

ACRA Board Meeting

August 18, 2016

Members Present : Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, Marge Lubawy, Janet Norkus, Pete Schepis, Guy Tumolo.

Minutes: corrected for spelling and minor errors. Ginny Bowman moved and Marge Lubawy seconded approval of minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: presented by Pete Schepis and Janet Norkus. Approval moved by Ginny Bowman, seconded by Marge Lubawy. Motion passed. Copy of report attached and made part of these minutes.

Newsletter: report given by Ginny Bowman. There will be an article exhorting active participation by more members. An invitation to members to attend Board meetings was added to the draft. There will be an article on new regulations governing financial advisors; an article and pictures by Marge on the History Center Tour. Pictures from the picnic; a tribute to Roger Westman; and the regular listing of members who have died recently. There will also be a listing of upcoming luncheons and events. Pictures submitted by a member of her trip to a National Park will appear in the next issue. It was decided that this newsletter will be the one sent annually to all retirees

Luncheon Speakers:

September – 21 - Len Bach – Angela reported that he will bring Zoo Calendars and a few Zoo passes.

October 19 – Len Barcosky “ Interesting Stories about Allegheny County”. Marge reported that a \$100 stipend needed. Will be paid to him at luncheon. All 5 Board Directors positions (as opposed to Officers) will be open for nomination. Several potential candidates were discussed for potential openings. An election chairperson who is not a member of the Board will be recruited. That person will choose at least 4 other people to help conduct the election. The ballots will be sent to all members to be returned to our post office box in a colored envelope for the committee to open, count and verify.

November 16- Barbara Veazey on Medicare. This meeting has traditionally been known as the Annual Meeting. Consequently, by virtue of the by-laws, the results of the election are to be announced.

Christmas party. December 14 is preferred date. If unavailable, December 7 is next choice. Pete will check with hotel.

Outings:

September 29 - Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens. Revised notice reviewed and approved for mailing. It was suggested by Guy and moved by Marge that in order to facilitate payment of the fee to the Botanic Garden, ACRA pay the \$10 fee to the Botanic Garden for all attendees. Motion seconded by Pete. Motion passed. Pete will pay by check. He will collect from each member attending \$8 and from each non-member \$10 at the site. Before the tour starts Ginny will announce that some attendees will be going to The Diner in Oakdale for lunch. Anyone wishing to participate should let her know before they go on the tour so she can inform the diner of how large a section they should set aside.

October outing to Homewood Cemetery canceled.

Status of Board Officers:

The by-laws provide for replacement of board members through the vote of the board. Replacements serve to completion of the term of the person they replace. Consequently, the appointments of Treasurer and Secretary do not expire till the end of 2017. All Member positions expire the end of 2016 and are the subjects of the upcoming election. The Board will have to vote to fill the office of President vacated by the death of Roger Westman.

Old Business:

Angie reported on the **picnic**. Everyone said it went well. Food was good and plentiful. Suggestions for next year were: keep the process of buying prepared food that is delivered: reduce the amount of pop, maybe just have water and ice tea; restrict the picnic to members and guests, no children; although the site is terrific we may have to consider another site, especially if Ken is not available to reserve the shelter.

New Business:

Due to time restrains the discussion of creating **committees** was cut short and will be on the agenda for the September meeting. The idea of involving more people was acknowledged to be a good idea. Two committees were agreed upon as essential – the election committee and possibly an audit committee to be appointed at the end of each year. The Vice-President will attempt to prepare a draft of the functions of various

committees from the information received on what services Board members currently perform for discussion at the next meeting.

Marge presented the idea of the organization doing something as a **tribute to Roger Westman** for all his past service to ACRA. She thought it fitting that a contribution in his honor be made to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Pete moved that ACRA make a \$100 donation to the Conservancy in Roger's name; Angie seconded; it passed unanimously. Pete will prepare the check and JoAnne McQuaide will be asked to compose a letter of transmittal.

Adjournment:

Moved by Janet. Seconded by Ginny. Passed unanimously.