

**DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD ZOOM MEETING
November 10, 2020 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Officers Present: Mary Paulone Carns, Jim Overcashier, Brian Ellis, Sharon Fairchild

Representatives Present: Barb Bacon, Ron Franck, Chris Urbanek, Marc Sylvester, Jan Assini

Announcement: Marc Sylvester announced that the meeting would be recorded for minutes taking purposes.

WELCOME/PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Carns called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. She welcomed everyone and announced that Sharon Fairchild would be the secretary for this year. She thanked Barb Bacon for her service last year.

The minutes from the September 2020 meeting had previously been emailed to the members. Barb Bacon asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Chris reported that the address of the Hotel for the Buffalo Regional was incorrect. It should read: 2040 Walden Ave, Buffalo NY 14255. President Carns noted that there were a couple of places where Pittsburgh was misspelled. Barb said she would make the corrections. Jan Assini made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and Chris Urbanek seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without objection.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections:

Marc reported that the ballots were received from 26 of the 30 electors. All 26 were cast in favor of the slate:

President – Mary Paulone Carns

Vice President – Jim Overcashier

Treasurer – Brian Ellis

One of the electors suggested that in the future we include a brief bio of each candidate.

Awards:

Jim announced a letter is ready to send out to the McGilvrey voters with the nominating letters for the candidates.

He will arrange a meeting for the "Distinguished Service Award" electors. The meeting will include Barb Bacon, Mary Paulone Carns, Marc Sylvester and Jim Overcashier.

Charities:

Jan announced that we had 11 charities suggested:

1. Hearth (Unit 142- Mary)
2. The Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA (Unit 127- Marc)
3. East End Cooperative Ministry (Unit 142- Jan)
4. SPCA of Erie County (Unit 116- Chris)
5. The Patriot Project Chiropractic Care (Unit 213- Jim)
6. Greenleaf Family Center (Unit 107- Jim)
7. Stark Fresh (Unit 213- Jim)
8. Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank (Unit 107 -Jim)
9. Hands up Cleveland (Unit 125- Jan)
10. The Magnolia Clubhouse (Unit 125- Sharon)
11. Providence House (Unit 125- Barb)

Jan invited the people who had nominated the charity to say a few words about their mission. Each member was asked to text the number of six charities to Jan. There was a tie between 3 of the charities for the last spot. A runoff was held. Each of the below charities will receive \$5000 from the ACBL Charity Foundation. Those selected were # 1,2,4,7,9,11. Chris mentioned that the SPCA of Erie County has matching funds available for all grants received before December 1. Brian will contact ACBL and see if we can rush that check. The person who selected the chosen charities will be responsible for notifying the recipients of the award. Mary thanked Jan for being in-charge of the charity project. It was a big undertaking.

Other business:

President Carns asked if we should have a meeting in January or wait until we have a better idea of what ACBL is doing. We will plan to meet toward the end of February. If something comes up before that requiring a meeting, we can call one.

Ron announced that the GNTs will be held May 2 and 3 at the Erie Bridge Center if conditions are right for face-to-face bridge play. The Presque Isle Inn will offer a \$99 rate (this is the former Hampton Inn).

ADJOURNMENT

Barb moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.