

Minutes  
ACRA Annual Board Meeting  
NOVEMBER 17, 2021  
10:00 am

In Attendance: Guy Tumolo, Pete Schepis, Cathy Thomas, Angie Conti, Joan McMahon, Marge Lubawy, Pam Long, Connie Przybyla, Donna Johnson, Sharon Silvestri, Hugh Hackmeister

Not In Attendance: JoAnna McQuaide

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES**

Approved – Moved: Pam Long, seconded: Joan McMahon

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

Treasurer Thomas reported \$2560.95 in expenses - Approved: Moved: Marge Lubawy, Seconded: Pete Schepis

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

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| • Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2021   | \$ 9,377.26        |
| • Investment Account Balance as of October 31, 2021 | \$47,384.72        |
| • Postage Account Balance as of October 31, 2021    | <u>\$ 667.05</u>   |
| • Total Account Balance                             | <b>\$57,429.03</b> |

Approved: Moved: Pam Long, Seconded: Connie Przybyla

**NEWSLETTER**

Connie Przybyla reported that the ACRA December newsletter will be mailed out on November 30, 2021. It will also be emailed out to members the morning of December 1, 2021.

**LUNCHEON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 11/17/2021 LUNCHEON**

- Registration – Pam/Marge
- Door Prize Raffle – Marge
- Penguin ticket raffle – blue tickets – Pete & Cathy (Winner does not need to be present). NAME OF TICKET HOLDER MUST BE ON TICKET
- 50/50 raffle – orange tickets - Pete & Cathy
- Table Sequence for buffet – Connie
- Introduction of speakers - Guy

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

*Ideas for speakers for next year:*

- MARCH - County Police – Cyber Security (Connie will contact)
- APRIL – Edd Hale – Tall ships (Connie will contact)

- MAY – Botanical Gardens (After representative speaks at a luncheon, set up field trip to there)
- JUNE – Annual Picnic – this year at North Park/Rose Barn
  - Hugh Hackmeister will check out site
  - Hugh will also look into having a pig roast for the picnic
- SEPTEMBER – County Rangers – Speak about County facilities available
- OCTOBER – Bob Cranmer – Speak about his haunted home (Guy will contact)
- NOVEMBER – Medicare and Retirement Updates
- December – Annual Holiday Party

*Special Activities for next year:*

- Gateway Clipper (Pam Long will try to schedule for summer months)
- Winery
- Theater and dinner trip (Will need a bus for this outing)

**UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN PENSION PAYMENTS**

- Guy Tumolo will attend the Retirement Board meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021
- He will request a \$50 increase for retirees
- Guy will notify board of the results of his appearance

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Congratulations to the 2022 ACRA Board

- President – Guy Tumolo
- Vice President – Marge Lubawy
- Treasurer – Cathy Thomas
- Secretary- JoAnna McQuaide

\*It was decided that the next election ballots will be mailed out to all members instead of placing ballot in newsletter.

**HOLIDAY PARTY ACTIVITIES & RAFFLES**

- Cost for holiday party is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members – Approved: Moved: Connie Przybyla, seconded by Marge Lubawy
- RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND LUNCHEON
  - Last year there were over 20 walk ins, which caused confusion and not enough tables set up
- Postcard will read as follows:
  - RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE – NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
  - MONEY FOR RESERVATIONS **MUST** BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE RSVP DATE OF DECEMBER 10, 2021
  - \*Please note the change regarding reservations – It is important that we have an accurate count of people attending for Doubletree
  - Make sure the door price is removed from postcard
- Connie will change information on website regarding price and reservations
- Connie will also send out a mass email

- It was decided that we would give servers a \$20 gift for Christmas
  - The money will come out of the ACRA share of the 50/50 money
  - Approved: Connie Przybyla, seconded, Marge Lubawy
- Tables
  - Tables will sit 8 people
  - Each table will have a program for each member
  - Each member will have a favor at their place setting
    - A star will be on the back of one favor per table, that person will win a coupon for a free lunch
- Menu
  - Caesar Salad
  - Fruit Salad
  - Soup of the Day
  - Herb Roasted Chicken
  - Brisket
  - Seasonal Vegetables
  - Chef's selection of Starch
  - Chef's selection of Desserts
  - Coffee, Tea, & Iced Tea
- Entertainment
  - Lenny Garlicki will lead the group singing
    - There will be a program for each person attending
  - PowerPoint Presentation of over 300 photos from various ACRA events throughout the years
  - Christmas music
- Chinese Auction
  - Each board member is to purchase a gift for the auction worth between \$25-\$30
    - Bring receipt to December meeting for reimbursement
- Assignments for Party
  - Sell ORANGE 50/50 tickets – Pete Schepis and Ed Przybyla
    - Will go table to table to sell tickets, to avoid backlog outside of room
  - Sell extra Chinese Auction RED tickets – Joan McMahon and JoAnna McQuaide
    - There will be a table at door to sell tickets
  - Sell BLUE Penguin tickets – Pam Long and Hugh Hackmeister
    - There will be a table at door to sell tickets
  - Pull table numbers for lunch – JoAnna McQuaide
  - Pull winning tickets – Guy Tumolo
  - Help Guy with Chinese Auction – Marge Lubawy
  - Help distribute favors at each table – Donna Johnson and Sharon Silvestri
  - Help with setup – Angie Conte
  - Check attendees in – Cathy Thomas and Marge Lubawy
    - There will be a table at door for people to sign in

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTIFICATION**

- Connie will send the renewal letter to the printer to be sent out in December
- A reminder will be placed in the March newsletter

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was noted that any member is invited to attend the board meetings

Next Board meeting: Holiday Party – December 15

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am

Approved: Moved: Pete Schepis, Seconded: Angie Conte

Respectfully submitted:

Connie Przybyla, ACRA Board Member

## Annual Membership Meeting

- The board meeting was followed by the annual meeting of the membership.
- A report on the status and future of Association activities was given by the president, Guy Tumolo.
- A report on the financial condition of the association was given by the vice president, Pete Schepis.
- Bill McKendree of the PA Healthcare Benefit Support Program updated the membership on Medicare and answered questions.
- Frank DiCristofaro, a member of the Retirement Board, spoke on the status of the pension plan.
- Walt Szymanski, Manager of the employees' retirement system, spoke of the planned improvements to access and communication planned for members of the system.
- Bob Meussner, chair of the ACRA election committee, announced the results of election of officers.
- The meeting concluded with information on the need for reservations for the holiday party and the fee.