

ALLEGHENY COUNTY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

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

Absent: Diane Welsh

Guest: Mary Lou Bell

President Pat Cray called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the DoubleTree in Green Tree.

Minutes of September 17, 2014

Pat Cray moved the approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2014 Board meeting and luncheon. Angela Conte seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ken Bell reported the beginning and ending balances for this last month. As of October 15 the checking account balance is \$16,746.87, the USPS balance is \$2,266.18, the money market fund is \$3,819.25 and the Vanguard account is \$26,750.05. Therefore the total assets are \$49,052.45.

The transfer of signatures was accepted by Vanguard, but now it is necessary to change the address so the statements are sent to Ken Bell.

The expenses as compiled by Cassie Brandon of \$389.44 were approved upon a motion by Ken Bell, seconded by Eileen Drake. The Treasurer's Report was approved upon a motion by Angela, seconded by Joe Scorpion.

Newsletter

Editor Ginny Bowman said there were no issues with getting names of new retirees or deaths now that there is a request form for them that Retirement Office is using.

Whether to use full color in the next newsletter was discussed. **Angela moved, and Joe seconded a motion to use full color with an approximate cost of \$1,200. The motion carried.**

Eileen suggested that if we want to get envelopes with the logo and return address in color we should order them in bulk due to the setup costs. Ginny will get an estimate for about 5,000 envelopes.

Elections of Board Members

Pat supplied a schedule for the preparing of the materials and mailing the ballots. Joe Scorpion will be the Judge of Elections, with directions on what was previously done

from Angela. Ballots are to be returned to Joe's home address. Pat has reserved a room at the DoubleTree for ballot counting on November 17.

Five Board Member positions of Directors are open with Ken Bell to run for a one-year term as Treasurer.

Bonding Coverage

Pat Cray reported that she had received a proposed agreement to sign costing \$165/year for \$50,000 of coverage for specifically named individuals. When she went to change the named individuals the company suggested using generic names for the positions they hold or blanket coverage for all Board members so the agreement doesn't need to be modified each time an officer who has financial responsibilities changes. The cost for such blanket coverage for all Board members would be \$206/year. The new agreement is due in December.

Audit

Pat reported that Bill Morrow, CPA, picked up the copies of the information and statements, and the results are expected by the end of November.

Annual Meeting

Pat suggested that the meeting start at 11:30 am on November 19 with reports by the Treasurer, Secretary, and President (to include election results). Then there will be a break followed by entertainment consisting of "Name The Theme" game. There was consensus that each table will be given the chance to draw the name of a charity out of a hat and the winning table's charity will receive a \$100 gift from ACRA. Many worthy charities were suggested to include in the drawing. The game will run in two parts with lunch in between. The second part will consist of having the table(s) with the highest score play against the table with the lowest score for the winning position.

Simultaneous with the meeting, the health insurance consultations by APPRISE will be going on.

Google Tour

Arrangements are all set for the tour of the Google offices in Bakery Square on Friday October 17 at 10:30.

Meetings and Luncheons

The new Board for 2015 will meet in this hotel at 10:00 am on December 8.

For the December Christmas Party luncheon, we have the Bell Ringers from the Southminster Presbyterian Church as entertainment. It was suggested lunch begin at 12:15 followed by the bell ringers for 15 minutes and the auction to follow that. Board members can spend up to \$125 to acquire items for the auction.

The next luncheon will be in March or April.

Walk-ins for our luncheons are still posing a problem since the hotel has to scramble to accommodate them. **To encourage preregistration, it was moved by Ken Bell, seconded by Eileen Drake, that the cost for walk-ins be raised to \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and guests. The motion carried.**

For the November meeting the Board should gather at 11:00 am.

Petitions for the Retirement Board

Pat thought it would be best to present the petitions for an increase in the pension benefits at their December (she meant to say November) meeting, which will be closer to their decision time.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Westman
Secretary

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LUNCHEON MEETING
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President Pat Cray called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and introduced Bill McKendree from APPRISE as the speaker. APPRISE is the state supported organization to help seniors understand their medical insurance options. She also said that APPRISE staff member "MJ" was there to make reservations for individual health insurance consultations.

Besides specific issues with the various health policies and hospital stays, Bill emphasized that when it comes to health insurance coverage everyone should: assume nothing because nothing is guaranteed, approach the insurance options as a lawyer would, check with each physician's office manager (not the doctor) about whether they will accept a particular insurance coverage, ask how a doctor will code a particular treatment, and always ask about "facility fees" when going to a hospital. He stressed that patients should be willing to hold a doctor and their practice responsible if needed. If someone has additional questions he invited them to call APPRISE (412-661-1438).

After lunch Pat announced the next meeting for November 19. She then took nominations for the open Board positions. Those nominated were Angela Conte, Mary Nolan, Ginny Bowman, and Guy Tumolo. No nominations were received for the additional Board vacancy. She also said that Ken Bell's name will be on the ballot for Treasurer for a one-year term.

The 50/50 raffle resulted in the winner realizing \$55.00. Two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards were awarded for the door prizes.

Attendance was 57 people, including 10 walk-ins.

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