

3/12/2018 NYSAFCSE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order @ 4:00: Union Vale Middle School

In attendance: Mary Long, Ann Sicheri, Alice Holzmman, Margaret Romano, Kathy Croft, Margo Tucker, Albert Scanlon, Jeanne Gittere, Mary Beth Mathews, Marie Elliott

Guest Speaker: Colleen Ashe of Ashe Organizing Solutions, Ltd.

Colleen shared statistics with us from the National Association of Professional Organizer. She stressed the importance of organization for kids, especially those with deficits in attention. For kids, organization included not only classrooms space, but backpacks and homes as well.

Barbara Hemphill states, "Clutter is postponed decisions." Colleen works to help set her clients up for success, and considers organizing knowing what you have and knowing where it is when you need it.

When organizing a space, Colleen: Sorts, Edits, Shops (if needed for storage materials), and Stows.

For further reading, Colleen suggested:

- Organizing From the Inside Out by Julie Morgenstern
- Conquering Chronic Disorganization by Judith Kolberg
- Clutter Hoarding Scale by the Institute for Challenging Disorganization

To work on your own project, you can participate in:

- HVFCU recycling and shredding events
- DC Resource Recovery Days
- Hudson Valley Shred

Business:

Jobs were assigned for the Student Recognition Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 6-9 at Mahoney's Pub. If you would like to nominate a student, packets and information are available on the HVNE [website](http://hvne.weebly.com) (hvne.weebly.com). All money is due to Jeanne Gittere by Monday, April 2nd.

Consider nominating a colleague for a professional award. Please check the website for requirements, and send nominations to Mary Beth Mathews by April 2nd.

RSVP to Ann or Alice if you are planning to volunteer at the Sparrow's Nest on Monday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30.

Submit the CTE Theme Module Survey by March 26th. There is a link to the [survey](#) on the HVNE website (hvne.weebly.com).

Close of meeting: 6:30