

Delaware County Chapter PASR – Business & Planning Meeting
November 1, 2023– 10:30 AM - Aston Community Center & Library
“TO SERVE NOT TO BE SERVED” – www.delcopasr.org

Members in Attendance - (12) Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Anne Mosakowski, Harry Hill III, Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti, John DellaGuardia, Chris Eaton, Caroline Fedena, Nancy Graham, Kathryn Flagg-Justice, Mary Payne, Dr. Phyllis Simmons, and Sue Stevens.

Call to Order: Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D. - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chapter Officers’ Reports:

Secretary Minutes: October 4, 2023 (Anne Mosakowski, Secretary)

- Motion was made to approve. The minutes are posted on our website www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html

Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis reviewed the budget as of October 2023 which was filed for audit.

- \$5,499.29 - Bank Balance
- Expense \$1,415
- Vanguard Investment Account - \$73,270.14
- Dividend Checking/Savings \$20,067.61

President’s Report: Janice HoffmanWillis

- Janice thanked our volunteers who helped at the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. We raised \$1,000. It was suggested that our sign which is displayed at our assigned table should state what we do with our money. It was also stated that at future meetings we discuss how best to use the money.
- Reviewed the PASR House of Delegates Report -
 - The PASR House of Delegates October 15-17, 2023 was held in Cranberry Township, PA. In attendance were 99 delegates and our Chapter was represented by Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Anne Mosakowski, and Caroline Fedena.
 - Awards included: Thomas Curry, Region 6, received the Fred McKillop Award, Kathleen O’Rourke, Leadership Development Chair, received the first Mark A. McKillop Leadership Award, and Mark McKillop was posthumously recognized with a Fred McKillop award.
 - The Social Service Memorial Honor Fund (SSMHF) Basket Raffle offered 42 baskets for members to bid on and the raffle raised more than \$2,000 to help members in need. Also, in the third plenary session, Jean Young, SSMHF State Committee chair conducted a tribute to our members who passed since our last House of Delegates in 2021. Our delegates expressed concern that for some reason our deceased Chapter member list was not complete even though John DellaGaurdia, our SSMHF chair had sent in our list to the state committee.
 - The Community Service committee is once again encouraging members to support Feeding PA. Feeding Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization that works with food banks across PA to help meet their nutritional needs. They work with nine member food banks to provide food assistance to nearly 2 million people annually. The last time PASR participated in this project, we raised \$43,490 for food for Pennsylvania residents. The 2024 goal is to raise \$50,000.
 - Mary Bach, Consumer Advocate was the Keynote Speaker - For more information visit our website Blog Post [CLICK HERE](#).

Reports of Standing Committees:

Benefits - Chris Eaton www.delcopasr.org/benefits-and-services.html

Chris stated that she is willing to share personal experience with the vision and dental program offered through PASR.

Community Services – Mary Payne www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html

- Members are encouraged to bring donations to the luncheon meeting in December. Suggested donations include non-perishable food items or gift cards to food stores for the [Bernardine Center food pantry](#) located in Chester City; gently used shoes - [Soles4Souls](#); and warm clothing items for children for KozyKids. A school will need to be selected for KozyKids donations.
- Volunteer Survey - Our PASR Chapter reports the community service hours submitted by our members to our organization. The Community Service Survey form used to submit your volunteer hours is linked on the Community Service page on our website and can be downloaded. To view the form [CLICK HERE](#) .

Educational Support – Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti www.delcopasr.org/educational-support.html

A report was given stating the 2024 educational support awards will be given to:

- The Laretta Woodson Recognition Awards will Chester Upland School District an educator and a support person.
- The Classroom Grant will be offered to the Chichester School District
- Student scholarships will be offered to seniors at Chichester High School.
MOTION A motion was made to raise the amount of the Woodson Scholarship from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The motion was made by Kathryn Fladd-Justice and seconded by Mary Payne. The motion passed.
- During the meeting Caroline Fedena offered to donate \$500 in the memory of her husband, Joseph Fedena, to give an award to a student enrolled in the Vo-Tech program.
MOTION: The motion was made by Caroline Fedena and seconded by Mary Anne Caporaletti. The motion passed.
- Discussion also took place about the Educational Support breakout session held at the PASR House of Delegates. The session at the House of Delegates was led by state level Chair Barbara Amy to view suggestions shared [CLICK HERE](#) .

L/PEC - www.delcopasr.org/lpec.html

For update efforts of PASR concerning getting a COLA for our members [CLICK HERE](#) .

Luncheon - Janice Hoffman/Willis & John DellaGuardia

Janice reported that the Celebration of Service Luncheon will be held on December 3, 2023, 11:30 AM at [Granite Farms Estates](#) 1343 W Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063. The meal cost is \$25.00. The luncheon format is a celebration of service with tributes for deceased members of our Chapter Leadership Team: Steve Kupsov, Henry “Hank” Field, Robert “Bob” Collier, and Dr. Margaret Wales. The luncheon invitation will be included in our Chapter newsletter. Invitation posted on our website News Blog [CLICK HERE](#).

Membership - Sue Stevens www.delcopasr.org/membership.html

Sue reported that our chapter has 3 new members.

Newsletter - John DellaGuardia

For an electronic copy of the PASR Delaware County Chapter Newsletter Fall 2023 visit our Chapter News Blog [CLICK HERE](#).

RECREO - Caroline Fedena www.delcopasr.org/recreo-trips.html

Caroline Fedena reported on past and future RECREO programs:

- Shows at Candlelight Theater
- West Chester Railroad - October Foliage Express - 9 members participated
- Mimi's Tea Cottage - 5 members will participate
- Coming Home Christmas Concert and Tea at Archmere Academy, Claymont DE
- For RECREO trip details visit the website page.

SSMHF - John DellaGuardia www.delcopasr.org/social-service-memorial-honor-fund.html

- Mentioned the distribution of poinsettia to our members in congregant care facilities. Volunteers are needed to help.
- Also shared was the purchase of a flag case which will be given to Pam Kupsov in memory of our deceased member Steven Kopsov.
- Kathryn Flagg-Justice and Mary Payne thanked John for sending personal notes cards to our members.

Website - Anne Mosakowski www.delcopasr.org/

Anne has refreshed certain pages on the website: [Meetings & Events Page](#) ([Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#)) plus Committee pages and News Blog as needed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Next Meeting is our Celebration of Service Luncheon: December 3, 2023, 11:30 AM at [Granite Farms Estates](#), 1343 W Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063 .