



# Allegheny County

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# Retirees Association

ACRA Board of Directors  
November 20, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 9:51am

Present: Jack Exler, Marge Lubawy, Hugh Hachmeister, Pamela Long, Kathy Burk, Donna Johnson, Sharon Silvestri, Cathy Thomas, Connie Przybyla  
Newly Elected Board Member Eric Buncher was also present

Review and Approval of Board Minutes of October 16, 2024  
Kathy will change the date of the Christmas Party to December 11  
Motion to approve minutes: Connie Seconded: Marge

Financial Reports: Presented by Cathy Thomas  
January to October 31

There was a net loss of \$8,233.50. Most of it is due to luncheons being subsidized at about 40%  
There was discussion about the necessity to increase the cost per person for lunch to \$22 to offset some of the loss. The charge for luncheons will continue to be \$25 for non-members.  
Donna moved to approve. Kathy seconded  
The price of Christmas party tickets in 2025 will be raised to \$30 for both members and non-members: Motion to approve: Cathy. Seconded: Connie

There was discussion about raising the annual dues, but Kathy B. informed the board that it was already published in the newsletter that dues would remain the same as they were in 2024.  
Connie contacted Bonnie from Kreider Printing to see if we would hold the press and change the membership dues, but it was too late.

Bills to be Paid:  
Kreider Printing  
Big Hippo Post  
DoubleTree

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Motion to approve financial report: Motion to approve: Pam. Seconded: Connie

#### 2025 Programs and Luncheons

January 2025 – No Meeting

February 2025 - Zoom Meeting

March 19, 2025 – EMS Speaker

May 21, 2025 – Thomas White to speak about legends and folklore

June 18, 2025 – Annual Picnic

July 2025 – Pirate Game – Pirates vs. Detroit Tigers on Wednesday, July 23 - 12:45 game. Tickets are \$32 for seating in the shade. Hugh suggested charging \$35 for tickets.

Hugh contacted Richard Gaetano to speak about his book on Route 66. He would not commit at this point in time. David Bonner from Chatham Village. Hugh will contact him again after the holidays. He has an old school slide projector.

Sharon was not able to contact Iron City Brewing. Hugh spoke with them.

Parking is ample. The cost is \$23 per person for a private group.

Sharon or Hugh will follow up.

If there is a speaker from Chatham Village, Hugh will write an article for the newsletter.

August 2025 – No Meeting

September 17, 2025 - ?

October 15, 2025 – Pension Fund and Medicare Updates

November 19, 2025 - ?

December 10, 2025 – Annual Holiday Party

#### Programs and Luncheons

November 20, 2024 – Pension Fund and Medicare Updates

Results of the Election of Board Members

Walt S will talk about the ins and outs of retirements funds

December 11, 2024 – Annual Holiday Party

Assignments

Kathy and Donna will arrange gifts

Marge will be in charge of tickets

Favors were completed by board members at the November 20 board meeting

Kathy will bring large plastic bags for gifts

Kathy will make a holiday theme for table order selection

Connie will conduct a Christmas tree cell phone game  
Christmas bingo game winner gets \$5  
Lenny Garlicki will lead the holiday sing-along  
Eric will help where needed  
Everyone take photos  
Kathy B will take photos of 50/50 and all other game winners and get names of the winners.  
All board members will help with cleanup.  
No door prizes

Penguin game - Raffle tickets are green, costing \$5 each  
Registration will be handled by Pam, Marge, and Sharon  
A total of 93 people will attend the November 20th luncheon  
Hugh Eric and Jack will help Connie carry things in from the car.

Pam moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Connie

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Burk*

Kathleen Burk, Recording Secretary  
December 11, 2024