



# Allegheny County

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## Retirees Association

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Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2018  
10:00 AM

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

Attendee: Joan Venosko

**Approval of minutes from October 17, 2018** with changes Moved Joan McMahon  
Seconded Marge Lubawy Passed.

**Financial Report and Approval of Expenses** - Motion to accept the Financial Report and payment of expenses: Moved Pamela Long Seconded Connie Przybyla Passed.

**Financial Status and Audit** – Balance of all accounts is \$50,433.83. Janet will refurbish the postage account. Motion to accept the financial report Joan McMahon Seconded Connie Przybyla Passed

**Election Results** - 455 ballots were cast. Next year we will put in how many positions to vote for on the ballot. The election process cost \$1000 for 5 unopposed candidates. We would have to change the by-laws to have a vote by acclamation if there are no challengers to any office.

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Pension Plan Report
- Medicare Report
- Announcements of Events to come

### **Committee Reports**

**December Newsletter** is finished and at the printers to be mailed on Dec 1. The March issue will contain a history of the AC courthouse, Holiday party, gardening tip by Marge Lubawy, master gardener, Sharon Sylvestri will be in the spotlight article, free services for seniors, retirement check schedule, luncheon schedule and newsletter mailing dates. Connie is looking for suggestions for articles about other departments.

**Holiday Party** need 25 chairs for the choir and tables for the Chinese auction. Board members are to bring up to 2 gifts and spend up to \$50. There will be a 50/50 raffle but no gift cards. Cost to remain the same as a normal luncheon. There will be a Board meeting at 10:30.

### **Meetings/Outing Events**

Phipps wants paid 2 weeks before the event. Everyone pays \$2 for the docent. The cost for the 1.5 hour tour will be \$17 for non-Phipps members and \$2 for Phipps members. Checks must be in by March 18. Guy Tumolo to sign the agreement.

Venture Outdoors for May meeting to talk about Senior Connections program.

June picnic will be at North Park again because of the good attendance and good venue for our members.



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### **New business**

**Establishing a Budget** Cassie is to send Connie the names of those people who have been removed from the membership roster for non-payment of dues. This so they do not receive the privileges of blast emails and newsletters. Do we continue to subsidize the lunches for both members and non-members? Yes, we will continue to subsidize. Do we continue to have reduced fees for the picnic and the members appreciation meeting? Yes we will keep member appreciation at \$10 and increase the price of the picnic.

**Matter of Balance** is a county health department grant from the state for seniors. There is an 8 session course that won't be running until summer 2019. They need trainers to conduct the sessions which address how to prevent falling and how to stay healthy. One site so far is at McKeesport Hospital.

### **Other Issues**

Adjournment 11:13 Moved Angie Conte Seconded Janet Norkus Passed.

### **Luncheon Meeting**

President Guy Tumolo reviewed the past year's goals, upcoming events and luncheon meetings. Also he reported that Cookie Yoder from the credit union couldn't attend due to illness. Guy wanted all members to know that we are still eligible to join the credit union even though we are retirees.

Ginny Bowman reported on the election results where all 5 candidates won. Those elected to a 2 year term on the board were Angela Conte, Pamela Long, Marge Lubawy, Joan Mc Mahon and Connie Przybyla.

Treasurer's Report – Janet Norkus reported on our finances for the year.

Walt Szymanski, manager, AC Pension Board reported on the annual report, changes in pension legislation and answered questions from the floor.

Bill McKendree, APPRISE, talked about the war between Highmark and UPMC and how that effects our Medicare plans, the Medigap and Advantage Medicare Plans, prescription plans and took questions from the floor also.

The 50/50 drawing was held for \$ 67 and two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards were raffled.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnna McQuaide  
Secretary



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