

ACRA

Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2018



In Attendance: Guy Tumolo, Pete Schepis, Angela Conte, Connie Przybyla

Absent: Janet Norkus, JoAnna McQuaide, Joan McMahon, Marge Lubawy, Pam Long

*No quorum present

Review and Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion to Approve/Connie Przybyla, Seconded/Angela Conte

Review and Approval of Bills to be Paid

- A discussion was had regarding the procedure of inputting membership information into the ACRA database
- The bills were reviewed and approved. Motion to Approve/Guy Tumolo, Seconded/Angela Conte

Financial Status Report

➤ Balance in Checking Account as of January 31, 2018 -	\$15,971.91
➤ Total Income -	1,398.00
➤ Expenses-	<u>476.25</u>
➤ Balance in Checking Account	\$16,893.66
➤ Total Account Balances	\$57,167.03

Motion to Approve/Angela Conte, Seconded/Connie Przybyla

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

➤ Newsletter – Date of Mailing, Contents and Expanded Format

- June Newsletters will have the following articles: History of Allegheny County Airport, Tour of PPG Arena, Tax Cut and Your Pension, In the Spotlight: Ray Diehl, List of new retirees for Jan, Feb, Mar, & April 2018, Brief description of speakers from previous quarter, Pension Fund Facts, President's Article
- September Newsletter will have the following articles: History and Services of the Air Quality Program, ACRA Picnic, In the Spotlight: Ron Seyko, Help with Utilities, List of new retirees for May, June, July 2018, President's Article. The September issue goes out to all County Retirees
- Extension of Newsletter length – It was decided that if necessary the newsletter can go from a four page to a six-page newsletter to accommodate articles and/or photos

➤ Program– Speakers for September And October

- It was decided that the Alzheimer's Association will be rescheduled in the 2019 schedule
- September Speaker: Edd Hale – The Great Castle Shannon Bank Robbery of 1917
 - Connie Przybyla will contact Mr. Hale
- October Speaker: Stan Olszewski of Senior Lifestyle Connections, LLC
 - Connie Przybyla will contact Mr. Olszewski

➤ Membership – Second Notice of Dues

- It was discovered that renewal notices were sent out to some members who have already paid dues
- It was decided that a refund check would be issued to these members

- 73 renewals were received since the last report dated February 6, 2018
- The total 2018 membership renewals as of March 15, 2018 is 957.
- **Membership Survey**
 - The membership survey was reviewed and approved
 - The survey will be passed out to members and collected at the April meeting
- **Tour of PPG Paints Arena**
 - The tour is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11 am.
 - There are 17 people attending the tour
- **Phipps Conservancy**
 - Currently there are no people registered for the tour
 - Pete Schepis will confirm with Janet Norkus. If this is correct the tour will be cancelled
- **Gateway Clipper Event**
 - Pam Long who is arranging tour was unable to attend meeting, so there is no information regarding the Gateway Clipper tour
 - The tour is to be scheduled in September, information will be discussed at the April meeting
- **ACRA Picnic**
 - The picnic is scheduled for June 14, 2018
 - Angela Conte will order the food for the picnic
 - Connie Przybyla has created a Pittsburgh Trivia game to play at the picnic
- **Date of Next Board Meeting**
 - The next board meeting is on Wednesday, April 18, 2018
 - The guest speaker is Ed Keleman
- **Miscellaneous**
 - March Speaker
 - The Alzheimer Association speaker, Sara Murphy, was unable to attend the luncheon meeting due to the weather and road conditions. Ms. Murphy was traveling to Pittsburgh from Erie to speak to ACRA members
 - Luncheon Cost
 - There will be no refunds to people who did not attend the luncheon unless the DoubleTree does not charge ACRA for the lunches of people who RSVP'd but did not show up for the luncheon/meeting
 - If there is an adjustment to the luncheon bill, people who paid will be given a credit for the next luncheon
 - Tax Bill and Your Pension Email
 - 63% of members emailed opened the email regarding the tax bill
 - 113 of those members opened the W4P form needed to adjust their deductions
 - Allegheny County Senior Resource Guide
 - The Allegheny County Senior Resource Guide was distributed to members who attended the luncheon meeting

Adjournment at 11:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Przybyla, ACRA Board Member