

Minutes
ACRA Board Meeting
October 18, 2023

In Attendance: Pam Long, Sharon Silvestri, Cathy Thomas, Donna Johnson, Hugh Hachmeister, Connie Przybyla, Jack Exler (Guy Tumolo via teleconference)

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved, Motion to Accept: Pam Long, Seconded, Connie Przybyla

Review and Approval of Bills to be Paid: Cathy Thomas reviewed the report for board, Motion to accept Sharon Silvestri, Seconded Pam Long

Financial Reports: Cathy Thomas reviewed the report for board, Motion to Accept: Connie Przybyla, Seconded, Hugh Hachmeister

Checking Account: \$45,742.25

Postage Account: \$1,486.62

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES: \$47,228.87

Newsletter: Cathy Burk was not present to give a report.

Connie Przybyla was awaiting a quote from printer to see if it would be cost effective to eliminate the envelope and send newsletters folded with address to members

Review of Assignments for luncheon

50/50 raffle – Pete Schepis and Ed Przybyla

Registration/door prize: Pam Long and Sharon Silvestri

Introduction of Speaker: Marge Lubawy

Programs

10/18/2023 - Pittsburgh Film Office, Dawn Keeser

11/15/2023 - Annual Meeting – Medicare, Retirement Board, Election results
Walt Szymanski and Frank DiCristofaro – Retirement Office & Retirement Board
William McKendree, PA Healthcare Benefit Solution Program

3/20/2024 -George Westinghouse and his Legacy – David Bear

4/17/2024 -Discovering a Family History: From the Famous and Heroic to the Infamous and Notorious, Carleton Young

5/15/2024 -Notorious Pittsburgh, Chris Whitlatch

Discussion Topics

Holiday Party:

Connie Przybyla discussed plans for the party.

Lenny Garlicki, has agreed to lead group in song

All board members are to purchase a gift for the Chinese Auction table.

Cost of gift is \$30, members will be reimbursed

There will be Christmas bingo, and emoji game

Prize for games is \$5 (money will be taken out of ACRA's share of 50/50

Song sheets will be printed for each member

There will be a favor of a candy cane with a tag saying, "Let's be Naughty and Save Santa a Trip!"
Connie will prepare for the next meeting a list of assignments for each member

Picnic:

Hugh Hachmeister found a place at North Park large enough to accommodate a large crowd, North Park Lodge

The picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Audit:

Cathy Thomas reported that she met with Guy Tumolo and Chris Carragher to discuss the organization's audit. Chris Carragher will conduct a five-year audit

Cathy Thomas stated she has file folders for all the years she has been the ACRA Treasurer

Phone Answering Service:

Marge reported she gets few calls and most of calls are referred to the Allegheny County Retirement Office.

Connie Przybyla stated she also gets few emails for members, and most are also referred to the Allegheny County Retirement Office

Late Registration:

A discussion was had regarding the issue of people sending in RSVPs late (past the deadline we have with the Doubletree). The following was decided:

- We need to be consistent
- The issue should be addressed in the newsletter and at the luncheon meetings
- Cathy Thomas is to use her judgement when there are too many members sending RSVP in late

New Business:

- Pam Long reported she has been in contact with the Pirates for another ACRA Pirate game. She suggested we schedule the game in July this year.
- Connie Przybyla presented a renewal letter to be sent out to members by mid-November.

Marge Lubawy adjourned the meeting.

Next board meeting scheduled for November 15, 2023 at 10 am.