



**Cumberland County Chapter of the PA Association of School Retirees
Susquehanna Club, NCAD
April 16, 2024**

President Harold Statler called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report/Sharon Statler: A motion to accept the Minutes of the October 11, 2023 with no corrections was made by Craig Kunkle and seconded by Rick Singiser . Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/ Sandy Thomas: Balance in checking account stands at \$4,363.51. Certificates and Savings - \$20,677.52. **Total Balance of \$25,041.03.**

Committee Reports

Membership/M. Joann Handshaw: M. Joann Handshaw reported 1 new member and 2 death since our last meeting. Memberships stand as follows: Life 206; Annual 231; Associate 14; Honorary 2; Complimentary 52; Total 505/PASR 597.

We need newer retirees who have relationships with the main office to help us obtain names and addresses of new retirees of their school district.

Community Service/Joanne Benedict: I have received some new Community Service Surveys. Thank you! The Outstanding Volunteer of 2024 will be presented at our October Meeting.

Newsletter/Mary Kate McGowan: Thank you to everyone who came to our newsletter folding. We always have a lot of fun!

Social Services Memorial Honor Fund/Barbara Lee:

*Since our October luncheon, we have made a contribution to our state Memorial Honor Fund in memory of Betty Staub (CV), Stephen Knowlton (East Penn), Janet Aldinger (West Shore), Janice Coover (CV), Doris (June) Reed (CV), Glenn Minick (Big Spring), Patricia Potter (Carlisle), Lorraine Siemons (East Penn), Patricia Harris (CAIU), Margaret Mellinger (CAIU), Betty Johnson (West Shore), Lamar Freeland (Carlisle), Ruth Smith Robinson (West Shore), Robert Hartz (Shippensburg) and Marion Wetherell (CV).

*Currently we have 36 members receiving holiday and birthday greeting cards. The latest mailings since October were for November through April birthdays of 90 years. Also, each of our confined members received a winter holiday floral arrangement.

*We continue to send floral arrangements and/or greeting cards offering our sympathy, get well wishes, or moral support. Recent recipients since our last October luncheon are: Sharon Statler (East Penn), Sandy Thomas (East Penn), Jim Fissel (West Shore), Darrell Clepper (Carlisle), Joanne Sterner (West Shore), and Sue Bottini (East Penn).

*We received thank-yous for our services from: Sharon Statler (East Penn), the family of Janice Coover (CV), the family of James Miller (Carlisle), the family of Doris (June) Reed (CV), Jim Fissel (West Shore), Mary Jane Erby (Mech), Jackie Bishop (Ship), Gladys Ciarrocca (Mech), Marion Eichiner (Mech), and Ron Conard (CH).

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.

*I will be stepping down from this position after the fall luncheon.

Public Relations/Jim Fissel: Absent

Social/Cathy Kunkle: Cathy reported that \$1,637 was donated to the scholarship fund. Thanks so much! Wilmer Harris, a life member, donated \$1,000 in memory of his wife Patsy who passed away on January 8, 2024.

*There were 117 luncheon reservations today. Thank you to Harold Statler for ordering 117 meals and Darrell Clepper for making the name tags.

*Welcome to first time members joining us today. They are Joan Clippinger, Steve Fish, Jill Harmon, Kay Heller, Dan Newhouser, and Jack Weaver.

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Legislative/Fred Seltzer:

*Fred presented the current COLA proposal ranges from 15% to 24½% depending on the year of retirement.

*As of March 31, 2024, the loss of purchasing power of every pension dollar since the effective date of the last COLA is 76.36%. (The effective date of the last COLA was January 2002).

*The PA Legislators have received three consecutive COLAs for 2021, 2022, and 2023 automatically that totaled over 16.64%.

L/PEC/Bruce Hockersmith: Bruce will no longer be chairperson because of health and distance reasons.

Recreo/Travel/Richard & Vickie Frederick/Rick and Kathy Singiser:

*Richard discussed the planned trips for this year have all made the magical number of thirty except the "Norman Rockwell Christmas" which may need to be cancelled. We need 16 more travelers. Please let the Recreo Committee know by May 15, 2025 if you are interested in going.

*After lunch will be a presentation of our major adventure for 2025. This is a trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland from May 8th to May 20th, 2025.

*The rest of the trips for 2025 will be presented at the October General Membership meeting. (Teaser: A 3-day New Year's adventure with two shows on Broadway is being planned.)

Scholarships/Sharon and Jim Fissel:

*We received a thank you note from a 2023 scholarship recipient Mikayla Trawbridge, Red Land.

*We received 16 applicants, Boiling Springs (5), Camp Hill (2), Carlisle (1), Cumberland Valley (2), Lower Dauphin (1), Mechanicsburg (1), Northern (2-1 student also attends Cumberland Perry CTC), and Shippensburg (2).

*4 high schools had applicants for the first time in recent years.

*Winners: Oliver Paris, Mechanicsburg and Ella Kilko, Boiling Springs.

John Dillion Award: Harold Statler presented the John Dillion Award to Barbara Lee. Barb works very hard as chairperson of the Social Service/Memorial Honor Fund Committee. She sends floral arrangements and greeting cards to our members offering sympathy, get well, special birthday wishes, or moral support and contributions to the State Memorial Honor Fund for our deceased members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM, approved by Fred Seltzer and seconded by Ron Conard.

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

Program—Elaine Shugart and Marlene Hess

Vintage Brass Quintet, a group of 5 retired/self-employed brass players from the greater Harrisburg area.

Luncheon

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Statler, Secretary, CCCPASR