

ACRA MINUTES
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
DoubleTree in Green Tree
10:00 am

- I. Board Meeting
Present: Cassie Brandon, Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, JoAnna McQuaide, Janet Norkus, Guy Tumolo, Roger Westman, Marge Lubawy, Pete Schepis, Joe Scorpion.
 1. Approval of March 16 minutes
 - Motion to Approve – Ginny Bowman. Second – Angie Conte. Passed.
 2. Treasurer’s Report – Pete Schepis
 - a. Statements and Balances- Banksville Express Printing, Postage, Voice Nation are all monthly bills and should be paid before they are late (not waiting for the next meeting).
 - b. Mid-year Report
 - c. Expenses approval
 - d. Second dues renewal letter status of responses – 87 for a total of 1084 2017 14 have prepaid for next year
 - Motion to approve – Joe Scorpion. Second- Ginny Bowman. Passed
 3. Membership Database
 - a. Do we need a Form 1099 for Cassie? No because we haven’t reached the federal threshold necessary
 4. Officers and Board Member Duties- Guy Tumolo wants a job description for the different Board positions so we will have a plan for the person’s replacement and know what they do for the organization. Due at the May 18 meeting.
 5. Support for Ted Puzak for Retirement Board
 - a. Motion – ACRA will not offer any public support for any Retirement Board candidate at this time. Motion to Approve – Marge Lubawy; Second by Joe Scorpion. Passed.
 6. Newsletter-
 - a. Special articles – Ask the membership for pictures from the Wildflower Walk to be published/posted.
 - b. May 13 is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter
 - c. Add Names of county council, retirement board, County Executive, county manager for the next newsletter, not the postcards, mailing list suggested by Marge at the last meeting.
 7. Luncheon Programs
 - a. April 20 Timothy Johnson, Retirement Office executive
 - b. May 18 Gardening & County Park Ranger Program
 - c. Sept 21 Pittsburgh Zoo confirmed by Mr. Len Bach
 - d. Oct. 19 Len Barcoucky, Interesting Stories of Allegheny County
 - e. Nov. 16 Medicare rep Barbara Veazey
 - f. Dec. 21 Christmas Party

Potentials:

 - g. Spring 2017 – Crown Antiques owner

h. Spring 2017 - Mary Bach consumer advocate

8. Outings

- a. April Raccoon Creek Park, Wildflower Walk –Ginny Bowman needs a count for the ranger and the restaurant.
- b. May 24 at 1030..1230 History Center, Marge Lubawy reminded us that members pay \$8 per previous agreement and ACRA will pay the \$2 difference. Reservations are in advance. Lunch is on your own at nearby local restaurants.
- c. June 22 Picnic - ask Ken Bell, who reserved the grove at a West Mifflin Park, to change the date to Tuesday or Thursday of that week.
- d. Sept 29 - at 10 a.m. Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens near Settlers Cabin Park, lunch at The Diner, reservations in advance, so directions can be sent by Ginny Bowman.
- e. Week of Oct 10- Homewood Cemetery, \$10 per person, up to 15 people with 1 tour guide.

9. Website - JoAnna McQuaide needs training in Word Press program and who to contact at Imagebox. Roger Westman to send her info.

10. Old business- none

11. New Business

Doubletree will have a fire drill at 12 noon and it will last 12 minutes during our lunch.

Karen Stanton phoned to say she has been in a nursing rehab facility for the past year and misses everyone. Asked ACRA to give everyone her regards and is looking towards returning to activities soon.

12. Motion to Adjourn-Angie Conte; Guy Tumolo seconded. The next meeting is on May 18, 2016.

II. Luncheon Program

13. Timothy Johnson, Executive Director, Retirement Office, spoke at the membership meeting about the retirement plan. The Board has two goals: 1. to serve members and, 2. to ensure the longevity of the pension fund.

For every \$1 paid to public sector retirees, \$1.80 of economic benefit is generated in the form of taxes, spending, jobs and other revenue generators that filter back to the local economy.

The Retirement Board has identified five initiatives:

1. Reforming Benefit – Act 125 reduced the amount of the unfunded pension liability.
2. Unfunded Pension Liability – The County recognizes the pension benefit as a long-term liability on its balance sheet.

3. Contributions - from both the employees and employers are vital to future benefits.
4. Investment Performance
5. Investment Fees and Expenses - on-going monitoring to maintain minimal investment charges.

The Board had a COLA increase in 2015 and will look at the fund again in 2017 to see if a COLA will be viable in terms of affordability, fund solvency and discretion of the Board.

14. Also at the membership meeting there was a drawing for two \$20 gift cards. The 50-50 raffle was \$48 for the winner and \$47 for ACRA.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnna McQuaide
Secretary

Allegheny County Retirees Association (ACRA)

Roger Westman, President Guy Tumolo, Vice President JoAnna McQuaide, Secretary Peter Schepis, Treasurer Janet Norkus, Assistant Treasurer, Director Angela Conte, Director Ginny Bowman, Director Marge Lubawy, Director Joe Scorpion, Director		<p>LIST OF PAYMENT REQUESTS APRIL 20, 2016</p>	
NAME	DATE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Katherine Brandon (Cassie)	3/16/16-4/17/16	ACRA Board Minutes, update data base for new & renewal members & corrections, prepare member list for postcard mailing - 11 hrs @ \$15/hr	\$165.00
REIMBURSEMENTS INVOICE TOTALS			<u>\$165.00</u>