

ALLEGHENY COUNTY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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

Guests: Cassie Brandon, and Mary Lou Bell.

President Pat Cray called the meeting to order at 9:37 am at the DoubleTree Hotel in Green Tree, PA.

Minutes of December 8, 2014

The minutes of December 8, 2014 were approved with two corrections: "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." The second correction was: " Following up to a suggestion at an earlier meeting to use an accounting firm for handling income and expenses, the Board found the suggestion to be unacceptable due to the cost." **The motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Joe Scorpion and seconded by Ginny Bowman.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Bell reported that this last quarter began with a balance of \$48,969.46 and ended with a balance of \$54,755.19. He has set up an automatic deduction program for the U.S.P.S. account to assure monies are available when needed. Required tax forms were filed in January. **The Treasurer's Report was approved upon a motion by Joe Scorpion and seconded by Angela Conte.**

The number of paid memberships to date is 1,082 with about 55 more to process. **It was moved by Angela Conte, and seconded by Joe Scorpion to drop all those who have not renewed by May 15. The motion was approved.**

Expenses of \$2,855.92 were approved for payment upon a motion by Roger Westman and seconded by Ken Bell. Guy Tumolo moved that the list of expenses, once approved, become part of the minutes. Ken Bell seconded the motion, which was approved.

Newsletter

Editor Ginny Bowman said there were no problems with the newsletter. She asked for permission to order 30 to 50 extra copies of the newsletter when it is printed in color because the printer provides extras copies only when done in back and white. It was agreed to do so. The next issue is to be sent out before the upcoming picnic.

She has had problems with getting the list of new retirees to send membership packets to. Although she had been using a form to obtain those names during the last year, the Retirement Office is now saying it cannot release the names and addresses due to a privacy ruling without getting permission from each new retiree. Guy Tumolo will

try to get further information and follow-up on this issue. Perhaps the Retirement office would be willing to include the packets in the information they send to new retirees.

Luncheons and Walk 'n' Talks

Angela Conte reported no problems with the menus. Thirty-eight folks have registered for today's luncheon and 10 so far for the Botanical Garden tour. Directions for the tour will be sent to all those who register. Pat will be arranging for sending out the post card soon.

President's Report

Pat Cray reported that the purpose of the accountant's review by Bill Morrow of Einwag Morrow and Associates, P.C., was as a point of demarcation between treasurers. What he provided was a review and reconciliation, but not any information to answer further questions. **Guy Tumolo moved and Ken Bell seconded the motion to accept the accountant's report. The motion passed.**

Pat expressed concern over having so few attendees at luncheons when the speakers have made an effort to be there and make their presentations. Guy thought we needed to rethink our luncheons and perhaps have the entertainment just at the Christmas Party. Guy said he likes the luncheons that address Medicare and pensions. He also suggested a speaker on elder law. Pat thought there was little to gain from a speaker on elder law because what often happens is they just try to sell their services.

Others offered that perhaps the cost of luncheons has gone up and maybe they are getting too high. Pat said she has found this hotel to be the cheapest and, furthermore, we underwrite some of the cost. As an alternative, Guy suggested that we meet at a restaurant and everyone pay the cost of his or her own meal. At one time, former Treasurer Ron Chleboski had suggested meeting at a Moose Lodge on Saltsburg Road where the cost would be less. Ginny recommended meeting at a winery. Another suggestion was to have a more typical luncheon meal of soup, salad, and sandwich. Angela will explore this option as well as just ordering individual meals off of a limited menu.

The placing of American flags on the graves of veterans is set for May 16. Coordination could be done with any VFW or American Legion Post. The flags will be provided. Last year the event was held at Calvary Cemetery in Greenfield.

Picnic

The date is Wednesday, June 17, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and the place is the West Mifflin Park. We will charge \$5.00. Water, ice, cookies and watermelon will be provided along with food. Formal organized games and prizes are not necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Westman
Secretary

Patricia Cray, President Joseph Scorpion, Vice President Roger Westman, Secretary Ken Bell, Treasurer Angela Conte, Director Ginny Bowman, Director Guy Tumolo, Director	List of payment requests APRIL, 2015
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Name	date	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Roger Westman	1/16/15	Charges to shred a portion of Membership Renewal Forms for 2014	\$7.92
Katherine Brandon	1/6/15 – 4/2/15	ACRA 2015 Membership Data Base	\$322.50
Kenneth Bell	4/2/15	Rental fee for picnic grove, West Mifflin - \$100.00 Three invoices from Banksville Printing- \$215.38 (luncheon notices), \$557.87, (renewal notices & the USPS yearly fee) \$1,112.25 for mailing & graphic design fee for 1,365 newsletters & envelope costs	\$1,985.50
Ken Bell	4/13/15	Two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards for Luncheon, 4.15.15	\$40.00
Pat Cray	4/15/15	Speaker fee, ACRA Luncheon, 4.15.15, \$500.00, Joe Negri	\$500.00
<u>INVOICE TOTALS</u>			<u>\$2,855.92</u>

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LUNCHEON MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

President Pat Cray called the luncheon to order at 12:00 noon at the DoubleTree Hotel in Green Tree, PA.

The program consisted of a musical and informative presentation by the well-know musician Joe Negri. It was enjoyed by the 51 people in attendance.

After the program and the meal, Pat announced that this was the last luncheon until September. In the meantime there will be the honoring veterans by placing flags on May 16 on the graves at Calvary Cemetery and a picnic on June 17 at the West Mifflin Park. Post cards will be mailed with further details.

Luncheons will be held in September with the actuaries for our pension funds, in October with classes on our health care choices, in November for the Annual Meeting and in December for our Christmas Party.

A luncheon attendee thanked the Association and Pat for the work done to obtain the recent \$20/month raise in the pension benefit.

The 50/50 raffle door prize was worth \$43.50. Two \$25 Giant Eagle gift certificates were awarded as door prizes.