

Allegheny County Retires Association
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2016
10:00 AM

Present: Cassie Brandon, Ginny Bowman, Angela Conte, Marge Lubawy, JoAnna McQuaide, Janet Norkus, Pete Schepis, Guy Tumolo
Absent: Joe Scorpion
Attendees: Pamela Long, Bob Meussner

Board Meeting

Call to order

Approval of minutes from October 19, 2016 Moved Pete Schepis Seconded Marge Lubawy
Passed

Financial Report and Approval of Expenses

Get rid of PayPal who takes a fee for every transaction. With only one transaction for dues it is not worth keeping. Motion to get rid of PayPal: Moved Marge Lubawy Seconded Pete Schepis. Passed. Big Hippo is our web-site host. They want ACH transactions. We currently use Go Daddy.com to keep our site alive. Big Hippo will maintain it. We need both groups and since Roger's credit card was used we have to go through a legal process since his death. Motion to accept the Financial Report and payment of expenses: Moved Ginny Bowman Seconded Janet Norkus Passed.

Open Issues

Election Results – Bob Meussner reported on the election results: Guy Tumolo, President; Pete Schepis, Vice President; Janet Norkus, Treasurer; JoAnna McQuaide, Secretary; returning Board members: Angela Conte and Marge Lubawy; New Board members: Pamela Long, Joan McMahon and Connie Przybyla. Ginny will continue as membership chair to send the info to the retirement board for inclusion in the packets for new retirees. Connie Przybyla and Ginny Bowman will collaborate on the newsletter. Audit Committee needs to be conducted early next year. Pete Schepis knows someone who is interested. Also on the Election committee were Kathleen and Michael Leone, Donna Brusco, Bill Ortmann, David Gerlach, Mary Ann Sapienza, Jackie DeShields, and Terri Ortmann.

Notification of dues renewal

Adding the members' address will require an envelope with a window which costs more. The notice should go out by the end of the week. Guy will call Banksville Printing on Thursday with his okay.

Discussion of Open Issues - Mary Bach has not been confirmed yet. Angie Conte made a motion to pay Mary Bach up to \$100 in honorarium. Second Marge Lubawy. Passed.

Baruch Hyman, owner of Crown Antiques, will have to close his store to attend our meeting. If he makes a request for an honorarium the Board will entertain.

New business

Final Newsletter for 2016 deadline is this Friday in order to have the newsletter out by December. Patricia Lantz submitted an article and pictures of her trip to Yosemite for inclusion. The retirement board has not given us an updated memorial list so we will not include it in this edition. We do not want to delay

Christmas Holiday Party – name change to Holiday Party. A special menu including salmon and turkey and the party room are set. Chinese auction items donated by Board members will be reimbursed up to \$100 as is past custom. Members will get five tickets for the auction. Angie is to conduct the Chinese auction. Plans for the holiday party: Moved Angie Conte Second JoAnna McQuaide Passed. Entertainment sub-committee consisting of Marge Lubawy and Angie Conte will look into procuring something for the meeting.

There will be no Board meeting but all Directors will meet at 10:30 in the party room to help set up.

2017 Meeting and Luncheon dates,

No general meetings in January and February (the Board will meet on February 15 if needed at the Oakland Panera's at 10), March 15, 2017, April 19, 2017, May 17, 2017, June 21 picnic, and no meetings in July and August; September 20, 2017, October 18, 2017, November 15, 2017 annual meeting, and December 13 holiday party, 2017. Printer needs 3 weeks plus 5 days for postcards.

Other Issues

Adjournment 11:30 Moved Marge Lubawy Seconded Ginny Bowman. Passed.

Luncheon Meeting

Vice President Guy Tumolo introduced Bob Meussner Chair of the Election committee to announce the results. Officers are: President Guy Tumolo, Vice President Pete Schepis, Treasurer, Janet Norkus, Secretary JoAnna McQuaide; Board members, Angela Conte, Marge Lubawy, and newly elected board members Pamela Long, Joan McMahon, and Connie Przybyla.

Review of 2016 - Loss of Roger Westmann and Pat Cray who left the area. Janet Norkus, Pete Schepis and JoAnna McQuaide stepped into the vacancies created by their departures. The Board defined the roles of the officers and committees. The program activities throughout the year have been well attended by members.

Treasurer's Report – Pete Schepis reported on the solvent position of our finances.

No 50/50 drawing was held but two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards were raffled.

Speaker Barb Veazey, APPRISE counselor, spoke about the new Medicare plans for 2017. Topics included Part D Drug Coverage, Part C Medicare advantage plans, and travel insurance.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnna McQuaide
Secretary