

ALLEGHENY COUNTY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 8, 2014

Present: Ken Bell, Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, Patricia Cray, Joseph Scorpion, Guy Tumolo, and Roger Westman.

Absent: Sister Mary Nolan

Guests: Mary Lou Bell, and Cassie Brandon.

President Pat Cray opened the meeting at 10:00 am as the first Board meeting of the 2015 Board of Directors.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the October 15, 2014, meeting were approved upon a motion by Ken Bell, seconded by Roger Westman. The minutes of the luncheon held on October 15, 2104, were approved upon motion by Joe scorpion, seconded by Ginny Bowman. The minutes of the November 19, 2014, Annual Meeting were approved upon a motion by Pat Cray, seconded by Guy Tumolo.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Bell led a discussion on the amount of money needed in the U.S.P.S. account and when it is needed to be there to cover mailing expenses. Ken was asked to explore the reason there was an approximate \$3.00 decrease in the U.S.P.S. account over the last month. Ken asked for an alphabetical listing of members to use with the receipt of dues renewals. Roger will provide that. The second dues renewal notice will be sent out in February to those who have not paid dues by January 31. Discussion was held on the possibility of depositing donations received as part of the dues renewal notices into the Vanguard account. No vote was taken.

A motion was made by Roger Westman, seconded by Guy Tumolo, to approve for payment the \$6,124.09 in expenses as compiled by Cassie Brandon from Board Members submittals. The motion carried. Cassie requested that all expenses be submitted to her as incurred so that she can have a complete list to provide Board Members on the Fridays before the Board meets. She was also asked to eliminate the names of the Board members from the expense listing to save paper.

It was moved by Roger Westman to transfer the \$3,800 in the Money Market account to the Vanguard account, provided that the funds were not needed at Citizen's Bank to meet any minimum criteria. Ginny Bowman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For all his work on the "Name that Theme" program last month, Harry Lentz would be offered a free lunch. The Autism Society was picked by the winning table to receive a \$100 donation from ACRA.

Following up to a suggestion at an earlier meeting to use an accounting firm to handle income and expenses, the Board found the suggestion to be unacceptable due to cost.

Compilation

The compilation dated December 4, 2014, of the financial results performed by Einwag Morrow and Associates, P.C., for the periods ending June 30, 2014, and

December 31, 2013, was presented. The amounts of income shown and the expenses for the lunches were questioned as to what they included.

New Member Issues

Ginny Bowman was asked if there were any issues with contacting new members and providing them with information about ACRA. She said there weren't any issues at this time. Roger will circulate electronically the proposed new ACRA brochure for use in recruiting new members.

Newsletter

Everyone liked the use of the color with full color pictures, so the use of color is to continue. Joe Scorpion asked if the results of the election would be in the next issue. Ginny responded affirmatively since they were not available in time for this last issue.

Ginny had explored the possibility of having Banksville Express print 5,000 envelopes with a return address logo in color for use in future newsletter mailings. Banksville would not store those envelopes so she did not explore it any further.

Future Luncheons and Events

It was decided to eliminate the March luncheon based on past attendance. The most favored topics for programs from the membership survey were reviewed.

For the April luncheon it was suggested having the Joe Negri Band as entertainment. If he was not available then either the actor who played Mr. McFeeley on the Mr. Roger's Neighborhood show or the popular actor Tom Atkins be invited.

In May, the tour of the Botanical Gardens might be repeated if we can get a decent group rate now that they are open to the public.

In June it was suggested having a picnic in either Schenley Park or at the "chapel" in Riverview Park. We could charge just \$5.00 and buy the food ourselves. The Observatory in Riverview Park would be a nice attraction if we could arrange a tour.

For September, it could be Mr. Halloway of Cowden Associates, the actuaries for the retirement fund.

For October, a speaker on Medicare choices would be preferred. In November we should aim for another celebrity to attract a better crowd along with the Annual Meeting. In December the Christmas Party is always a favorite.

Sometime in the fall a tour of the Depreciation Lands Museum was suggested or perhaps another cemetery tour.

Angie agreed to handle the menu choices for the luncheons.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Westman
Secretary