

Delaware County Chapter PASR – Business & Planning Meeting

April 5, 2023– 10:30 AM

Aston Community Center & Library

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

Members in Attendance (14) Dr. Mary Anne Carporaletti, Bob Cenname, John DellaGuardia,, Harry Hill III, Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Steve Kupsov, Anne Mosakowski, Chris Eaton, Caroline Fedena, Elizabeth Glaulich, Kathryn Flagg-Justice, Nancy Graham, Dr. Phyllis Simmons, and Sue Stevens.

Call to Order: Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D.

Chapter Officers’ Reports:

Secretary Minutes: March 1, 2022 (Anne Mosakowski, Interim Secretary)

- Accepted the Minutes as written and were approved by voice vote. The minutes are posted on our website 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 March 31, 2023.

- Revenue/Income - \$16,852.98 (Budgeted \$20,100.00) Expenses - \$5,575.45 (Budgeted \$20,100.00)
- Investment Account as of December 31, 2022 - \$94,263.08 (down \$13,035.14 from December 2021). The next statement will come at the end of March and is not yet available.
- Discussed donations under miscellaneous is year to date \$3,918.00. Encourage people to donate but note that donations are not tax deductible. Consider looking into tax deductible status.
- Budget was filed for audit
- Treasurer/Budget duties will transfer from current Treasurer Harry Hill III to Dr. Janice Hoffman/Willis at the end of the Fiscal Year June 30, 2023 and officially begin July 1, 2023. A motion was passed at the March 1, 2023 meeting by voice vote. Janice asked those in attendance to think about budget items and that the June meeting will be a budget meeting.

President’s Report: Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis

- Reviewed the PASR Goals and activities for 2023 - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Spoke about COLA issues. - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Spoke about Region 1 structure and bylaws change - [CLICK HERE](#)
- Spoke about House of Delegates October 15-17, 2023 at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Cranberry Township, PA.
 - we can have 4 voting delegates seats - PASR Leadership and bylaw changes will be voting items.
 - It will be hosted by PASR’s Region 7 (Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland counties in Southwestern PA).
 - The theme is “Stronger together...It starts with us.”
 - The keynote speaker will be Mary Bach, a long-time Consumer Advocate who now Chairs the AARP Pennsylvania Consumer Issues Task Force.
 - Plans are currently being made to offer seminars on topics of interest such as: fraud, yoga, Hospice care, The Whiskey Rebellion, line dancing, and other interesting and useful topics.
 - More information will be forthcoming on how to register along with a more detailed account of planned events.
 - Spoke about carpooling and/or hiring a minivan.

Old Business: (Additional old/business/action items to be covered under Committee reports)

Reports of Standing Committees:

Benefits and Services - Chris Eaton

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

- Chris spoke about PASR goals under GOAL 4 - Expand/Improve Economic Benefits for Members
- Janice spoke about Medicare Advantage.

Community Service

Remember to turn in volunteer hours using the volunteer survey shared via the newsletter and on the website www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html .

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

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

A meeting of the Educational Support Committee was to take place immediately following the Business meeting.

- Lauretta Woodson Recognition Awards are going to Ridley School District: Marianne Martin (High School, certified) and Renee Dixon, Ridley Middle School aide) We have received the plaques from Mechanicsville.
- Teacher Grants are going to Chester Upland School District - Aquarium Trip (4th graders) Chester Upland School of the Arts and Clipper's Closet at Chester High School for hygiene and clothing items to give to students in need.
- Student Scholarships:
 - Lauretta Woodson Scholarship (\$3,000) Malachi Holmes. Chester Charter Scholars Academy
 - Frank Monaghan Scholarship (\$1,000) Azarhis Smith Chester Charter Scholars Academy
- Science Fair Category winners:
 - Aditya Joshi – Haverford High School, Grade 9 - Computer Science
 - Hope Gladfelter – Sun Valley High School, Grade 9 - Chemistry
 - Adi & Diya Iyer – Strath Haven Middle School, Grade 6 - Team Projects

Legislative - & L/PEC – Steve Kupsov - L/PEC Page - www.delcopasr.org/lpec.html

- Steve spoke about COLA and that it has been over 20 years since we did not get COLA and that pressure is on Harrisburg to get a COLA.
- It was mentioned that Paul Krassner from Radnor is relentless about informing retirees about the COLA. People are beginning to listen to Paul and he supports PASR efforts.
- **Update and links from the Democratic Joint Policy Committee Meeting on 3/21/23**

Below is PASR's written testimony to the Democratic Joint Policy Committee. Two of our members submitted written testimony and one testified in person to the Committee. Senators Muth and Kane and Representatives Deasy and Malagari were the driving forces in getting this hearing organized.

- [Public school workers say 'dignified' retirement now out of reach](#)
- [PA Democrats push support for COLA increase for retirees](#)
- [Democratic lawmakers push for cost of living adjustment](#)
- [WATCH the Joint Policy Hearing here](#)

- Since Senator Muth is a key person, Steve is having an appointment with Senator Muth at Royersford office before June.
- It was suggested to stop begging for a COLA but instead to build a COLA into the PA budget.
- Caroline Fedena mentioned that it is important to contact Legislatures. She spoke to Senator Kane which was positive) and outreached to Representative Williams and spoke to staff only which was not positive.

Membership - Sue Stevens - (Submitted Report)

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

Sue spoke about developing a new membership directory. It was suggested to limit the copies to Chapter Leadership (print copy 25/30). Harry Hill volunteered to get printing done through DCIU but it was decided to use printer Archway because they will work with the Excel file created by Sue.

Newsletter - John DellaGaurdia

If we are doing a summer newsletter the deadlines are: Articles by May 31 and June 10 deadline to the printer.

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

Reviewed upcoming events are on the RECREO webpage and especially the Candlelight Theatre shows.

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

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

Chapters in odd numbered PASR Regions like ours in Region 1 will be responsible for donating a basket/raffle prize for the House of Delegates in October 2023.

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.

Other Items:

- Janice spoke about her meeting with Paul Miller at his apartment at Maris Grove. Gave her a plaque from PASR in honor of our Chapter that he had in his apartment.
- Mary Anne Spoke about a request from Teacher Teammates to help with inventory on April 5-7.
- Spoke about the cost of in person luncheon events and about the fact that we charge \$27.00 does not cover the real cost which is \$29.00 dollars. Reviewed Luncheon invitation DRAFT. Several meeting attendees agreed to supply raffle baskets for the May luncheon event.

50/50 - Steve Kupsov

The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Next Meeting Dates:

May 10, 2023, 11:30 AM Lia's Catering Boothwyn - Excellence in Education Luncheon

June 7, 2023, 10:00 AM Aston Community Center

Minutes submitted by Anne Mosakowski