

The second WSCA meeting of the 2017 – 2018 school year was held on December 14, 2017 at Valozzi's restaurant in Greensburg. Our meeting was co-sponsored by Triangle Tech who began the meeting with a presentation discussing post-secondary information. Triangle Tech discussed options available to high school students with various articulation agreements, options for high school graduates, as well as options for current workers needed recertification.

**The Business meeting** was brought to order by Lisa Mumau, current WSCA president. The first order of business was introducing any interns and new members. Tim Krempecki also brought to our attention two former county counselors who had passed away.

Recording Secretary – Beth Butala – read the minutes from October meeting. Minutes were approved and a motion was made to accept.

Corresponding secretary – Jenna St. Mars – our retirees did a great job getting our retiree membership list together. Under new business we will discuss the website.

Vice President – Lindsay Schroeneberger – March 27<sup>th</sup> is our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be held at SVC. The May meeting is still being planned.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Gates – Lisa Tatone sent a thank you card for helping her attend the PSCA conference. PSCA registration costs did vary due to registration timing. Motion was made and accepted to approve the treasurer's report.

#### Old Business

Jenna brought up costs concerning the website – costs for a search and sort portion, yearly maintenance fee, paypal. Discussion to center on whether we should take on the costs for the website since many people do not use it. Would doing online registration bring more people to the website? Do we need a paypal account? Who sees the paid and unpaid information (only officers)? We should have Doug come in and explain information to the group. Can we do a motion at March meeting?

#### New Business

PSCA scholarships – Torrie W received this year. Feels we should definitely continue to send people. Information passed along that Washington/ Fayette/ Greene counties are thinking of doing the same.

- Dennis – try to be more upfront about the PSCA attendee scholarship – start the process earlier- how many are we doing – do counselors need earlier approval so can take to their school boards

PSCA information - PSCA President Lisa Maloney thanked the group for sending people to PSCA.

- PA RAMP program – PDE support – helping to recognize school counselors
- PSCA get 1000 FB likes
- Governing board and executive board are looking for members

Audit – Dennis Gates – three of our retirees did the audit – we have a healthy base.

- If we increase the fee for college fair – we could give more out in scholarships
- We will be doing 50/50 and Chinese auction tickets today

Donations – suggestions on who to donate to

(Meeting suspended and will resume after lunch)

Presenter – PIA – Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics - Bob Allison

- Dual programs available – scholarships are available
- 118,000 technicians will be needed by 2035

MARCA presentation – Mid Atlantic Regional College Representatives – co-sponsor

- Alfred University, Arcadia University, Colorado Mesa University, Elmira College, Michigan State University, University of Alabama, University of California/ Irvine, WVU
- All representatives have information on the uniqueness of their schools, highlighting key information to pass along to our students, scholarships available, program availability

Business meeting reconvened:

Donations – 5 donations to be made - \$200 each

- Epilepsy Foundation
- Outdoor Odyssey
- Our Clubhouse (GBG)
- Welcome Home Shelter
- The Hands and Feet Project in West Newton

Suggestion made to assist in deciding on donations next year --- when RSVP give suggestion – ballot will be created – top votes get donation – donation not given if received one in last 2 years – also look at sponsors/ speakers for donations.

Epilepsy Foundation presentation – Paige Devlin and Yasmin Pena

- There are various family services available to those with epilepsy
- Community education programs are available
- Over 3 million people will be diagnosed
- In high school, make sure students are aware of their medications and triggers. This can help with their transition to college.