



# Allegheny County

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## Retirees Association

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Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2022  
10:00 AM

**Present:** Pamela Long, Marge Lubawy, JoAnna McQuaide, Donna Johnson-Smith, Cathy Thomas, Guy Tumolo

**Absent:** Joan McMahon, Connie Przybyla

**Attendees:** Hugh Hackmeister

**Appoint New Board Member** – Motion to approve Hugh Hackmeister to fill the seat vacated by Angela Conti. Moved: Guy Tumolo. Seconded: JoAnna McQuaide. Passed.

**Approval of minutes March 16, 2022:** Moved: Marge Lubawy. Seconded: Cathy Thomas. Passed.

### **Financial Status Report and Approval of Expenses**

Motion to approve the payment of expenses \$3,667.57: Moved: Pam Long. Seconded: Donna Johnson-Smith. Passed.

Motion to accept the Financial Status Report with a total in all accounts of \$65,527.21: Moved: Marge Lubawy. Seconded: Pam Long. Passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Newsletter-** Deadline for articles is April 28. Hugh is the highlighted member; Update on Pete Townsend; Medical article from Joan, and upcoming events. To be mailed on May 31.

### **Luncheon Meeting**

Registration Desk – Marge and Pam

50/50 Raffle – JoAnna and Ed Przybyla

Gift Cards- Guy

**Elections** – 5 Board members are up for re-election: Connie, Hugh, and Donna have consented to run again. We will mail out ballots this year. Guy will contact Bob to see if he will volunteer to be the chair of the Election Committee.



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### **Activities for 2022**

June: Picnic \$15  
July: Botanical Garden  
August: Rivers of Steel Tours  
September: Narcisi Winery Tour

### **Luncheon Meeting Programs**

September- Park Rangers speaker and Member Appreciation luncheon  
October - Zacharias Law firm doing elder law  
November- Election, Medicare Update, Pension Board  
December- Holiday Party

### **Membership**

Final Count 1015 members but 92 haven't paid yet. Connie and Cathy culled the membership list for deaths and non-payers.

### **New business**

### **Other Issues**

**Adjournment** 11:18. Next meeting May 11, 2022, at 10 am. Move: Guy Tumolo. Seconded: Marge Lubawy. Passed.

### **Luncheon Meeting**

Guy Tumolo opened the meeting and went over the schedule of events for the upcoming meetings and outings for the membership. Our speaker was Edd Hale, who has previously addressed the association, with his Great Bank Robbery of Castle Shannon presentation. This meeting Edd, a retired middle school teacher from Keystone Oaks, did a highly informative presentation on the US Brig Niagara docked in Erie. Not only did Edd present the history but included his own firsthand experiences as a volunteer crew member. The brig was very instrumental in winning the Battle of Lake Erie for control of the Great Lakes in the war of 1812. The



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famous quote "We have met the enemy, and they are ours" originated from that battle. The ship was sunk to preserve it after the war.

The Niagara is now licensed by the Coast Guard with all the modern equipment. It takes 15-18 professional sailors and 20-25 volunteers to operate the ship whereas in 1813 it took 155 crew.

The US Niagara participates in Tall Ship tours and will be in the upcoming festival in August 25-28. Check [www.sailnl.org](http://www.sailnl.org) for the sailing schedule.

There were two \$20 Giant Eagle gift cards and \$87 50/50 raffle money awarded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnna McQuaide  
Secretary