

PASR/MCC Luncheon Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2024

45 members and guests present

President Jake Wagner welcomed the members and guests to the meeting. He then introduced the scholarship awardees and their parents: Giovanni Zannino and parents Adrienne & Charles; and Ada Bodmer and parents Gary & Patricia; and the LES representatives: Principal Jen Esh and Computer teacher Allie Treaster. Following the invocation by Nancy Ressler, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of “God Bless America”, the meal was served.

After the meal, President Jake called the meeting to order.

Education Support Chair Jennie McCardle introduced the 2 scholarship awardees: Giovanni Zannino, who received the education scholarship, and Ada Bodmer, who received the any major scholarship. Both students shared some information about themselves and their activities in and out of school and the letters they had written to apply for the scholarships.

Educational Foundations Chair Val DeVecchis announced that the Lewistown Elementary School was selected to receive the 2024 Loretta Woodson Award. Principal Jen Esh and Computer teacher Allie Treaster were present to accept the award. They shared a power point presentation about the positive things that are happening at the school. They were given the plaque to display at the school and bags of Hershey kisses to share with the 100 teachers and staff of the school. The bags included a thank you from MCC of PASR for the work they do and the care they give to the students in their school.

The minutes from the April meeting had been emailed and copies had been placed on the tables. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Joan Loewen with a second by Nancy Ressler.

In the absence of Recording Secretary Bev Berich, Dottie Peiffer read a post card from Mary Anne Hornyak who now lives in Ohio. She sent greetings to all.

Treasurer Linda Will reported a balance of \$5073.90 in the checking account. She presented the proposed 2024-25 budget that had been passed by the executive committee. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Helen Rager with a second by Karen Galbraith. The members present voted to accept the proposed budget.

SSMHF Chair Judy Bryant had May Month of Caring gift bags for the 20 shut-ins and 90+ members ready to be presented and/or delivered. She read the names of those 20 members and asked for help with delivering the gifts. John & Judy French are at Valley View and waiting for a cottage.

Community Service Chair Helen Rager shared that she needs to have member volunteer hours by June 15 so that she can compile and submit them to the state headquarters by the end of June. She had placed forms on the tables for members to use to record their hours.

Program Chair Joan Loewen reviewed the programs planned for the remainder of the 2024 year:

Sept. – Ashlie Crosson

Nov. – Scholarship Bazaar

Oct. – Kerry Benninghoff

Dec.- MCHS Cantare

and Jan. 2025 - Val DeVecchis will present a historical program as “Dorcus Buchanan”.

Joan Loewen shared that the MCSD Homeless Pantry received a \$2500 donation from the OWLS as a result of a chapter member sharing info about the pantry.

Membership Chair Karen Galbraith continues to collect both local and state dues. The chapter has 194 members, 78 of which are annual members and 116 are lifetime members. To date, 40 of the annual members have renewed. Karen had envelopes available for those who wanted to send in their dues after this meeting date.

RECREO Co-Chair Karen Galbraith shared that the trip to the Star Barn was a go for May 14. A trip to Sight & Sound to see "Daniel" is scheduled for Oct. 29 with the money due by Sept. 21 and a trip to the American Music Theater is scheduled for Dec. 12 with the money due by Nov. 1.

RECREO Co-Chair Nancy Ressler noted that Denny Yoder is retiring soon and all other bus companies charge more for their trips than Denny did and that ticket prices for events and the cost of meals have both risen.

Historian Chair Karen Korona requested copies of photos that members would like to have included in the historian file.

Picnic Chair Dottie Pieffer had placed on the tables "Save the date" papers with all the info for the "We're Not Going Back to School" picnic on Aug. 1 in the Green Pavilion at Kish Park. The meal will begin at noon. Paper items will be provided. Members attending are asked to bring a dish to share- casserole, vegetable, dessert, etc. and their own drinks. The chapter will not be providing chicken. Everyone is invited to play BINGO after the meal. Members may bring a small item to be used as a prize in the BINGO games. Members are encouraged to bring any retirees that would like to attend.

Website Co-Chairs Karen Galbraith and Nancy Ressler reported that since our MCC website is so difficult to find, they are looking into getting a new domain name so members would have easier access to the website.

Newsletter Chair Nancy Ressler shared there was nothing new concerning the newsletter.

President Jake Wagner encouraged all to keep requests for a COLA going to our representatives.

Reservations Co-Chair Dave McCachren had nothing new to report about the reservation process.

The 50-50 drawing of \$48 was won by Helen Rager.

The next monthly luncheon meeting will be September 5, 2024 at noon at the Birch Hill Event Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Debbie Filson, recording secretary.