

Allegheny County Retires Association
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016
10:00 AM

Present: Cassie Brandon, Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, JoAnna McQuaide, Guy Tumolo, Marge Lubawy, Pete Schepis

Absent: Joe Scorpion, Janet Norkus

Attendees: Connie Przybyla, Pamela Long, Joyce Dodge, Carol Janesko

Board Meeting

- **Approval of minutes** from September meeting with corrections: Moved Ginny Bowman; Seconded Marge Lubawy. Passed.
- **Financial Report** and approval of expenses. Moved Marge Lubawy; Seconded Ginny Bowman. Passed.
- **Letter** to Western PA Conservancy on behalf of Roger Westman -a copy was passed out
- **Slate of candidates** for Election - draft ballots were amended and recommendations were made to format.
- **Shredding of documents:** Who has the documents (old dues renewal notices and applications) and why are we disposing of them? Take them to the state representative's office for free shredding.
- **Official Record Keeper.** Continuation of discussion. Secretary will maintain the corporate records and give up web site duties. Connie Przybyla volunteered to do those duties.
- **New business**

Appointment of Election Committee - Bob Meussner volunteered to head the committee and pick the committee members to count the ballots.

Notification of dues renewal for 2017- include email address, and change some of the wording. Notices will go out in November.

Discussion of discontinuation of free dues strategy drop the free year to the year in which they retire. Take out the wording in the letter. All new members who join the organization in 2016 will get a free membership for 2016 and the free year procedure will be discontinued for 2017. Move Marge Lubawy; Seconded Ginny Bowman. Passed.

Response to new member application in Newsletter new members this month. Old members who do not respond to various requests we will keep them on for a year. County Council members do not receive lunch notices, only the quarterly newsletter.

- **Other Business** - Mary Bach has hand outs and no need for audio visual equipment is asking for an honorarium. Baruch Hyman (March, 2017) will have to close his shop to do his presentation with the appraisals after the meeting. Should we offer him a stipend to pay someone to watch his shop? Future presentations: Ed Urban does one on the old jail. County police community representation Officer M. Spagnoletti (sp) on scams.
- **Adjournment** 11:30 AM moved Marge Lubawy Second Angela Conte. Passed.

Luncheon Meeting

Vice President Guy Tumolo greeted the members and talked about the upcoming election of officers and Board of Directors. He called for nominations from the floor. The slate of candidates are President, Guy Tumolo; Vice President, Pete Schepis; Treasurer, Janet Norkus; Secretary, JoAnna McQuaide; Board member nominees are: Fran Carter, Angela Conte, Joyce Dodge, Pamela Long, Marge Lubawy, Joan McMahon, and Connie Przybyla.

The ballots should go out to members the week of October 24, 2016 with a return deadline of November 10, 2016 (November 11th is Veteran's Day, a mail holiday). Bob Meussner has volunteered to chair the Election Committee to count the votes.

Also we are in the process of updating the web-site to make it more useable to the members. Please visit and bookmark acretirees.org.

Pete Schepis, Treasurer, gave the financial report.

Lenn Barcoucky talked about funny historical incidents that were part of Allegheny County's history. These included public executions at the old jail, presidential visits, crooked mayors and cell phones.

The 50/50 raffle yielded \$25 and two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards were awarded.

Respectfully Submitted
JoAnna McQuaide
Secretary