

## Delaware County Chapter PASR – Business & Planning Meeting

June 7, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Aston Community Center & Library

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**Members in Attendance** (10) John DellaGuardia, Elizabeth Gladulich, Theresa Hammond, Harry Hill III, Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Steve Kupsov, Anne Mosakowski, Caroline Fedena, Dr. Phyllis Simmons, and Sue Stevens.

**Call to Order:** Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D.

### Chapter Officers’ Report:

#### President’s Report: Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D.

Thanked everyone for their continued support of me as your President.

Excellence in Education May Luncheon appreciation to Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti for her outstanding organization of the Spring Luncheon and Presentations. Also, to Kathryn Flagg-Justice for her untiring leg work and persistence in getting the schools to reply.

The program can be found on the Chapter minutes page [www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html).

#### Secretary Minutes: April 5, 2023 (Anne Mosakowski, Interim Secretary)

- Minutes were approved as written. The minutes are posted on our website [www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html).

#### Treasurer’s Report: Harry Hill III reviewed the operating budget (7-1-22 to 6-30-23) as of May 31, 2023

- Income - \$17,904.48 (Budgeted \$20,100.00)
- Expenses - \$12,923.31 (Budgeted \$20,100.00)
- Investment Account as of March 31, 2023 - \$95,846.27
- Budget was filed for audit
- Additional items discussed:
  - It was stated that the transfer the duties of Treasurer for a period of 2 years from current Treasurer Harry Hill III to Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis will be as of July 1, 2023 but Harry will like to make this a smooth transition by dealing with any end of the fiscal year revenue and expenses.
  - The bulk of the meeting concerned the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024
  - Specific budget items were reviewed and it was discussed to:
    - Return to doing 2 newsletters instead of three.
    - Eliminate the large member December luncheon event and hold a luncheon meeting for the core leadership of the Chapter.
    - Budget for 4 members to represent our Chapter at the PASR House of Delegates on October 15-17, 2023 [Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Cranberry Twp](#). Janice has reached out to the PASR Philadelphia Chapter to see if they will be using a bus to transport members to the venue.
    - Move forward on updating the membership directory with 50 copies printed at a cost of \$270.
    - Continue to work on developing the 2023-2024 budget over the summer.

## **Old & NewBusiness:**

Dr. Phyllis Simmons stated that she volunteered at [Teacher Teammates](#) and she shared her positive experience.

[Teacher Academy Program Central Montco High School](#) discussed. The Teacher Academy is a one-year program for high school seniors aspiring to be educators and to develop the skills to be 21st century ready in the college preparatory Teacher Academy program. The course consists of 7.5 hours/week divided between classroom instruction and internship experience with certified teachers at all grade levels. After the discussion there was interest to contact the Delco Technical School and or DCIU to see if there would be interest in offering this type of program to high school seniors in Delaware County.

## **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Benefits and Services - Chris Eaton** [www.delcopasr.org/benefits-and-services.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/benefits-and-services.html)

**Community Service** [www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html)

## **Educational Support – Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti (Submitted Report)**

**Educational Support Page -** [www.delcopasr.org/educational-support.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/educational-support.html)

Please forgive my absence today. The 2022-23 school year was a unique experience for Ed. Support in several ways. We had, as agreed upon, focused our Scholarship application solicitation on ONE Delco District. Going alphabetically, this year's district was Chester Upland.

Janice and Kathryn made personal contact with the three secondary schools. We received 4 applications; one of which was a perfect match with the Woodson description. We did award one of the applicants the Monaghan scholarship, despite a loose connection to its stated aims.

Going alphabetically, our next targeted district would be Chichester. While targeting only one district each year was partially successful, perhaps we should still revisit this.

Grants—also given to Chester Upland—met with success. Our grant to the grade 4 field trip to Adventure Aquarium, stands as our largest single grant to a single applicant. Our second grant—to Clipper's Closet, stands a stark reminder of the most basic needs that our colleagues in Delco are now facing.

Each of the Loretta Woodson Recognition Award recipients—from Ridley this year— should make us proud of the dedication still active in Delco classrooms.

We seem to be in a time of transition, both in how we can best support our colleagues still in the classroom and in how we can support and encourage seniors contemplating a career in education.

Thank all of you for all you did to support our efforts.

**L/PEC – Steve Kupsov/ Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis - L/PEC Page -** [www.delcopasr.org/lpec.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/lpec.html)

### ***Status of the COLA Bill according to Mark Krempa from the Executive Board:***

Just a quick note to ensure you are updated on our COLA updates. Unfortunately, our wish for a big bump for pre-Act 9 annuitants and an automatic COLA for everyone looks very unlikely to become a reality due to opposition within the General Assembly to the cost associated with such a COLA. As such, the main focus of our efforts remain s focused upon Pre Act 9 retirees. The amount that we end up pushing for, in the end, will be determined by what legislators tell us can actually pass their chambers.

Consequently, we are focused on securing as large a bump for Pre-Act 9 as possible. The two latest proposals that are being drafted by two legislators' offices now start at 10% and 15% for Pre-Act 9, only an increase of approx. half a percent for each year counting back from 2001 (e.g., someone that retired in 2001 would get either a 10% or 15% bump, those who retired in 1999 would get an 11% or 16% bump, etc.). I can also say that PASR is working with PSEA, but PASR is more in favor of larger numbers than PSEA believes can pass in the General Assembly, so we continue to negotiate amongst ourselves and with legislators. For instance, PSEA wanted to push for the COLA to start at 4.5% (which is what Senator Brown's proposal from last year called for), but PASR advocated that 15% should be the floor. With all of that said, the situation remains fluid, and it remains an uphill battle, but we remain cautiously optimistic as we hear a lot of tepid support for a COLA with a "reasonable cost" from legislators. Determining what is "reasonable" to secure their support is the reason for looking to float a few proposals so that we can gauge what does and does not have enough support to pass. It is still our strategy to get a bill introduced into the House first, and we hope a bill will be introduced into a House Committee in the next few weeks.

As we have requested before, please keep alert for any requests from PASR to contact legislators. Such messages will be targeted to specific legislators that hold critical positions, and they will be targeted in terms of time so that pressure can be brought at those critical time junctures when we believe those legislators' votes are needed. The only reason the COLA effort has made it this far is due to communications to legislators from their constituents, and we believe that timely outreach in the coming weeks will be equally important and necessary. So, thank you in advance for your support, patience, and voice!

**Membership - Sue Stevens - Membership Page [www.delcopasr.org/membership-form.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/membership-form.html)**

Sue will begin the renewal process and update the membership directory and database.

**Newsletter - John DellaGaurdia**

Due to budget concerns the next Chapter newsletter will be in the Fall of 2023.

**RECREO - Caroline Fedena - RECREO Page [www.delcopasr.org/recreo-trips.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/recreo-trips.html)**

Reviewed upcoming events are on the RECREO webpage.

**Social Service Memorial Honor Fund - John Della Guardia - SSMHF Page - [www.delcopasr.org/social-service-memorial-honor-fund.html](http://www.delcopasr.org/social-service-memorial-honor-fund.html)**

**Website Coordinator – Anne Mosakowski - Our Website [www.delcopasr.org/](http://www.delcopasr.org/)**

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

50/50 - Harry Hill III

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 6, 2023, 10:30 AM Aston Community Center

Minutes submitted by Anne Mosakowski