

Minutes of the Venango PASR Executive Board Meeting June 4, 2015

Log Cabin Restaurant, Seneca, PA as submitted by Diana Fesenmyer, VP

The meeting was called to order by President DeAnna Mahle at 10:30 AM. Six members of the board were present including President-Elect and acting secretary Diana Fesenmyer, Treasurer John Kolojechick, Educational Support chair Julie Krupa, Public Relations chair Linda Beichner, and Member Benefits chair Sue Seidle. The secretary's report was accepted with the additional working of two educational support grants to Oil City teachers and the Loretta Wilson Awards to a Cranberry Educator and a support staff member. John Kolojechick gave the treasurer's report stating there was \$3607.82 in our checking. \$489.28 was received for our membership drive from PASR headquarters. A replacement Ed Support check from region 9 for \$187.50 was received and a request for \$87.38 was sent to PASR headquarters for follow-up postcards (257 at \$.34 each). Treasurer Kolojechick also said notices were returned for two members: Mary Manion (died) and Dottie Clark (died 2/5/14). Both were deceased.

Committee Reports

Pat Ralph, Community Service chair, sent a written request that asked for the community service report be placed in the Spring newsletter since she only had 6-8 returned. A new community service report will be in the works with suggestions by all present to update the community service report form for 2015-2016. The state allows us to use our own form.

Educational Support chair Julie Krupa reported that both Educational support grants went to Oil City Staff and The Loretta Woodson Awards went to Cranberry staff. The Derrick covered both events nicely. Treasurer Kolojechick reported a region 9 check was reissued for \$187.50 for these awards since the original check was lost in the mail so all is in order.

L/PEC and Legislation positions are open. VP Fesenmyer reported Senate Bill 1 passed the PA Senate. This bill will replace the pension plan for all state employees and teachers/educational staff. An article will be written for the Spring newsletter summarizing the bill. It was sent to the PA House for a vote and is in committee. All members must remain vigilant because it will affect your current pension, COLA's and the \$100 PSERS HEALTH CARE stipend most retirees receive.

Membership Benefits and Services Chair, Sue Seidle, reported she is working on benefits by visiting stores in the Cranberry Mall and local area. She hopes to have a complete list of discounts by June 20th for the newsletter.

Sue Seidle also volunteered to be the membership chair for the next year. She was given a job description by President Mahle, and said she would be happy to serve.

Pre-Retirement Chair, John Downing has not attended any pre-retirement meeting. He wants to resign effective immediately. He is working with Darrel Smith and Ken Nelson on the Calling List. His old computer and printer crashed and he is unable to open any documents on his new computer. We are

looking for someone to attend the Pre-retirement workshops at Rocky Grove to hand out material on PASR. This workshop is usually in August each year.

Public Relations/Media chair Linda Beichner had nothing to report except that she will not attend another Region meeting breakout session since no one was there to run the session since he was visiting at another table. Sue Siedle also said she had no one lead her breakout session either.

RECREO chair is vacant but we are looking at attending a SeaWolves game in Erie this summer, and attending The Barrow Theatre during AppleFest. More will appear in the newsletter. It was suggested we could piggyback with local churches to attain the 25 members needed to qualify for group discounts.

SSMHF chair Diana Fesenmyer reported that 22 members were serviced in May. Freda Thureau will be the new Birthday card sender to all members replacing Sharon MyLarski who has done this for over 10 years. Sharon found her own replacement since her hands would not allow her to continue. The SSMHF Committee remains the same: Sandy Homer for Franklin, Diana Fesenmyer for Cranberry, Gloria Stevens for Rocky Grove and Linda Mertz and Sandy Kellner for Oil City. Two new members joined the 90 + club: Jean Ballard and Robert English.

Under new business, a new director for PASR has been hired: Lynn B. Herman of 121 Grandview Rd, State College, PA 16801 Home phone is 814 861 0770 and cell phone is 814 880 2272 with email at lherman77@comcast.net. He is a 24 year veteran of the PA House of Representatives, so will not need a health benefit package. He will start July 1, 2015 and is on a probationary 3 year period. PASR Region 9 conducted a meeting to see if our locals are in favor of a dues increase from \$50 to \$60. Rationale sheets were passed out. The vote was a unanimous no. A vote was taken to grandfather in the current members at \$50 and only new members would pay \$60. The vote was a unanimous yes. VP Fesenmyer will be sending in the results to Region 9 Director Sue Sherwin by June 12, 2015. Bids are in around \$25000 to \$85000 for a new computer system at PASR headquarters to allow the unified data base. If no dues increase is installed there may be a chapter assessment to pay for the data base. ByLaws are to be rewritten this year to eliminate the 19 standing committees since most function only as needed. This will eliminate the need to fill vacancies and pay for meetings when committees have no work to do. Region 9 is looking for a director elect, secretary, treasurer, Ed Support chair, Legislation chair, Membership chair and State Nominating chair and substitute nominating chair. Kathy Bartlett called and found out 9 Oil City Retirees, 11 Franklin, 4 Valley Grove, 6 Cranberry and 1 IU6 Retirees this year. President Mahle has letters ready to send to invite them to the summer luncheon as our guests.

President Mahle went over the calendar of events: 1. June 25 Newsletter mailed -info due by 6/20
2. July 15 Picnic at Morrison Park 3. August 17 CALLERS CALL 4. August 19 Reservations due to Rita Hale for Summer Luncheon 5. August 27 PASR Venango Summer Luncheon 6. Sept. 3 Executive board meeting Log Cabin 10:30 am 7. Oct 4-7 PASR Convention Station Square 8. October 9 Mail Fall Newsletter 10. Oct 14 Region 9 meeting Erie Zem Zem Temple 11. Oct 23 Reservations due for Fall Meeting to Rita Hale 12. Nov. 5 Fall Luncheon 13. Nov 12 Executive Meeting Log Cabin 10:30 am planning for the new year: Budget, meetings, exec. board meetings, etc.