

Allegheny County Retires Association
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017
9:25 AM (Panera's Oakland)

Present: Cassie Brandon, Angela Conte, Pamela Long, Marge Lubawy, Joan McMahon, JoAnna McQuaide, Janet Norkus, Connie Przybyla, Pete Schepis, Guy Tumolo

Approval of minutes from November 16, 2016 with spelling corrections.
Moved: Connie Przybyla Seconded: Pamela Long. Passed.

Financial Report and Approval of Expenses – Motion to accept. Moved: Marge Lubawy. Seconded: Pete Schepis. Passed.

New business

Membership

- How many members do we now have? 600 (7 new members, 14 deaths, 4 non-renewals as of Feb 2, 2017) 237 renewals still unprocessed
- How many mailings were returned unopened? 7
- Are there more or less members than last year at this time? 200 less

Web page is finished. Click on the event on the first page and it will go to the event. Click on any blue line and it will link to items of interest. Pictures were taken of board members for publication on the board page. All minutes and newsletters from 2013 onward are on the website. There is a new table of contents page for the bylaws. Connie included the membership application on the web-site. Related links are included to the county retirement board, the department of aging, etc. She created a new email address acretireeassociation@gmail.com for the board to answer members questions. Also included are pictures from the prior year's activities.

Spring Newsletter is already at the printer. There is an obituary for Joe Scorpion in the issue. March 1st is the expected delivery date. Connie Przybyla and Joan McMahon are collaborating on new articles and features with topics such as: flu, shingles, and pneumonia shot, members and their unusual hobbies, and department highlights.

Speakers for luncheons and suggestions for special events were confirmed or suggested - Paptel to talk about phones for those with hearing loss, in home caretakers for veterans, a health related theme for September, Stair Climber, and call buttons. Connie Przybyla to pursue Ed Urban who does a history of the jail. It was suggested that the retirement board be scheduled at same time as the Medicare update in November. Hopefully we will have Mike Spagnoletti to talk about fraud in October.

Activities suggested were the Botanical Gardens, Venture Outdoors walking tours, glass blowing, 3 stadium tours, and Louise Sturgiss on modern local architecture to be held at a local library. Lynn Heckman wants to be involved in planning activities. These events are to be held in May, July/August, September, or October. Not all activities have to be walking ones.

June 21 Picnic at West Mifflin Park. Angela Conte to work on food. Need someone to volunteer for games.

Audit Committee – Pete Schepis and Janet Norkus with member volunteers Tom Kelly and Gary DiCroce reviewed bills and checks for 2016. Tom Kelly will report on their findings at the March meeting.

Committee Assignments

Newsletter Connie Przybyla and Joan McMahon.

Membership Ginny Bowman who wants a stamp to call attention to our envelope for new retirees

Nominating November

Meetings - food and sites – Angie Conte

Other Issues Luncheon costs. A motion to have member appreciation lunch at the September meeting be reduced to \$10 in advance for members was moved and amended by Marge Lubawy. Seconded: Angie Conte. Passed. One objection.

Adjournment 11:00

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnna McQuaide
Secretary