



Allegheny County

Retirees Association

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Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022
10:00 AM

Present: Hugh Hackmeister, Pamela Long, Marge Lubawy, Joan McMahon, JoAnna McQuaide, Connie Przybyla, Donna Johnson-Smith, Cathy Thomas, Guy Tumolo

Absent:

Attendees: Sharon Sylvestri, Bob Muessner

Approval of minutes from October 19, 2022: Correct OSHER. Moved: Joan McMahon

Seconded: Connie Przybyla Passed.

Financial Status Report and Approval of Expenses

Motion to approve the payment of expenses \$1,644.62: Moved: Marge Lubawy Seconded: Hugh Hackmeister Passed.

Motion to accept the Financial Report with the total in all accounts of \$45,177.18: Moved: Pamela Long Seconded: Joan McMahon Passed.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – coming out December 1. Kathy Burk and Guillermo Cole will be taking over the publication starting 2023.

Luncheon Meeting

Registration/door prize/name tags – Joan and Pam

50/50 raffle – Ed Przybyla and Pete Schepis

Holiday Party December 14 – Connie

Registration- Joan, Pam

50/50 – Pete, Ed

Tables -JoAnna

Photo Booth - Guy and Hugh

Entertainment - Len Garlicky

Penguin Tickets Raffle – Hugh

Holiday Bingo - \$10 prizes

Extra Tickets \$1-\$5-\$10 -Sharon Sylvestri and Marge

Photo props - Connie

Gifts for Wait Staff - Connie

Suggested Activities/Programs for 2023

April Kaufmann family

Genealogy – May

Fun Day – September

Picnic - June
OSHER October
Annual Meeting – November
Holiday Party - December

Events

History Center
Zoo
LeMieux Hockey Center
Channel 11 Station Tour
Kaufmann Family April and Ursuline Services
Baseball Game
River Hounds Practice facility

Membership

Renewal Letters going out in November

New business

Return date for Luncheon reservations – Wednesday before the meeting and get the postcard out earlier.

Election Results -

Other Issues

Adjournment Next meeting Holiday Party December 14 at 10 am. Move: Hugh Hackmeister
Seconded: Cathy Thomas. Passed.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Guy's address
Cathy's address

Bob Muessner, chair of the Election Committee, 6 people running for 5 slots, acknowledge the vote counters. List of votes Eric and 2 write-ins were Walt – Carol
Update on renewal of investment firm contract for another 5 years. New retirement software is being developed for retirees to access their accounts. Retirements are up 9-10% this year. Life insurance policy with Standard is in effect until 2026.

Bill – 412-420-4018

2023 phased into the next 5 years enrollment age disability end stage renal

Part B premium is being reduced 170-165 2021 the Part B premium was 148 up to 170 per year. Increase due to inflation and a new drug breakthrough, from BioGen adyouhelp for dementia. Had to be administered under doctor's supervision. Fast-tracked approval through FDA. 2023 \$97,000. Cutoff for base rate or income adjusted rate.

Six to 7 years for Inflation Reduction Act to reach full fruition

2023 vaccines will have no cost-share. Determined on an annual basis

Flu, shingles, covid, no cost. Capping insulin cost at \$35 per month. Manufacturer's price increases will be limited to COLI to Medicare/SSA.

2025 cap of \$2000 on what will be paid for Rx by you. Part D plans Many meds are being shifted from doctor administration to self-administered delivery. Medicare is purposely incuraging this shift from Part B to Part D. Some folks still can't pay the catastrophic 5%. Insurance companies are increasing costs for what will happen in 2025. Max out now to avoid the down the road limitations.

2026 CMMS can negotiate with drug makers prices. For a limited number of drugs.

Everything could be changes since the phase in over such a long period of time. Could change with a change in administrations.

Q & A

2 gift cards were given out and 50/50 raffle was \$109.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary

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