



**Cumberland County Chapter of the PA Association of School Retirees
Susquehanna Club, NCAD
October 11, 2023**

President Harold Statler called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report/Sharon Statler: Absent (Thank you to **Cathy Kunkle** for taking the minutes for the October 11, 2023 Meeting.) A motion to accept the Minutes of the April 18, 2023 with no corrections was made by Barry Gainor and seconded by Willie Wentz. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/ Sandy Thomas: Absent (Thank you to **Larry Stoner** for temporarily taking over the treasurer's duties.) Balance in checking account stands at \$4,687.31. Certificates and Savings - \$18,783.77. **Total Balance of \$23471.08.**

Committee Reports

Membership/M. Joann Handshaw: M. Joann Handshaw reported 6 new members and 4 death since our last meeting. Memberships stand as follows: Life 219; Annual 181; Associate 9; Honorary 3; Complimentary 47; Total 459/PASR 615.

Community Service/Joanne Benedict: Joanne presented the **2023 Outstanding Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award** to **Linda Biesecker**. Linda retired from West Shore School District in 2011. Linda is a classroom volunteer with kindergarten children. She works with the Caitlin's Smiles program by assembling craft bags. She volunteers at the soup kitchen in her church. She is a member of a Fraternal group that does social and services activities.

Newsletter/Mary Kate McGowan: Absent

Social Services Memorial Honor Fund/Barbara Lee:

*The greatest job of our local SSMHF committee is to service our confined and temporarily confined members. We want to ensure them that their colleagues in our local chapter care about them. With this goal in mind, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 49 different local members received some kind of service from our Cumberland County Chapter. We sent 187 greeting cards, 13 floral arrangements and 14 Memorial fund donations honoring our recently deceased chapter members.

*We currently have 31 local members receiving holiday and birthday greeting. In addition, get well cards were sent to Pat Haller (Shippensburg) and Sandy Thomas (East Pennsboro). We have also made a contribution to the state PASR SSMHF I memory of each of our recently deceased members. They are: Susan Baldwin (CV), Deborah Retrieve (CV), Marsha Alander (East Penn), Grace Drager (WS), and James Miller (Carlisle).

*A \$100 contribution was sent to the state PASRSSMHF for their upcoming fundraising activity which will take place at the House of Delegates meeting on October 15th thru 17th.

Member Benefits/Services/Vacant:

Educational Support Foundations/Craig Kunkle:

*If you know someone you would like to recommend for the WOODSON Award, please let me know. Professional or support personnel are eligible. Please give me their name, position, school district, and a short description of why you are recommending them.

*Last year we gave an educational support grant to Camp Hill High schools advance placement classes. They used the grant to participate in a mock trial in a United States Federal Court. Upon completion, we were given a personal thank you note from each student and their teacher.

Public Relations/Jim Fissel: Absent

Social/Cathy Kunkle: Cathy reported that \$427.00 was donated to the scholarship fund. Thanks so much! There were 74 luncheon reservations today. A special thank you as well to Harold Statler for making the arrangements, Darrell Clepper for making your name tags, and Larry Stoner for pinch hitting as Treasurer.

Legislative/Fred Seltzer:

*Fred presented the members of CCCPASR with the background information for the need of a COLA bill.

*Waiting over 20 years for a COLA is unacceptable, outrageous, disgraceful, and insulting. The PA Legislators have received two automatic annual COLA's for 5.64 percent and 7.8 percent over the last two years.

L/PEC/Bruce Hockersmith: Absent

Recreo/Travel/Richard & Vickie Frederick/Rick and Kathy Singiser: The Frederick's and Singiser's have planned 4 one-day trips, 2 three-day trips, and one week adventure with Collette. Richard discussed the planned trips. If you have any additional questions, please call Richard at 717-414-6583 or you can Email CCCPASR Recreo at CCCRecreo@Yahoo.com.

Scholarships/Sharon and Jim Fissel:

*A revised scholarship application will be included in the December newsletter.

*Applications and explanation letters will be sent to 10 school districts in early February.

New Business:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Spring Meeting and Luncheon – Susquehanna Club

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 – Fall Meeting and Luncheon – Susquehanna Club

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM, approved by Craig Kunkle and seconded by Gilda Early.

Following the business meeting, the 50/50 drawing was held.

Program—Elaine Shugart and Marlene Hess

William Murray, a retired teacher from the Mechanicsburg School District, will talk about the one room school house, the experience shared by students and teachers, and the impact on American democracy.

Luncheon

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kunkle, Substitute Secretary, CCCPASR

Sharon Statler, Secretary, CCCPASR