our own members or for members of the 4C's who need to prepare for retirement. The members strongly thanked Mary Van Buren from the union for her great work on the website.
8. We briefly discussed the December holiday party and decided we would try to use Costa del Sol again, although without extra money this year members will have to pay for their own lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Searle, Acting Secretary
November 28, 2011