

Delaware County Chapter PASR – Business & Planning Meeting

March 6, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Aston Community Center & Library

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

Members in Attendance (13) Dr. Mary Anne Caporaletti, John DellaGuardia, Theresa Hammond, Harry Hill III, Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis, Elizabeth Gladulich, Anne Mosakowski, Chris Eaton, Caroline Fedena (on phone), Kathryn Flagg-Justice, Nancy Graham, Dr. Phyllis Simmons, and Sue Stevens.

Call to Order: Janice HoffmanWillis, Ed.D.

Chapter Officers' Reports:

- **Minutes:** Anne Mosakowski, Secretary
 - November 1, 2023 Motion was made to approve as written by Janice HoffmanWillis and second by Phyllis Simmons. Minutes were approved by voice vote. The minutes are posted on our website www.delcopasr.org/meeting-minutes.html .
- **Treasurer's Report:** Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis
 - The Treasurer report was distributed at the Meeting
 - The budget was shared and the June Meeting will be dedicated to creating the 2024-2025 Budget. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Lima Estates 411 N Middletown Road, Media PA 19063.
- **President's Report:** Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis
 - Success of the Celebration of Service in December
 - PASR State Office's Activities
 - Leadership Workshop
 - Educational Zoom Presentations - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Feeding Pennsylvania - Consider adding Feeding PA donation from our Chapter in the Future

Announcements:

1. Congratulations to Mary Payne and her husband on the birth of their first grandchild: Wynter Ariel Alexander.
2. Our member, Joseph D.Steinhauser bequeathed \$1,000 to our Chapter. Link to his obituary - [CLICK HERE](#) . Because Joe was a school bus driver, discussion took place to use the donation to recognize a bus driver as part of the Laretta Woodson Recognition Awards for the designated school district. The school district receiving the Laretta Woodson Recognition Awards for 2024 is the Chester-Upland School District.
ACTION ITEM: Motion was made to add a bus driver award of a Certificate and \$100 to the Laretta Woodson Recognition Awards. The motion was made by Kathryn Flagg-Justice and second Mary Anne Caporaletti. The motion passed by voice vote.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Benefits and Services - Chris Eaton

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

Bylaws - (Vacant)

PASR requested documentation of our most recent bylaws.

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

Remember to turn in volunteer hours using the volunteer survey shared via the newsletter and on the website www.delcopasr.org/community-service.html. Dr. Phyllis Simmons is now the contact for the Volunteer Survey.

Elizabeth Gladulich shared that KozyKids is affiliated with The Green Church - American Baptist Church. We received a thank you letter from Bernardine Center for the Chapter donation of 51 Lbs of food from the December luncheon.

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

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

Good news on only one award. Chichester music teacher, Ms. Hanobeck, applied for a grant to fund an elementary music program, which now does not exist in Chichester. She asked for \$1000, but I am hoping we can manage a bit more for such a basic educational need.

As of this writing, we have no applicants for our Laretta Woodson or Frank Monaghan scholarships. This is a bit frustrating after numerous email and phone calls to administrators, guidance staff and secretaries. I glimpsed a bit of light on Monday and followed up with an email to multiple contacts emphasizing that this was Chichester's unique opportunity which would not repeat for several years. Our award in memory of Joseph Fedena is now in the hands of a guidance counselor who deals specifically with vo-tech students.

We are still awaiting nominees for the Woodson recognition awards from Chester Upland.

Kudos to Anne for trying to further streamline our application process with a google form which we should consider applying to all the awards and responses.

Finally I believe that we should consider the essence of our stated educational support efforts—which I believe to be supporting the efforts of current Delaware County Educators who are asked—in some cases required—to do more and more with fewer and fewer resources.

For example, perhaps someone on the Board can contact the Monaghan family asking whether the scholarship money can be used as a grant to a Reading professional for her/his classroom. Clearly, grant applications are rarely a problem and this tells us where the real need lies.

Rethinking how we can truly support education in Delaware County is not a question we can tackle today. Therefore, I respectfully request that we dedicate the lion's portion of our September meeting to rethinking our educational support activities. I realize that this may require placing other agenda items on hold, but I believe that the time investment is worth it.

Historian – Helen Dougherty

Request of members to assist her with items.

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

COLA information was shared and resources on the PASR L/PEC page www.pasr.org/legislative-cola-information .

Luncheons – Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis and Kathryn Flagg-Justice Educational Support Award Luncheon will be held May 1, 2024

- Location - Lia's Catering 1405 Meetinghouse Rd, Boothwyn, PA 19061. Need to guarantee 50 attendees.
- Flyer for the Luncheon will be in the Chapter Newsletter - Spring Edition
- It was decided to have raffle baskets to chance off plus request for donations will once again be listed on the luncheon invitation.
- A special award will be given to Joseph DiStefano, a Philadelphia Inquirer Reporter, for his coverage of the COLA issue and investigation reporting of PSERS. Link to his page [CLICK HERE](#) .

Membership - Sue Stevens - (Submitted Report)

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

We currently have 595 chapter members, 289 of whom are annual members. Of those 289, 175 renewed their dues for 2024 this past summer. Approximately 5-6 of those people actually renewed twice since last summer. Since 2020 we have acquired 27 new members, one just this year.

To Consider for Next Month's Meeting:

- Why do we want people to join our local chapter AND why does PASR want people to join PASR?
- What can the state do to support chapters that it is not already offering?

Newsletter - John DellaGaurdia

Discussed the latest newsletter and thanked John and all who contributed to the Fall edition which is now linked on our website homepage and in a news blog post [CLICK HERE](#). The deadline for articles/items for the Spring Newsletter is April 1. The Education Support Luncheon invitation will be in the newsletter as will the Volunteer Survey.

Nomination - Harry M. Hill III and Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis - No Report

Parliamentarian- Vacant

Public Relations/Photographer –Dr. Janice HoffmanWillis

- Pictures from the December Event will be posted on the website
- Reporters will be contacted to cover the Educational Excellence Luncheon

RECRO - Caroline Fedena - RECRO Page www.delcopasr.org/recro-trips.html

Reviewed upcoming events are on the RECRO webpage.

Social Service Memorial Honor Fund - John Della Guardia - SSMHF Page - www.delcopasr.org/social-service-memorial-honor-fund.html

John thanked our volunteers for another successful Poinsettia distribution. It was also announced that our Chapter received from PASR \$741.00 for our Social Service Memorial Honor Fund.

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: What does going forward look like?

- To actively recruit new members and engage those who are members
- To fill the vacancies within the Chapter
- To reach out to our confined members (Pen-Pal)
- To adopt a school (Reading Assist)
- More visibility in the community

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: April 3, 2024, 10:30 AM Aston Community Center

Minutes submitted by Anne Mosakowski