

## **PASR Venango Executive Council June 5, 2014 Minutes**

### **Oil City Library**

President DeAnna Mahle called the meeting to order at 10:30 A. M. Those attending were DeAnna Mahle, Diane Fesenmyer, Tom and Julie Krupa, John Kolojejchick, Sandy Homer, Cindy Fultz, Pat Ralph, and Christine Silvis. The minutes of the last executive council meeting in April were read. Motion by Di Fesenmyer, second by Tom Krupa to accept minutes as read. Motion Carried. John Kolojejchick reported a balance of \$3,316.55 in the Treasury.

President Mahle reminded all committee chairs need to send info about their committee to Sandy by email when possible for the newsletter. Ask for return reply to be sure that she receives it. Joe Cangemi does not want to be on the calling lists. John will resend the lists to the four officers.

Discussion was held about the survey for membership..A decision was made to not participate in this endeavor next year. Fes and Dee spent most of a day working on it. It was rather confusing in if you were already a part of state and/or local you did not get that part of the pitch. They felt it was a waste of time and money and that the \$314.43 (for which we will be reimbursed) could have been better spent. Letters are not personal. It was determined that member to member contact and personally inviting all new retirees to the picnic and the first meeting after they retire would be more beneficial. The state only updates their files four times a year. The use of highlighting the name on the newsletter to indicate dues are due is a more subtle reminder than continuous mailings. "Once is an invitation, twice is a reminder, but three times could be considered stalking." The idea of local life members was brought up but dismissed because of the complicated rules for financial accounting required for such an undertaking.

**Committee reports** followed.

**Community Services** chair, Pat Ralph, explained the **HUGS** program (**H**ats, **U**nderwear, **G**loves, **S**ocks) for adults in need. The Executive Board unanimously agreed to support this program. Bring items to the picnic, a luncheon, or give to an officer and we will see that they get to the correct place. Callers will remind all to "Give a HUG!" If you are traveling and collect those little sample amenities at hotels/motels, please give any extras available to Cindy Fultz or any officer. They are being collected for a mission trip donation. Pat also reminded all to get their Volunteer Work Surveys returned to her by June 30.

**Educational Support** chairs, Tom and Julie Krupa reported that the Loretta Woods grant was awarded on May 19, 2014 to Valerie R. Busch, Educator and Pamela Jolley, Support Professional. Both are employed by Valley Grove School District.

We still need an **L/PEC** chair as well as a **Legislative** Chair. One person could do both jobs. In the mean time contact your legislator about the districts who are cutting employees to .6 of a day and then not having to pay benefits. Go to the main web page @ Mechanicsburg for ideas for letters and to assist in this effort.

**Member Benefits and Services** chair Cindy Fultz reported that pamphlets about benefits and services for retirees had arrived and gave them to Dee to be mailed.

**Membership** It was reported that Some IU employees who live and work in Venango County are not getting info to us or from us. We have difficulty getting the names of retirees from some of the districts and the IU.

**SSMHF** chair Diana Fesenmeyer reported twelve calls from 22 members of the 90+ Club who appreciated the gifts from us calling them useful and wonderful. Discussion about gifts to give in December ensued and walker bags/wheelchair hangers were decided upon. Chris volunteered to get patterns to Dee. If anyone else has suitable patterns, contact Dee or Cindy. Sewing sessions will be planned and possibly names will be embroidered on them. Also still trying to locate Lois Walz and Raymond Goodwill of the 90+ Club. RECREO Chair Yvonne Paranick talked about car-pooling to local sites instead of renting bus transportation. Discussion followed. Some suggestions were Erie Sea Wolves game, Wendell August Forge, Drake Well, etc. Luncheon meetings seem to be hurried with not much time to discuss this with entire membership. Perhaps bringing this matter up at the picnic might garner more interest and additional suggestions. Another suggestion was putting a survey in the newsletter asking for interest and suggestions.

### **New Business**

John got rave reviews and many thanks for getting the website up and running the day after the last Executive Board meeting. If you have any pictures that you think the membership might enjoy, send, give, or e-mail them to John to post on the website. If you haven't been there yet, you should check it out!! [VPASR.org](http://VPASR.org)

The meeting adjourned at 11:43

Respectfully submitted by Christine R. Silvis, Acting Secretary

### **Upcoming Events**

- July 15 - Picnic 6 P.M. Spouses welcome. Pot luck. Meat & beverage provided.
- August 28 - Summer Luncheon @ Cross Creek
- September 4 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Oil City Library
  - Newsletter Information due on or before September 4
- November 6 - Fall Luncheon @Cross Creek
- November 13 - Executive Meeting 10:30 A.M. @ Oil City Library - Planning Meeting