

ALLEGHENY COUNTY RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Present: Ken Bell, Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, Patricia Cray, Eileen McFadden Drake, Joseph Scorpion, Diane Welsh, and Roger Westman.

Guest: Mary Lou Bell

President Pat Cray called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Treasurer's Position: Pat announced that the Executive Committee had met with Kenneth Bell and his wife, Mary Lou, on July 30 to interview him for the Treasurer's position. The Executive Committee unanimously voted at that time for him to fill that vacant position. **Pat then made a motion, which Angela Conte seconded, that the entire Board ratify the Executive Committee's appointment. The motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes: **Pat moved, and Joe Scorpion seconded, a motion to approve the luncheon minutes of May 21, 2014. The motion carried. Pat also moved to approve the minutes of July 30 Executive Committee meeting. Joe Scorpion seconded the motion, which was approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Ken Bell reported, using information from last month's bank statements, that the opening balance for month was \$18,726.38, and a current balance of \$18,659.57. He also reported that the federal income tax statement was filed and a receipt received for it.

**The Board approved expenses of \$329.20 plus recent printing costs, representing out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Pat Cray and hourly time charges for Cassie Brandon upon a motion by Roger Westman, seconded by Ken Bell.**

Roger was asked to forward Cassie's report in PDF so everyone could read it.

Pat said the audio/visual package for today's speaker would cost \$400. Roger reported he was having trouble accessing the PayPal account to find out how much money was available to us from dues, but that he will work it out with PayPal.

Pat said the Vanguard account now has \$26,788.67 but that she cannot access it online without verification that her computer is free of viruses and other items.

It was decided to notify people who have paid less than the \$15.00 in dues that the minimum is \$15.00 and that less than that would not be accepted for membership in the future.

**A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Angela, seconded by Ginny Bowman. The motion carried.**

Pat said she had Ken Bell added to the list of those bonded that is provided by Henderson Brothers. Pat, Angela, and Ken are now bonded.

As a demarcation between the old and new treasurer, Pat recommended getting a financial compilation to help assure us the accounts are correct. She contacted Bill Morrow who will do one for \$80/hour. He estimated a cost of about \$2,000 for a compilation covering 18 months from December 2012 forward. **Roger moved, and Joe seconded the motion, to have a compilation done by Bill Morrow for that 18-month period.**

Newsletter: Editor Ginny Bowman said the deadline for the next issue will be in the middle of November. A discussion followed on the value of having one or two colors, besides black, in the newsletter. For one color, it would typically be \$200 more an issue. She was asked to get a quote on two colors so the logo could be displayed correctly.

Recent Retirees: Ginny said she had mailed 233 packages to recent retirees at approximately \$0.70 each. Monthly the range is 8 to 35. To get the list she now fills out a form online which seems to be working well. She also proposed that anyone who joins in the last quarter of the year would have his or her dues applied to the following year. **Angela made that motion and Joe seconded it. The motion carried.**

Ginny also proposed not issuing membership cards starting in 2015. There is no use for them. Folks will be advised in their dues notice mailing those cards will not be issued.

Membership: Roger reported there are 1357 folks listed on our mailing list with 77 not paid for the year. **Roger moved, and Ken seconded, a motion to drop those who have not paid. The motion carried.** Two hundred and thirty-three folks have been given credit for their 2015 dues, usually because they did not realize they had already paid for 2014.

Roger also reported on the over 1,100 petitions returned to us asking for an increase in the pension benefit. He has testimony prepared to present to the Retirement Board on September 18. The petitions will be presented to them at their October meeting.

Elections: With Ken becoming Treasurer and Angela now a Board Member, four Board Member positions are currently filled and one is vacant. However, Diane Welsh announced that she would not be running again, so for 2015 we need to fill two vacancies. The Election Chair needs to be a member of the Board. Joe Scorpion was asked to consider taking that Chair. Angela will share what she did last year. Nominations will take place at the October luncheon meeting.

Walk 'n' Talks: Roger has arranged a tour of the Google Offices at Bakery Square for October 17. The tour will last only 45 minutes, with lunch to follow nearby. Advance registration is required. It was decided to charge \$5.00 for the tour, and suggested that those funds be donated to a charity that Google supports with its efforts. No decision was made on the last point.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held on November 19. Pat suggested that it start one-half hour earlier than usual to cover the required reports and have entertainment to consist of a “Name that Tune” game. Roger will contact Harry Lentz who has the equipment and recordings for such a game. Lunch would begin at 12:45 pm.

Christmas Party: Diane Welsh had suggested that we have the hand bell choir from the Southminster Presbyterian Church for entertainment. The possibility will be explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Westman  
Secretary

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LUNCHEON MEETING  
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Pat Cray, President, opened the meeting at noon with a welcome to everyone and an introduction of the speaker, who was Kenneth Howard Clark, MD, Associate Medical Examiner for the County. He was a substitute speaker for Karl Williams, Medical Examiner, who could not be present.

Using 11 cases from their files and a graphic slide show, he illustrated the work his office does to identify causes of death, either from natural causes, suicide or murder. His office is state-of-the-art, among the best in the nation and receives about 10,000 death calls a year. His work is not just for assuring justice but also to help individuals and families learn the true causes of death. Later he answered questions from the attendees. His talk was well received.

Lunch was served at 12:58 pm. Following lunch, Pat announced the topics of the upcoming meetings. For October, Bill McKenzie of APPRISE will address health insurance issues; the Annual Meeting will be held on November 19; and the Christmas Party on December 10.

Pat also introduced the new Treasurer, Ken Bell, and asked for folks to elect him to a one-year term in the upcoming election. Two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards were given away for the door-prize drawings. The 50/50 drawing winner received \$43.

The luncheon was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Westman  
Secretary