



Cumberland County Chapter of the PA Association of School Retirees
Susquehanna Club, NCAD
April 29, 2025

President Rick Singiser called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Secretary's Report/Sharon Statler: A motion to accept the Minutes of the October 8, 2024 with no corrections was made by Harold Statler and seconded by Elaine Shughart. Motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report/Sandy Thomas: Balance in the checking account at Susquehanna Valley Federal Credit Union stands at \$8,758.48 (Includes \$4,000 donation to the scholarship committee.) Certificates and savings from SFU and Belco Community Credit Union are \$21,200.93. **Total Balance of \$29,959.41.**

C. Committee Reports

Membership/M. Joann Handshaw: M. Joann Handshaw reported 2 new members and 7 deaths since our last meeting. Membership stands as follows: Life 188; Annual 225; Associate 11, Honorary 1; Complimentary 53; Total 478/PASR 584.

Joann would like someone to step up and take her place as Membership Chairperson. She said she has been doing this for many years and it is time for her to step down.

Community Service/Joanne Bedit: Joanne presented the **2024 Outstanding Community Service Volunteer Award to Susan Kissinger.** Sue is a Coy Public Library of Shippensburg trustee. She leads story time every week at the library. She combines literacy with art, typically reading two picture books and then presents a thematic art project. She also helps the library raise funds with some of the following projects: Duck Derby, Online Auction, Beer & Wine Party, sorting and selling books, and Book Nook.

Newsletter/Mary Kate McGowan: No Report

Social Services Memorial Honor Fund/Barbara Lee:

*We received \$216 in donations at our October Luncheon. Thank you for being such an essential part of our success in achieving our mission to serve our members.

*Since our October Luncheon, we have made a contribution to our state Memorial Honor Fund in memory of Helen Sarraf (East Pennsboro), Dr. Eugene Baldwin (CV), Mark Krempa (PASR), Ronald Shearer (Carlisle), Mollie Randolph (Mechanicsburg), Patricia Richardson (Mechanicsburg), Joan Brehm (Other), Martha Davis (Other), Mary Gephart (Big Spring), Adele Hanna (Other), Delores Jones (Other), Jane Rorer (West Shore), and Darrell Clepper (Carlisle).

*Currently we have 40 members receiving holiday and birthday greeting cards. The latest mailing since October were for November thru April birthdays of our 90 years plus members, Christmas cards and Valentines. Also, each of our confined members received a winter holiday floral arrangement.

*Since our last luncheon, greeting cards and/or flowers offering our sympathy, get well wishes, or thanks have been sent to: Sarah Hankins (CV), Jane Ober (Carlisle), Mary Rook (South Middleton), Diane Nell (West Shore), Jim Fissel (West Shore), Bonnie Stuart (CV), and Darrel Clepper (Carlisle).

*We have received thank a you for our services from: Lois Lloyd (West Shore), Margaret Butts (Big Spring), Jim Fissel (West Shore), PA SPCA, Lolli Judge (Camp Hill), Anna Smith (Big Spring), and Dorothy Eppley (Carlisle).

Educational Support/Sharon Fissel: We will be giving out the Loretta Woodsen Award to a Professional Educator and a Non-Professional school Employee next year.

Public Relations/Vacant:

Social/Gilda Early: Gilda reported that \$415 was donated to the Scholarship fund. Thanks so much. She recognized the following in attendance for the first time: Ruth Border, Lori Lund and Patty Hessler.

Legislative/Fred Seltzer: We still do not have a COLA. At the last meeting in February, PASR's State Legislative Committee agreed for a payout upgrade from the lower percentages such as those listed at that time, HB 1416. The committee passed a motion that our lobbyists be informed of that position. A conversation of the situation will continue at the next State Legislative Committee which is tomorrow, April 30th. Fred believes there may be a COLA but not for at least 2 more years.

Recreo/Travel/Richard & Vickie Frederick and Kathy Singiser: We have a number of great trips planned for 2025. All trips have seats available. On June 11, 2025 we have a day trip to Annapolis to the US Naval Academy, US Naval Museum, and Cruise of the Annapolis Bay. The cost is \$205 per person.

Next we spend five days from October 6th to October 10th in Pittsburgh and Johnstown. This trip includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners and 2 lunches. We will see many sights including but not limited to Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Heinz History Center, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water and Kentuck Knob, ride the Amtrack train through the Horseshoe Curve, and Oak Spring Winery. The cost is \$1595 pp Double and \$1885 pp Single.

On Wednesday November 12th we have a one day to Broadway to see Hell's Kitchen. Lunch will be a Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. \$150 deposit will hold your seat. The price of the tickets have not been determined at this time.

We will ring in the New Year, December 30th to January 2nd at Myrtle Beach. Some of the things we will see and do are: Dinner at the Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood, Carolina Opry Holiday Show, Brunch at the Pine Lakes Country Club, Performance at the Alabama Theatre, New Year's Eve Celebration at the hotel with dinner, dancing, & music, boat tour of Murrells Inlet, and More... Cost is \$835 pp Double and \$999 pp Single.

Today we will meet with the group that is going to Ireland after the luncheon.

Scholarship/Jim & Sharon Fissel: This year there were three \$1,500 scholarships recipients: Maria Benavibes (Camp Hill High School/Harrisburg Community College); Madeline Bitz (Mechanicsburg Area High School/Bloomsburg University); and Madison Fissel (Mechanicsburg Area High School/Shippensburg University). The scholarships were given in memory of John Judge, an educator, respected member and former President of CCCPASR. These scholarship winners were chosen by Dale and Marlene Hess because of their academic record, school and community activities, school recommendations and their excellent essays

D. John Dillion Award: Rick Singiser presented the John Dillion Award to Jim Fissel for his outstanding service to CCCPASR.

E. Old Business: The Fall Luncheon Meeting has been changed until October 21, 2025 at the Susquehanna Club.

Ron Kerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Winnie Wentz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Statler, Secretary, CCCPASR