

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

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Upcoming Events:

All Future Events have been canceled for the remaining of the year.

Covid-19 Brings a Stop to Activities

On Thursday, August 20, 2020 we finally held our Spring Business meeting at Kosta's Resturant. There was an excellent turnout of individuals for this meeting and luncheon. Some old business was voted on and approved. Reports were given by the chairmen of the various committees who were present.

However it is with great sadness that it was approved that all the activities for the rest of the year be canceled for safety concerns and recommendation from the State Office.

Therefore the following events have been canceled. The regular busi-



ness meeting for the chapter , the Woodson Award Banquet, and finally the Christmas Party are canceled for 2020

Vouchers were sent out by the treasurer for the individuals that have signed up for the events. They

may be used for a future event in 2021 or returned to John for a refund.

Hopefully, we will return to normal soon and be able meet again under less difficult circumstances.

Christmas Donations are Canceled

Due to the recommendations of the State PASR and voted upon by our chapter. It was decided to suspend the upcoming Annual Christmas Party.

After a brief discussion, for the safety of the children and the individuals in the Veterans Homes

where we send the many items collected at the Christmas Party. it was decided to forgo the donations for this year.

We hope to resume donations for the upcoming year.



Legislative Update

COVID-19's Impact on COLA Efforts

By Mark A. McKillop, Executive Director

It is hard to imagine any aspect of life in the United States not being affected by Coronavirus/COVID-19. Activity in the Pennsylvania General Assembly is no different. The political world we knew in early 2020 has changed dramatically, requiring PASR to adjust to a new reality.

Any Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is dependent on the financial health of the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) and all items associated with the Pennsylvania fiscal year budget. Our goal to obtain a COLA for our members remains our priority; that will not change.

It is our job to keep this issue in the forefront of legislators' minds in the Pennsylvania

State Senate and State House. Taking into consideration that the analysis of all state budgets projects a deficit for the current fiscal year, it is hard to imagine that our challenge has not become more difficult.

When we made the attainment of a COLA our legislative priority, we knew that our task would not be easy. In this respect, we will continue the course we have established. We are grateful to all members who contacted their legislator either by email, phone, text, letter, or in person. Your efforts truly impacted the issue and effectively illustrated the importance and urgency of this subject. We received a great deal of feedback from the "Hill"

that your voice was heard. No matter what other issues and tests we face in Pennsylvania, the necessity and fairness of a COLA will not change.

It is also important to note that it will be essential to closely follow the Pennsylvania State budget and how it impacts school districts throughout the year. Along with this issue, it will be important to follow what aid the federal government grants to states, counties, and municipalities.

Thank you for being members and thank you for all that you do to make PASR a better Association.

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Membership: Herman Carl

The annual dues drive is under way for the 2021 membership. Unfortunately with the Covid-19 virus we were basically unable to recruit new members for our chapter. This was caused by the closing of schools for the year. Hopefully we can reach out to the new retirees in the future.

There are several activities and donations that we make to local communities from our treasury. These donations give evidence that after

retiring from the school systems we are still interested in providing a service to the community. Therefore we need a strong membership to accomplish this task.

Please encourage the new retirees to join our group.

If you have already paid your annual dues, Thank You. If you have not yet renewed for the upcoming year please consider paying these dues.

Remittance to:

John Bem

121 Lamark Rd

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Audit for 2019-2020

We, the undersigned Auditors, having examined all the books, records, and accounts of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Cambria County Chapter, found them to be correct, true, and are in good order.

Date July 14, 2020 _____
Dolly Frongino Auditor
Herman Carl Auditor
 _____ Auditor

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Cambria County Chapter Financial Report August 20,2020

Marion Center Bank, Hastings Branch Account #080400495	
Bank Balance for July 1,2020.....	\$2823.25
Deposits:	
Annual Dues.....	\$ 70.00
Meeting Reservations.....	\$ 16.00.
Total Deposits	\$ 86.00
Expenses:None:	
Bank Balance August 20,2020.....	\$2909.25
Investments:	
CD 0800000149.....2.50%...Matures 8/15/2020.....	\$2524.52
Savings Account #0825000085.....	\$ 510.22
Total Net Worth:	
Checking Account.....	\$2909.25
Investments..CD's.....	\$3034.74
Total.....	\$5943.99

Respectively Submitted, *John Bem* Treasurer

Retirement Planning : Sandra Shepherd

Each May the school districts are contacted in order to compile a list of retirees at the conclusion of the current school term. However with the school districts closing due to Covid-19 we were unable to obtain a list of retirees.

Recently the State PASR has provided us with a spreadsheet from the PSER's of the recently re-

tired school personal. It is our hope that we can reach out to these individuals and invite them to join our chapter.

If you are already a member, thank you for joining our chapter.



Webpage Update: Herman Carl

Work continues on our webpage. The webpage serves as a method of putting out the many activities and services our chapter supplies to the public. The website also allows our

members to access the news-letter and various registra-



tion forms for our activities.

Currently the website has been updated with the year end activities.

Check it out for yourself. Go to www.pasr.org .

- Click on **Local Association** - click on **Region 6**
- Click on **Cambria**.

We were one of the first chapters in Region 6 to have a website. Let us know if you have any suggestions to put on our site.

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Message from Our Local Chapter President Judy Carl

Greetings from Home,

I hope that this note finds you healthy and happy. I am reminded of a quote; "May you live in interesting times". This has surely been a different and interesting year for all of us. Maybe you have discovered a new hobby or renewed an old one. At least it has been a good summer for outdoor activities. I am doing a lot of walking, gardening, mask making, quilting, email, phone calls, and reading, but I miss meeting with friends and family in person.

PASR Cambria had a meeting at Kosta's in August. We voted

to cancel all meetings and activities for the rest of this year because of Covid-19 upon the advice of the



State Organization. We hope to resume our regular schedule next year. Please fill out the enclosed survey about the meetings and include any alternative ideas that you may have.

I also encourage everyone to vote in the fall General Election either in person or by mail-in ballot. It is important that your voice is heard.

Yours,

Judy Carl

PASR Cambria County Chapter Proposed Budget FY 2020-2021

Income-	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Budgeted	Actual	Proposed	
Dues.....	\$200.00	\$210.00	\$200.00	
Life Membership Dues.....	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
State Dues Collected.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Convention PASR.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
Social Services PASR.....	\$800.00	\$ 560.00	\$500.00	
Interest.....	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.00	
Refunds	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 15.00	
CD Transfer.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
50-50 Drawing.....	\$130.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 150.00	
PASR State Lottery.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	
Donations.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 0.00	
Contingency Fund	\$ 563.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 695.00	
	\$1910.00	\$1437.02	\$1936.00	
Expenses:				
Convention.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	
Volunteer of Year-Pin	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
PASR Honor Fund.....	\$80.00	\$150.00	\$ 150.00	
Pavilion Rental.....	\$35.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	
Meeting Speakers Gifts.....	\$150.00	\$ 130.00	\$150.00	
State Dues Collected.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Social Services	\$715.00	\$ 525.00	\$500.00	
PASR State Lottery.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	
Refunds to Members.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 0.00	
Membership.....	\$100.00	\$ 0.00	\$100.00	
Website & Postage etc.....	\$150.00	\$ 110.00	\$150.00	
Newsletter (2).....	\$ 400.00	\$ 172.70	\$200.00	
Checks.....	\$ 0.00	\$ 42.88	\$ 0.00	
Region 6 Meetings Meals				
Fall	(6) \$90.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 108.00	
Spring.....	(6) \$ 90.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 108.00	
	\$1910.00	\$1469.58	\$ 1936.00	
Total Revenue vs Expenses.....	\$ 32.56	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Budget Surplus/ (Deficit).....	(32.56)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	

