

Delaware County Chapter PASR – Business & Planning Meeting

October 4, 2023 – 10:30 AM - Minutes

Aston Community Center & Library

“TO SERVE NOT TO BE SERVED” – www.delcopasr.org

Members in Attendance (11) Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti, John DellaGuardia, Caroline Fedena, Chris Eaton, Kathryn Flagg Justice, Theresa Hammond, Harry Hill III, Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Anne Mosakowski, Dr. Phyllis Simmons, and Sue Stevens.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D.

Chapter Officers’ Report:

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

Items reviewed:

- The House of Delegates will be held in Cranberry, PA. October 15-17, 2023 - Voting delegates from our Chapter are Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis and Anne Mosakowski. Caroline Fedenda will be attending also as the Region 1 Alternate Representative to the PASR Board of Directors.
- State By-Laws (handouts) Link to bylaw changes document [CLICK HERE](#)
- Status of COLA Bill - COLA Efforts Page
www.pasr.org/legislative-cola-information/
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser - Volunteer packets and PASR Delco pens were distributed.

Secretary Minutes: September 6, 2023 (Anne Mosakowski, Interim Secretary)

- Minutes were approved as written. The minutes are posted on our website www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html .

Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis reviewed the operating budget in her dual role of President and Treasurer. Assistant Treasurer is John Willis.

- Income - \$13,541.00 (Budgeted \$24,850.00)
- Expenses - \$1,058 (Budgeted \$24,850.00)
- Investment Account (No report from Vanguard as of September meeting)
- Budget was filed for audit - [September 2023](#)

Reports of Standing Committees:

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

Once again reviewed member benefits.

Bylaws - Vacant

Community Service www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html

Mary Payne – Youth Services & Elizabeth Gladulich –KozyKidz

- o School Selection for Coats and Hats – Elizabeth Gladulich
- o Youth Activities with Phi Delta Kappa- Mary Payne

Educational Support – Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti (REPORT)

Educational Support Page - www.delcopasr.org/educational-support.html

2024 Schools in rotation for Educational Support Awards:

- For Recognition Awards – Chester Upland
- For Classroom Grants – Chichester
- We will proceed as usual for these awards with our applications as they are on our website.

Chichester is also in line for our two scholarships. At our last meeting we reported on Delco Community College's new dual enrollment program in which high school juniors and seniors planning a career in education could accrue college DCCC credits (transferable) in teacher preparation programs. With some difficulty, I was able to communicate with Ms. Boyer, Vice President of DCCC about this new program. I explained our desire to reach graduating seniors in that program who might be interested in applying for our scholarships. I also sent her a link to the application as it appears on our website. (She acknowledged receiving it.)

Since the information about DCCC's program is still vague, I recommend that we send invitations to Chichester seniors and to the dually enrolled DCCC seniors. No Chester County students in the DCCC program would be eligible.

If anyone has suggestions as to who in Chester-Upland Administration I should contact about the Woodson Recognition Nominations, I would appreciate a heads up.

Action Item: Motion - Donate the proceeds from the Educational Support Luncheon raffle baskets in the amount of \$150 to the Chester High School Clipper's Closet. The motion was made by Sue Stevens and second by Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti. The motion was approved.

Historian – Helen Dougherty

L/PEC – Vacant - L/PEC Page - www.delcopasr.org/lpec.html

A rally in support of a COLA is planned in Harrisburg at the Capitol Building on Tuesday, October 17.

Luncheons – Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis and Kathryn Flagg-Justice

The fall luncheon will be a Celebration of Life event in memory of Chapter leaders. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2023 at [Granite Farms Estates](#). An engraved flag case will be presented at that time to the family of Steve Kupsov in recognition of his military service. Chapter Leaders recognized In Memoriam: Robert "Bob" Collier, Henry "Hank" Field, Steve Kupsov, and Dr. Margaret Wales.

Membership/Retirement - Sue Stevens

Membership Page www.delcopasr.org/membership-form.html

The new membership directories were distributed.

Newsletter - John DellaGaurdia

The Chapter newsletter for November 2023 was discussed.

Nomination - Harry M. Hill III and Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis

- o President-Elect
- o Secretary
- o Treasurer
- o Committee Chair: Bylaws, LPEC, and Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian- Vacant

Public Relations/Photographer –Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis

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

Reviewed upcoming events on the RECREO webpage.

Social Service Memorial Honor Fund - John Della Guardia - SSMHF Page -

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

- It was suggested by Chapter President Janice HoffmanWillis to contact members who can not get out and to work with John DellaGuardia as SSMHF Chair to set up outreach to these members so they know they are not forgotten.

Website Coordinator – Anne Mosakowski - Our Website www.delcopasr.org/

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

New Business:

- **Presentation:** Benefits and Risks of Certain Investment Products by representatives of the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
 - The presentation included a review of SEC services, general principles and strategies on smart investing by diversifying your risk, - Cash, Certificates, Bonds, Stocks (rule of thumb 1% of age in cash and bonds). Slow and steady wins the race
 - SEC website - investor.gov - Contact Us <https://www.investor.gov/contact-us>
 - **Tips to avoid fraud**
 - Red flags - unregistered and unlicensed sellers; promises of high returns, pressure to buy quickly, free meals
 - Don't let people pressure you
 - Do your homework
 - 3 ways to avoid fraud - ask questions; research the investment;
 - Check out background on website
 - Unsolicited offers - don't respond - ignore them
 - Never share personal information
 - Verify anyone claiming to be from the government (call the agency)
 - Don't pay an upfront fee
 - Romance scams
 - Investor.gov - check out investment professional and get the report
 - SEC never approves an investment
 - Fraud targeted at groups - often at places of worship
 - Protect your online account (differ passwords for different accounts)
 - **Planning for later years -**
 - Organize important documents, provide emergency contacts, consider written instructions, involve someone you trust
 - Wills
 - Powers of attorney
 - Bank account
 - Insurance policies
 - Social securities
 - ServeOurSeniors.org <https://www.nasaa.org/serveourseniors/>

Upcoming Meetings

- Celebration of Life Luncheon: December 6, 2023 Granite Farm Estates

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 10:30 AM [Astoria Community Center & Library](#)

Adjournment 12:20 PM

Minutes submitted by Anne Mosakowski